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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 14 March 2021

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Hello and welcome to our Sunday's liturgy of the Holy Mass. It is good to see our community returning to church on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings but I hope those of you who have not yet returned perhaps could think seriously about coming back? There is nothing that can replace our attendance at Mass to encounter our Lord in his word and receiving him in Holy Communion. I fully understand the streaming of masses were important during the height of the pandemic but with the vaccination roll-out and the dramatic decrease in infections now is the time to bring our parish family together again. Our church is safe by wearing of masks and keeping a short distance between one another unless of course you are of the same family. Our faith in our personal relationship with Jesus in the Sacraments and in prayer will keep us close to him in these difficult times.

We are half-way through the Holy Season of Lent as we prepare for the solemnity of Easter. During this period, we are asked to pray especially the family rosary to honour Mary as we meditate on the mysteries of our Lord's life. We are asked to fast one day of the week (this means to have one normal meal and two smaller meals) or something of your own choosing and good works. It is also a time to reflect on our Lord's passion and death on the cross and His Glorious Resurrection on

Easter Sunday. We have in the Narthex booklets on the Stations of the cross and on the rosary to help you.

On another matter we have a Giant Easter Egg to raffle to help our parish finances. Please help us by buying a ticket (or two) in our raffle. All you have to do is pick up an envelope, add your name telephone number and five pounds and it could be yours!

Our church is open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and for Mass on Friday at 9.00 a.m. Holy Week is just around the corner and times of the Holy Week services will be on our website and in the newsletter on the table as you enter the church. Don't forget to pick up your Easter envelope for your priest even if you pay by standing orders.

Our Sunday gospel speaks of love "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that all who believe in Him might be saved". Perhaps we could reflect on those words as we know the world is in bad shape through sin, and the suffering of so many people; the poverty in so many countries and our slavery to sin. We can also reflect on the many families who have lost a loved one during this pandemic or effected by the after-effects from those who have recovered from this virus. St. John the apostle who spent part of his life in exile in Patmos said to his congregation - "My dear children, love one another, because this was the command of the Lord".

St. Joseph, whose feast we celebrate this week, pray for us and our parish family.
God Bless to you all and your families.

UPCOMING MASSES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY - REOPEN FOR MASS

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| Saturday 13 | 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 14 | 10.30 a.m. Patrick & Catherine Kelly RIP |
| Monday 15 | Private Mass |
| Tuesday 16 | Private prayer 10.00 -12.00 midday |
| Wednesday 17 | Private prayer 10.00 -12.00 midday |
| Thursday 18 | Private prayer 10.00 -12.00 midday |
| Friday 19 | Feast of St Joseph - Public Mass 9.00 a.m. |
| Saturday 20 | Confession by appointment in preparation for Easter. |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 20 | 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 21 | 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.

A Thank You Message

It is with mixed emotions that we will be moving from Hutton to Ipswich later this week, where we will be living much closer to our daughter, Imogen and grandson Ethan, a move that we have been contemplating for some time. We will very be sad to leave you all and we will miss the many friendships that we have built during our 45 years as parishioners of St. Joseph's. We thank you for helping us and our family to be engaged in the both the spiritual and social life of the Church in so many different ways, and most recently to Fr. Leslie for being so invariably unflinching in his support. We will never forget our many family celebrations of the sacraments, and in particular our Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dominic's Ordination. We are now looking forward to the joys and challenges of the future, particularly being part of a new parish community in Ipswich. We hope to be able to continue to support campaigns to improve the lives of prisoners and raise funds for CAFOD in the coming years. Thank you all so much, you will forever remain in our hearts and our prayers.
Stephen and Ann.

Giant Easter Egg Raffle

Not just a big Easter egg.

A giant Hotel Chocolat Easter Egg. Half 40% milk, half 50% milk, piled with filled chocolates. In fact, over a kilo of chocolate wrapped, boxed and ready to go!

For a bold, enjoyable and celebratory Easter gift, this Ostrich Easter egg with all the milk chocolate accessories is a perfect choice for a family. Or a couple of chocoholics!

If you'd like the chance to win this amazing Easter Egg, all you need to do is put £5 in an envelope, put your name and address and phone on the envelope, and hand it in before or after Mass, or pop the envelope through Fr. Leslie's door.

We know times have been tough for all our parishioners but Covid is very hard on our parish too. If you can help us to raise much needed funds, it will help a lot.

And you might win this fabulous Easter Egg. Someone will win it. Will it be you?



Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley, Daniel Heaphy, Jean Fordham, Irene Murphy, Andrew Corbett, and Edward (Ted) Knight.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Martin Horkan (1991), Fr. Donal Donegan (1988), and Fr. Sydney Williams (1928),

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, may they 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:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, 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.

Easter Envelopes

This collection is for your priest and is the main source of his income. Please pick up an envelope and also one if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass. *Thank you.*

Mass Intentions

This season of Lent is a good time to ask to have a Mass said for your loved ones who have died or who are sick or private intentions.

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 help if you can.*

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

MOVING

Stephen and Ann Howarth are moving to Ipswich this month. We thank them both for their help to me and the parish over many years. Stephen was the head teacher of our parish school at one time. We wish them every happiness and good health for the future. If you would like to send them a card to their new home or email they would be very pleased. 1 Kingsfield Avenue, Ipswich, IP1 3TA or annandsteve68@yahoo.co.uk

Mass Attendance

Saturday 6 March 6.00 p.m. 25

Sunday 7 March 10.30 a.m. 26

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.

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.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mass on Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
and Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Mass of the Lord Supper at 8 p.m.

Good Friday 2 April

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m.
This day is a day of Fasting & Abstinence

Holy Saturday 3 April

Blessing of Easter Candle and Water for Baptism and First Mass of Easter at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday 4 April

Resurrection of the Lord.

Mass at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Please try and come to celebrate the above sacred Triduum.

(Due to COVID-19 certain parts of our liturgy will be curtailed – more information will follow nearer the time).

Fred Biagioni RIP

Our prayerful sympathy to the family of Fausto (Fred) Biagioni who went home to God on 25 February. His funeral service will take place at Bentley Crematorium on Friday 26 March at 11.30 a.m. Fred lived in Waltham Gardens and was well looked after by his family and a full time carer. His wife died a few years ago and he missed her greatly. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Word For The World

The COVID-19 global pandemic has infected close to 100 million people, resulting in over 1.5 million deaths. The impact of this new virus has been catastrophic and overwhelming. The hardship, brought about by the hidden enemy, has wreaked havoc on people and businesses. We are all victims of COVID one way or another. We, of course, pray for those who have lost loved ones, and for those in hospital and those suffering long term effects. As a parish community let us turn to Mary our mother, to pray for all affected one way or another. Reflect on the Gospels, in your bibles at home. The scriptures are God's words and open your hearts to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that he may bring hope and healing to our world, country and families.

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.



Pope on Twitter



A message of fraternity came from Erbil as well, the city in which I was received by the President of the autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan, and its Prime Minister, by the Authorities and by the people. I thank the dear Kurdish population for their warm welcome.

I am grateful to the religious Authorities as well, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom I had an unforgettable meeting. May God, who is peace, grant a future of fraternity to Iraq, the Middle East and the entire world!

After my Visit in #Iraq, I am filled with gratitude to God and to all those who made it possible: the President of the Republic, @BarhamSalih, and the Government, the Patriarchs and Bishops.

Thinking of the many Iraqis who have emigrated, I would like to say to them: you have left everything, like Abraham; like him, keep the faith and hope and be weavers of friendship and of fraternity wherever you are. And if you can, return

Finance News

For the week ending 7 March you gave £133.10. of which £6.00 was Gift Aided. *Thank you and God Bless.*

Easter Egg Raffle

So far we have raised a total of £150.00 in our Giant Easter Egg Raffle. Please take an envelope and return it with your name and phone number on it and a £5 note inside! The more the merrier.

First Holy Communion Parents

Hello, if your child is in year 3 and you wish him / her to prepare for their first holy communion at St Joseph's. You need to fill in the preparation form from our website. It must be filled in and sent back via email to the parish administrator (hutton@diocesesofbrentwood.org)

I am sorry at this time we can't name a date for the program to begin, because of Covid-19 and we are in lockdown. We do need to know the number of children so that catechists can make preparation. Thank you to all who have sent back their preparation forms. Please note you must be a regular mass attender. *Thank you all and we will keep you informed.*

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

Light

Laughter

I had a neck brace fitted a few years ago and I haven't looked back since!

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PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.