

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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## Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.

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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 25 April 2021

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## THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners. We had a great attendance in our church over Easter, albeit safely within the COVID guidelines. It was great to see you all and hope that gradually as restrictions are lifted more parishioners will return. Our Blessed Lord is waiting for you in the tabernacle to drop in during the day for a time of peace and prayer. Our church is open till 4.00 p.m. Also we look forward to seeing you back at our Sunday Liturgy. At our Sunday Mass we celebrate the Pascal mysteries and encounter Him in the Eucharist.

We are looking for someone to play the organ or the harmonic which we have had repaired and paid for by Andrew Wright our Diocesan music director. Our thanks to Andrew for doing that for us. Our parish hall floor is not in great shape and will need replacing, as do many things around our parish property. We really need an experienced person to look around our church property to help me identify the order of priority. If you know of someone who could do this on a voluntary basis, it would be a great help to our parish. We are also looking for church cleaners as our present ones have had to give up because of age and the problems that goes with age. We are so grateful to those who have faithfully carried out this ministry over the years and sadly some have gone home to God.

This Sunday is Vocation Sunday when we pray for an increase in Vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Please pray for our families that as Catholics we remember our homes are a Holy Place. Please pray together in your homes. Put God first and come regularly to Mass and the Sacraments. Please reflect on the scriptures in order to come to know Jesus and realise the great love he has for each one of you. If you have members of your family who don't come to Mass, please do encourage them of their obligation. We are a poor person who can't give Jesus a little of your time who gave His life and death and resurrection for you.

Today's Gospel is about Jesus being our Good Shepherd. The one who lays down his life for his sheep. He tells us "I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me. There are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd". As Jesus said "you are my witnesses". Dietrich Bonhoeffer said "We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word; we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God".

May the blessing of God come down on you all and on our lovely children especially at our parish school. Take care, stay safe and God Bless to you all and your families.

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) GOD'S WORD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 Mass at 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 25 Mass at 10.30 a.m.

The church is open for Private prayer from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Mass is celebrated privately except Friday when there will be a public mass at 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 1 Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m.  
Confession by Appointment

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) GOD'S WORD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1 Mass at 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 2 Mass at 10.30 a.m.

Please note Mass is celebrated each day privately except Fridays. For more public morning Masses, we need two stewards as a minimum as expressed in the guidelines for public services. Please come and help.

### Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

Remember your Easter duties to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion between Easter and the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

### Stewards

Now that we have returned to having public Masses, we will undoubtedly need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought. It's not a big task - you would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle. *Please please help if you can.*

### Covid Safety

Masks are to be worn in the church - please keep a safe distance unless you are one family bubble. Please sanitize your hands on entry and departure from the church.

### Second Collection Today

Today's second collection will be taken up for the promotion of vocations as you leave the church.

### Weekday Masses

During the week our Church will be open for private prayer from 10am until 4pm. If you are able, this will be an opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and find solace and peace from all that we have and going through these past few months. In particular, we pray for many grieving families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19.

During the week Holy Mass is said privately. If you wish Mass to be offered for a loved one/intention, please put them through the presbytery letter box. On Sunday Mass is celebrated for all our parishioners living and dead.

### Welcome

We welcome Harry Jones into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Harry and his family as they bring up Harry to know and love God.

### Date For Your Diary

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place virtually on Saturday 29 May - More details nearer the time. It will be live streamed.

## Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**We pray for:** Denys O'Dowd, Louise East, Patrick Mitchell, Jean Lindsay, and Joan McCready.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Myles O'Reilly (1939), Mgr. George Stokes, and Fr. Brian O'Higgins

**May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## Sickness

**We pray for our sick in our parish:**

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE THE NAMES OF ALL THE SICK WILL BE CONTAINED ON A CARD THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR AT EVERY MASS.**

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT DUE TO DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK NEED TO ASK FR. LESLIE FOR THEIR NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.**

## Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive so that we can reflect on the scriptures. I also want to encourage families to pray the rosary each day. Mary our Mother is our powerful intercessor. Please encourage all your families who are Catholic to attend mass on Saturday or Sunday.

## Plenary Indulgences For The Year of St. Joseph

All this Year until 8 December 2021. You have the opportunity to commit yourself with prayer and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from serious human and social tribulations that today affect our world. You can gain a plenary indulgence in the usual conditions i.e. sacramental confession, Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Fathers intention.

You can do this if you meditate for 30 minutes on the Our Father or a retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. St. Joseph invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father.

St. Joseph is the guardian of the Holy Family – may this inspire enthuse and encourage all families to live with the same 'intimate communion' love and prayer, by praying the Holy Rosary in families and engaged couples.

## Min O'Donovan

Min's nephew sent me a copy of Min's & Louis O'Donovan's life which was the Eulogy. If anyone wishes for a copy, please ask Fr. Leslie or Mary Lockwood (on a Friday).

## Mass attendance

Saturday 17 April 6.00 p.m. 27

Sunday 18 April 10.30 a.m. 47

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is cancelled this year as there are too many unknowns. An annual collection will be sent directly to Lourdes for the upkeep of the Shrine.

## Catholic Safeguarding Project

Please see the newly published Safeguarding Project Implementation Newsletter which I received this morning. Full updates of work can be found on the Project Website:

[www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org](http://www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org)

## Rosary Leaflets

Brentwood Catenians have made available some Rosary leaflets that can be found at the back of the church. These leaflets are very informative and may help you with how to say the Rosary. They are free too! Just make sure you pick up one from the back of the Church. Happy reading!



## 200 Club - 1

It's time to announce some winners!

### Feb

1st. A M Hills £50

2nd. C Giles £30

3rd. R&J Weller £20

### March

1st. C&M Fitzpatrick £50

2nd. B Noble £30

3rd. C Peters £20

## Parish Sunday Afternoon

### Rosary Group

The group meets at 4.30 p.m. online, every Sunday, for about 30-40 minutes to say one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary (5 decades each week) and also to pray for the parish and any specific intentions.

Contact Tyrone [tyronesq@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tyronesq@yahoo.co.uk) for a link to be sent via email.

### Aid to Church in Need

From St. Joseph we must learn... Care and responsibility, we must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the church and the poor (Pope Francis). Should you wish to help the Church in Need please contact:

Aid to the Church in Need, 10-14 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DA.  
Tel: 0208 642 8668

A small Direct Debit would be a great help to our suffering Brothers & Sisters.

## 200 Club - 2

The 200 Club has been running in our Parish for many years and over that time it has contributed many thousands of pounds to assist with the Parish finances.

It is a relatively painless way of giving, and of course benefits you (hopefully) and the Parish at the same time. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order form for £2.00 each month and you will be entered into a monthly draw to win cash prizes of up to £50. It's that simple. Marian will be handing out Standing Order forms at Masses this weekend so please take a moment to take one, complete it and set the process in motion. Cash prizes are just a signature away! What's not to like!



## Reflection from St John Paul II

In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his resurrection, we have the gift of the holy spirit, we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father. Where we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.



## Pope on Twitter



Let us not abandon the simple prayers we learned in our families as children that we preserve in our memories and hearts. They are sure ways to access the Father's heart.

For God, you are that little coin that the Lord seeks without pause. He wants to tell you that you are precious and unique in His eyes. No one can take your place in the heart of God.

God does not give up. You are close to His heart, you who do not yet know the beauty of His love, you who have not yet welcomed Jesus as the center of your life, you who cannot overcome your sin.

I invite you to pray for the population of eastern Ukraine. I truly hope that an escalation of the tensions might be avoided and, instead, that actions capable of promoting reciprocal trust and which foster reconciliation and peace might be undertaken.

## Finance News

For the week ending 19 April you gave £129.93 of which £8.00 was through Gift Aid.

Standing Orders from 6 March till 5 April: £2,078.00

Gift Aid Cheque: £3,730.90

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*Thank you and God Bless.*

## Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

### HSBC

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.

Account No.: 61018884

## Vocation Prayer Cards

The calling of the apostles.

Please pick up a vocation prayer card from the church as you leave.

LORD JESUS CHRIST

You have chosen the apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true faith throughout the whole world. We beseech you to choose from among us in our parishes, priests and religions who will gladly spend their entire lives to make you better known and loved.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus have Mercy on us.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Pray for us.*

*St. Joseph Pray for us.*

*St. John Vianney Pray for us.*

Light

# Laughter

The best way to reach your children about taxes is to eat 40% of their ice cream!

## PLEASE NOTE

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