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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 16 October 2022



For a long time, the judge was unwilling, but eventually, he thought, ‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’

IN TODAY’S GOSPEL

Today’s Gospel recounts Jesus’ parable about the impatient judge, who was constantly pestered by a woman who wanted an answer to her question. As Jesus tells us, if that judge will answer the woman’s need just to get rid of her, will not our heavenly Father answer the prayers we make to him?

Ever since the Age of Enlightenment in the 18th century, people of a philosophical bent have questioned the value of prayer, especially intercessory prayer. For example, it’s said that the German poet Goethe never prayed because he argued that the world was set on its course anyway. Of course, God knows what we’re going to ask before we do, but the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that God ‘...is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will...’ (para. 269).

He didn’t create the world and then leave it to its own devices! He has assured us that our prayers can change events. So we must keep praying, as Paul says, ‘at all times’ (Eph. 6:18), when things are both good and bad. Of course, prayer can be frustrating. Sometimes our prayers never seem to be answered. But God may be leading us to discover the virtue of perseverance; in Greek this is known as hupomone, which we might translate as ‘stickability’. Christian faith teaches us the virtue of fidelity even in difficult times. We also have help from others in our prayer. Our reading from Exodus today tells the beautiful story of Moses being helped to pray by his brother, Aaron, holding up his arms. The Church has a particular role in encouraging our prayers, by giving us the right prayers to say and by giving us pastors and Christian friends who can help and guide us as we grow in stickability. Don’t give up!

‘To you, O Lord, I call: my rock, do not refuse to hear me....Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.’ (Ps. 28:1-2)

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Upcoming Masses**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY****OCTOBER**

Saturday 15	6.00 p.m. Tony O'Connor RIP A&P Ayer
Sunday 16	10.30 a.m. Mass for all Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Please

note- there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17	10.30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Dorothy Duranti
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FEAST OF ST LUKE

Tuesday 18	9.00 a.m. Fr. Patrick Sammon RIP
Wednesday 19	7.30 p.m. Mary Connaughton RIP M. Anderson
Thursday 20	9.00 a.m. Canon Patrick Sammon
Friday 21	9.00 a.m.
Saturday 22	10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.

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

Saturday 22	6.00 p.m. Alan Turvey RIP A&P Ayer
Sunday 23	10.30 a.m. Romano & Mrs. Rosalina Fernandes RIP 4.00 p.m. – 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.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.



Welcome to our parish family, our visitors and to our new parishioners and their families. I hope that they find us a welcoming community and if you are in the parish hall for refreshments after Mass, please look around to see if there is anyone on their own. Please do not crush on to one table but please spread out and make new friends.

Our children and their parents are preparing for the Sacrament of Confession, the sacrament of our encounter with Jesus himself. Christ's Easter gift of the Holy Spirit is for the forgiveness of our sins. It is also our divine physician's remedy for the wounds of sin. The Sacrament, celebrated with contrition for sin, binds up the truly broken-hearted and enables us to enter into the new freedom that forgiveness brings. Each time we enter into the celebration of the mystery of the Mass, we are invited, not only to ask for God's forgiveness, but also to offer forgiveness to everyone in our own lives. We celebrate the Eucharist for the glory of God. At Mass we are being changed. Everything in us, which is opposed to being fully alive in the Spirit, is being dealt with. If it is sin, it is being forgiven; if it is a wound of sin, it is being healed. If we come to Mass acknowledging bitterness and unforgiveness and asking God for forgiveness and freedom, we will be set free. The Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Eucharist is at the very centre of our worship of God and our life as the people of God.

Please note that this Sunday 16 October there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as I am booked at the cathedral to see and pray at the relic of Saint Bernadette.

Please take home our newsletter for reference during the week especially times of the services. I wish you and your families God's blessing and protection this week. God Bless you all.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary - Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policies, along with supporting documents for 2023/2024 and 2024/25 are available on the school website (under Key Information, Admissions). A full size map is available in the school office.

Bible Alive**October Issue £3.00**

Now in the Narthex on the table. Please purchase a copy and reflect each day on God's word. You can use the QR code if you don't have cash with you.

Please also pray the rosary – what a powerful prayer with your families and teach your children to love Mary through this great prayer.

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

Journey Home Threshold of Hope

Over the next few weeks we shall be reflecting on Christian Prayer.

In the Old Testament, the revelation of prayer comes between the fall and the restoration of man, that is between God's sorrowful call to his first children: 'Where are you?... What is this that you have done?' and the response of God's only Son on coming into the world: 'Lo, I have come to do your will, O God.' Prayer is bound up with human history, for it is the relationship with God in historical events.

CREATION – SOURCE OF PRAYER

Prayer is lived in the first place beginning with the realities of creation. The first nine chapters of Genesis describe this relationship with God as an offering of the first born of Abel's flock, as the invocation of the divine name at the time of Enosh, and as 'walking with God.' Noah's offering is pleasing to God, who blesses him and through him all creation, because his heart was upright and undivided; Noah, like Enoch before him, 'walks with God.' This kind of prayer is lived by many righteous people in all religions. In his indefectible covenant with every living creature, God has always called people to prayer. But it is above all beginning with our father Abraham that prayer is revealed in the Old Testament.

GOD'S PROMISE AND PRAYER OF FAITH

When God calls him, Abraham goes forth 'as the Lord had told him'. Abraham's heart is entirely submissive to the Word and so he obeys. Such attentiveness of the heart, whose decisions are made according to God's will, is essential to prayer, while the words used count only in relation to it. Abraham's prayer is expressed first by deeds: a man of silence, he constructs an altar to the Lord at each stage of his journey. Only later does Abraham's first prayer in words appear: a veiled complaint reminding God of his promises which seem unfulfilled. Thus, one aspect of the drama of prayer appears from the beginning: the test of faith in the fidelity of God.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

15 October	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Carol Turnbull
16 October	10.30 a.m. Mary Books Lyn Birnie

Readers For This Week's Masses

15 October	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
16 October	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

22 October	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Mark Brennan
23 October	10.30 a.m. Bill O'Regan Chris Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses

22 October	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
23 October	10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles

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Month of the Holy Souls

November is a month that we pray for the Holy Souls. In the Narthex there are special envelopes for you to put in the names, with a donation for those Holy Souls whom you wish Mass to be offered up for them during the month of November. They will be placed in front of the altar. 'The commendation of the faithful departed belongs to an age-old tradition of praying for the dead. It's rooted in the early church's faith in God's mercy and faith in a personal resurrection with Jesus. Who indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (CCC 1030).'

Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. It is a good time for us to be reminded of our call to pray the Rosary every day. This can be traced back to the customer of the Desert Fathers who prayed all 150 psalms each day. We pray 150 Hail Mary's in the Rosary. Our Lady gave the Rosary to St. Dominic in its present form in the late Middle Ages as an instrument for the conversion of those who had strayed to the errors of the Albigeon rosary. In 1917 in her apparition in Fatima, Our Lady nudged us, through the three Shepherd children, to pray the rosary every day for peace, envision of sinners, in refraction to her Immaculate Heart. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours and lead us all to Heaven.

Church Cleaner required – please!

Just one hour on Thursday after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Many times we have asked for church cleaners. We should all have a profound love for our church, the house of God, and love to be privileged to spend a little time to keep it clean and sparkling. The Narthex – Parish room/office and the church (not forgetting cobwebs), would you like to offer one hour of your time each week to keep our church clean? Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278. Thank you. – Please Help

Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The Autumn 2022 edition of "Mission Today" is available to collect from the table in the porch. If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Thank you for your support. Clare Barton.

Our Liturgy In The Source & Summit

Our Saturday and Sunday Liturgy should be a beautiful and moving experience as we make present the death and resurrection of our Lord. More about this on www.sourceandsummit.org For us we need more altar servers especially our older ones.

We need a leader for the singing, especially entrance psalm.

We need an organist or keyboard player and the full participation in our gathering at church as we offer our praise and thanksgiving of the Lord. Please check out www.sourceandsummit.org

Dorothy Duranti RIP

Our prayerful sympathy to Jo and his family on the death of Dorothy Duranti. Her Funeral Mass will be on 17 October at 10.30 a.m. at St Joseph the Worker. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prisoners Sunday – Retiring Collection 24/25 October.

Bishop Richard Moth asks us to pray for all those who are impacted by our criminal justice system. Prison Advise and Care Trust (PACT) work is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. It brings hope into the prison environment, when men and women experience isolation and long periods confined to their cells.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel

www.ewtnnews.com/catholic

I have ordered some leaflets about this wonderful channel to help each one of us how to live our faith into today's broken world and to help you to educate your children. This is God's world and we are his children – and he loves you. *Please find out more from the above contact.*



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.

Knit and Natter

Or just knit. Or just natter!

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.

Feast of St. Luke

The Catholic Church venerate St. Luke as St. Luke the Evangelist and as a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers.

18 OCTOBER



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. REMAINING DATES THIS YEAR:

5 November • 3 December
It will be good to see you!



Pope on Twitter



Immersed in the mystery of the Church, Mother and Bride, let us also say with Saint John XXIII: Gaudet Mater Ecclesia! May the Church be overcome with joy. If she does not rejoice, she would deny her very self, for she would forget the love that begot her.

Let us #PrayTogether that the Lord might shake us from an individualism that excludes others, to awaken deaf hearts to the needs of their neighbour. Let us overcome the fear, the indifference that kills, the cynical disregard that condemns to death those on the fringes!

I call on all people of goodwill to mobilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world. Society can effectively repress crime without definitively depriving the offenders of the possibility of redeeming themselves.

Facing the danger of nuclear war, let us learn from history. Even 60 years ago there were huge tensions, but the way of peace was chosen. As the Bible says: "Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it"

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 9 October you gave £175.00. with £29.00 through Gift Aid.

Second collection for CAFOD: £225

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: Brenda Crawley, William Liversley, Mary Whittle, Antoinette Parascandolo, Bernard Gordon, Mary Connaughton, Sheila Towler, Rose Movie, Doris Wailencak, 'Otty' Parker.

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Christopher Creede (2002), Fr. Bernard Clay (1970), Canon William O'Neill (1951), 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.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 8 October 78

Sunday 9 October 77

Light

Laughter

What do sprinters eat before a race?
Nothing. They fast!

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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. 39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass.

This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance.

We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month i.e. Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.



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