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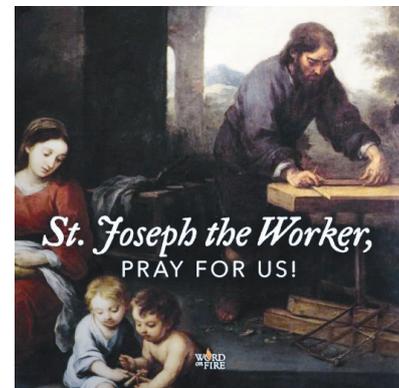
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Mission Statement

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.



Stewards Of The Gospel

“The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one’s faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working”.

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 31 July 2022



“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Did you know that \$1.90 per person per day is the threshold for extreme poverty, a standard adopted by the World Bank and other international organizations to reflect the minimum consumption and income level needed to meet a person’s basic needs? That means that people who fall under this poverty line - that’s one sixth of the world’s population, or 1.4 billion people - cannot fulfil basic needs, whether it means eating one meal a day or receiving healthcare. It’s clear that the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer. The richest 1% now have as much wealth as the rest of the world combined, and the 62 richest people in the world have as much wealth as the poorest half of the global population.

Today’s parable is as relevant as ever. Unique to Luke’s gospel, it illustrates the these of caring for the poor and its fundamental message is to be aware of having a greedy heart. The telling thing about the rich fool was his lack of personal insight and any sense of social responsibility.

Jesus allows us to catch a glimpse of the inner, darker workings of the fool’s heart: ‘...Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years, relax, eat, drink, be merry’. Herein we discover the problem with wealth: it cushions us against life’s realities, especially the reality of death.

True riches are imperishable and eternal, and they make us truly wealthy. This doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t strive to achieve the best we can - for example, we should still seek to progress in our careers, or, if we run our own business, to make it as successful as we can - but we need to guard against the hold money and riches can have over our hearts. They can harden us against the suffering and needs of others, and insulate us against the colder realities of life: the disparity between those who have plenty and those who don’t, the unequal distribution of wealth, and human poverty in all its shapes, sizes and shadows.

Every evil, harm and suffering in this life comes from the love of riches. (St. Catherine of Siena)

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Upcoming Masses**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
JULY**

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| Saturday 30 | 6.00 p.m. Trevor Rhodes RIP |
| Sunday 31 | 10.30 a.m. For Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |

WEEKDAY MASSES**AUGUST**

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| Tuesday 2 | 9.00 a.m. Una Chandler RIP |
| Wednesday 3 | 7.30 p.m. (Please note the time) No Mass Intention |
| Thursday 4 | <i>Feast of St John Vianney</i> 9.00 a.m. For all priests throughout the world <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i> |
| Friday 5 | 9.00 a.m. Caroline Le Strange |

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

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| Saturday 6 | 6.00 p.m. Bridie McDonagh RIP <i>R&J Weller</i> |
| Sunday 7 | 10.30 a.m. Willa & Kevin Jackson 30 th Wedding Anniversary 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.

* Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

* Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

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| 30 July | 6.00 p.m. C Turnbull I Restall |
| 31 July | 10.30 a.m. M Brooks S Ruffles |

Readers For This Week's Masses

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| 30 July | 6.00 p.m. M Brennan |
| 31 July | 10.30 a.m. P Sanders |

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

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| 6 August | 6.00 p.m. S Walker M Brennan |
| 7 August | 10.30 a.m. M. Allum J Jarvis |

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| 6 August | 6.00 p.m. I Restall |
| 7 August | 10.30 a.m. W. Jackson |



Welcome to all our parish families and visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Mass.

In the Gospel Jesus warns us against a self-enclosed living that leads to moral apathy. The rich man does not appear to have committed any acts of evil. He is consumed by his desire to grow richer and is totally immune from what is going on around him. Yet he is condemned for being insular and closing himself from others. It is not the sin of commission but that of omission, that failure to act justly that constitutes reproachable behaviour.

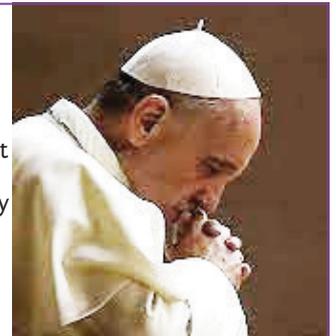
St. Paul exhorts us to model our attitude and behaviour on Christ. We show the way to a culture of encounter and acceptance by a radical discipleship of love, compassion, forgiveness, solidarity and service. We accompany the victims of injustice in the journey to freedom with a sense of total commitment and fidelity even when the fight in favour of God's justice for them necessitates our willingness to suffer. Pope Francis' constant themes have been the willingness to suffer and risk everything for the sake of the Gospel. For him, Christian living has little to do with comfort, complacency and mediocrity. In the Joy of the Gospel, he says: "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting because it has been out in the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its security".

Today we are gathered for the Eucharist. We are fed with Christ's body and blood. But we are reminded that the flesh we eat is broken for others and the blood we drink is shed for the life of the world. In the Eucharist we receive Christ's hunger for the world. He comes with the poor, homeless and the oppressed. May our sharing at this table strengthen us in our commitment to be humble servants of our brothers and sisters.

I wish you all God's blessing as we journey in this vale of tears in our everyday lives. We ask Mary as we say our family rosary to give us her protection against the evil one and when we fail, encourage us to seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**Relics of St Bernadette**

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette in our Cathedral on 16/17 October 2022. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for prayer for the whole diocese and given the significance of our Lourdes Pilgrimage in the life of our diocese.

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for August (£3.00). Please purchase a copy so that you can study with your bible (which gives you where to find, so that you can reflect from the passage of what Jesus wants of you and how to stay close with him). It is the Word of God.

Hannah Day

Our prayerful sympathy to Lewis Day and family on the death of Hannah Day, a Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Her funeral mass will take place on Thursday 11 August at 11.00 a.m. followed by cremation.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Stewards

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry. The list is on the table at the back of the church.

Thank you for your help.

Church Heaters

For many years we have a church heater which has not been working and needs replacing. We have been unable to do this because of the cost, and the cost of other repairs to our building. We have a substantial overdraft which we need to get down. We need your help for all in this difficult time. Each month our expenditure exceeds our income. How can you help?

1. If you are a tax payer, please give by standing order and complete a gift aid form.
2. Use the QR code at the back of the church or on the newsletter.
3. Join our 200 club, if you have not done so already, monthly prizes every month.
4. In your great generosity we ask you for a one-off donation. The cost of the heater is £2634.30. Can you please help us?

Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

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Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

“Honour your Father and Mother, that your days may belong to the Lord, which the Lord your God gives you.”

In brief:

‘Honour your father and mother’
(Deut 5:16: Mk 7:10).

According to the fourth commandment, God has willed that, after him, we should honour our parents and those whom he has vested with authority for one good.

The conjugal community is established upon the covenant and consent of the spouses. Marriage and family are ordered to the good of the spouses, to the procreation and the education of children.

‘The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life’ (GS 47:1)

Children owe their parents respect, gratitude, just obedience and assistance. Filial respect fosters harmony in all of family life.

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer, and all virtues. They have the duty to provide as far as possible for the physical and spiritual needs of their children.

Parents should respect and encourage their children’s vocations. They should remember and teach that the first calling of the Christians is to follow Jesus.

Public authority is obliged to respect the fundamental rights of the human person and the conditions for the exercise of his freedom. It is the duty of citizens to work with civil authority for building up society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom.

Citizens are obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order. ‘we must obey God rather than man’ (Acts 5:29).

Every society’s judgement and conduct reflects a vision of man and his destiny. Without the light the Gospel sheds on God and man, societies easily become totalitarian.

To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

Prayers please

Please keep in your prayers Joe and Dorothy Duranti, Denis and Eileen Norman, and Adam Scott. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 16 – Monday 17 October: Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette, Cathedral.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

At our meeting on Friday the 6th of August in the Parish hall at 2pm we shall have a short concert by our own Pat Chapman who has a wonderful singing voice. Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don’t want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don’t hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278 Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



March For Life: 3 September

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life.

We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3 September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00 a.m. at St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW.

The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 p.m., proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 p.m. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> Our witness is vital. Please encourage parishioners to attend.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline – a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Register

Please – whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered. And of course, in these Covid times, we have to take bookings for Mass to ensure that we adhere to the restrictions. This process will be much simpler for all if you have already registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

6 August • 3 September • 1 October •
5 November • 3 December
It will be good to see you!



Pope on Twitter



To pray together, to help one another, to share life stories, common joys and struggles: this is what opens the door to the reconciling work of God.

Reconciliation is not merely the result of our own efforts. It is a gift that flows from the crucified Lord. It is a peace that radiates from the Heart of Jesus, a grace that must be sought.

Our own efforts aren’t enough to achieve healing and reconciliation: we need God’s grace. We need the Spirit’s quiet and powerful wisdom. May He fulfil the expectations of our hearts. May He take us by the hand and enable us to walk together.

I ask forgiveness for the ways in which many members of the Church cooperated in those projects of cultural destruction and assimilation stipulated by the government, which culminated in the system of residential schools.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 17 July you gave £215.00.

For the week ending Sunday 24 July you gave £175.00 with £59.00 through Gift Aid. Thank you and God Bless.

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. God Bless and thank you all so very much.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Phyllis Allum, Philomena Dawson, Jean Smith, Hannah Baywham, Albert Waller, Catherine Chesters, Agnes Dean

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Michael O’Sullivan (1954), Fr Thomas Jordon (2020) Deacon Fred Wall (2003)

Remember to have masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Light

Laughter

I gave my daughter a fridge for her birthday.

I can’t wait to see her face light up when she opens it!

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CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

Thank you for the three people that have volunteered so far. We will be in touch shortly.

BCYS Youth Gather

22-23 October: Mersea Island, Colchester.

Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you a fresh insight into yourself and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in year 9 and above. Book now at www.bcys.net/events

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