

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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## Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 3 March 2019

### PLEASE FIND BELOW DATES AND TIMES OF ALL MASSES IN LENT

#### UPCOMING MASSES

#### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

#### MARCH

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m. Robert Vassay <i>M Moffat</i>
Monday 4	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 5	Church open all day for private prayer

#### LENTEN MASS TIMES

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 6	9.15 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Dominic 7.30 p.m. Service conducted by Fr. Michael Halsall
Thursday 7	9.15 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Friday 8	Church open all day for Private prayer 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9	18.00 p.m. Service conducted By Bishop Thomas Children's Liturgy
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Monday 11	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 12	Church open all day for private prayer
Wednesday 13	Church open all day for private prayer
Thursday 14	9.15 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Friday 15	Church open all day for private prayer 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16	18.00 p.m. Service conducted By Bishop Thomas Children's Liturgy
Sunday 17	8.30 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Monday 18	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 19	Church open all day for private prayer

Wednesday 20	Church open all day for private prayer
Thursday 21	9.15 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Friday 22	Church open all day for private prayer 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23	18.00 p.m. Service conducted by Bishop Thomas Children's Liturgy
Sunday 24	8.30 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Monday 25	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 26	Church open all day for private prayer
Wednesday 27	Church open all day for private prayer
Thursday 28	9.15 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
Friday 29	Church open all day for private prayer 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 30	18.00 p.m. Service conducted by Bishop Thomas Children's Liturgy
Sunday 31	8.30 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 1	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 2	Church open all day for private prayer
Wednesday 3	Church open all day for private prayer
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Tuesday 16	Church open all day for private prayer
Wednesday 17	Church open all day for private prayer
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
Thursday 18	10.00 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony 8.00 p.m. Service conducted by Fr. Michael Halsall

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 19	3.00 p.m. Service conducted by Fr. Michael Halsall 8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service conducted by Fr. Michael Halsall 8.00 p.m. Service conducted by Fr. Michael Halsall
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#### Easter Saturday 20

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21	8.30 a.m. Service conducted by Fr. Anthony
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#### MAY

Saturday 25	11.00 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass for our children
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### **Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (2/3 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Ian Restall  
Michelle Tobin  
Marian Anderson  
8.30 a.m. John Spinks  
Angela Mahoney  
Mary Allum

### **Readers For This Week's Masses (2/3 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Ian Restall  
8.30 a.m. David Holt

### **Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (9/10 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth  
Stella Walker  
Ewa Kania  
8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie  
Jan Jarvis  
Angela Mahoney

### **Readers For Next Week's Masses (9/10 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth  
8.30 a.m. Kevin Jackson

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request. This service has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed. See elsewhere in the newsletter for detail of times of Confessions at our Sister churches.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Previously every Friday 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. This has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

### **Mass Intentions**

During Fr. Leslie's absence, if you wish to make a Mass Intention, please refer to a member of the Parish Pastoral Team. Thank you.

### **Anniversaries**

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

### **Remember**

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees – "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". **DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.**

### **Sickness**

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

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey and Brian Donoghue. *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.**

### **Repository - Sale**

There will be a sale of lots of items after both Masses on 9/10 March. **Lots of bargains.** Please stop by and have a look.

### **Amended Mass Times**

Please see extended Mass Times for our Parish elsewhere in this newsletter.



Welcome to our Sunday liturgy.

Today's Gospel reading could be seen as a collection of mini-teachings and practical discipleship reminders. At its conclusion, Jesus says 'a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks'.

### **Reflection for parents.**

There is much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith in the Gospel. Jesus asks 'can a blind person guide a blind person' and he says 'When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher'. Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in knowledge of our catholic faith, and in your relationship with our Father. Realise the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. If it is important to you, it will be important to your children. Pray each day to ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in fulfilling this valuable ministry. Focus your family on the last portion of today's Gospel. Invite family members to give examples of what it means to bear good fruit. For example 'Bearing good fruit means telling the truth or sharing God's love with others. Reflect the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they are named in the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

Discuss the above within your family and pray to the Holy Spirit to help you to have a strong relationship with Jesus.

Have a great day with your families and a wonderful week.

### **From The Parish Pastoral Team**

In Fr. Leslie's enforced absence, the Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) have swung into action, much as they did while Fr. Leslie was away last year after his hip operation.

The PPT are doing everything they can to keep parish life much as it was before, but of course they have had to take some painful decisions along the way. Foremost among these was the need to drop the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sundays which is entirely due to a lack of priest cover at that time. There are, of course, other Masses at around that time in our sister, partnership churches (see elsewhere in the newsletter).

Changing Mass times, even temporarily, in the very short term, will not suit everyone, but we do feel that we must all pull together in this respect and make sure that the parish continues much as it has done for the past 50 years. We are concerned about the effect the loss of the 10.30 a.m. Mass has had/will have on our First Holy Communion children and may we suggest that the 18.00 Mass on Saturday evening (said by Bishop Thomas) becomes the de facto replacement for the 10.30 a.m. Mass? Bishop Thomas has committed to be with us for this Mass throughout March (thank you Bishop) and so it seems to us a natural replacement for the 10.30 a.m. Mass, and we hope that parents will be able to attend this Mass with their First Holy Communion children and have their Confirmation cards signed by Bishop Thomas.

The children's liturgy will also be held at the 18.00 Saturday Mass.

The PPT will have another meeting next week so if there are any issues that you wish to raise, please let one of the team know, or email Ian Restall ([ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk))

### **From Fr. Leslie**

You are reminded of the church's law for fast and abstinence during Lent, which begins on 6 March (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. Catholics between the ages 18 and 60 are permitted one full meal and two lesser meals, which together should not equal one full meal, and with no eating between meals.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat entirely.

**Thank you. Fr. Leslie.**

### **Alternative Sunday Morning Masses Within The Partnership**

The alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership are as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock ..... 09.00  
St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst ..... 10.00  
St John the Evangelist & ..... 11.00  
St Erconwald, Ingatstone

### **Charismatic Day Of Renewal**

A date for your diary: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

### **Vitality 10K Charity Run**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This May Bank Holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413.

### **Cakes For CAFOD – Today!!!**

There will be cakes for sale after the 8.30 a.m. Mass today. Please join us in the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy a delicious treat. All profits will be used to raise money for CAFOD.

Many thanks, Stephen and Ann Howarth  
**GRATEFUL THANKS**

We are very grateful to Fr. Anthony and Bishop Thomas who will both be available for Masses up to Easter.

### **Lenten Programme 2019 – Fast-Give-Pray**

Easter offering envelopes are at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Thank you very much.

Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday. The Retiring Collection is your Lenten Offerings taken in your homes during Lent for Catholic Children's Society.

## Mass Requests From St Joseph The Worker

We have been able to schedule the following Mass Intentions at Ingatestone on the dates below.

Mass Intention	Requested By	Date of Mass at Ingatestone
Deceased Members of O'Toole Family		19 March
Deceased Members of Sammon Family		20 March
Deceased Members of Sammon Family		16 April
Bill Brennan RIP		Almshouses 22 March
Patrick Moy RIP		1 April
Bernard + Patsy Tesier RIP		6 March
Theresa Hipple RIP		Almshouses 8 March
Frances Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	2 April
Rogge Family RIP	A.Cirnbut	3 April
Marion Corder RIP		Almshouses 5 April
Ben Kemezura RIP		8 April
Frank Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	9 April
Alf + Kathleen Hicks RIP	C. Turnbull	10 April
Patrick + Catherine Kelly	B. Dooley	Almshouses 12 April
Margaret + Alan Cronin RIP	C. Turnbull	15 April
Mass Times:	Ingatestone Church Almshouses	9.00 a.m. (7.00 p.m. if a Monday) 6.00 p.m.

### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

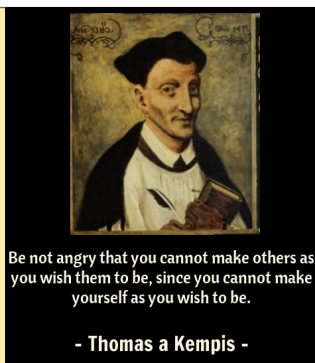
Jesus worked with wood and was (no doubt) familiar with the occupational hazard of wood shavings inadvertently landing in the eye. He draws on this experience to teach us about the all-too-human tendency to judge others harshly. It's part of the human condition to see more readily what is wrong with others (the splinter) before addressing issues in our lives (the plank). Why is this? What's going on when we think and operate like this?

It's hard to know: sometimes it's insecurity or low self-esteem or boredom or even just plain old envy, jealousy and malice. God knows we all do it all the time – clergy and laity alike, no one is immune. St. Teresa of Calcutta said: 'If you judge people, you have no time to love them.' Thomas a Kempis said: 'Do not be angry that you cannot make others as you would wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.'

Jesus encouraged us to first examine our own lives before we judge anyone else. The Christian way (although you could be forgiven for thinking otherwise) is to put God's spotlight on yourself before you get overly excited about judging anyone else. A great way to think about these things is to have some grasp or understanding of the very simple principle or idea: 'There but for God's grace go I.' If we began to live like this, we would usher in a spiritual revolution both in our own lives and in our parishes and wider society. We would gossip less, criticize less and condemn less, and have a better understanding that we are all fallen, wounded and prone to darkness, sin and confusion.

Some will protest that we need to judge and discern people and situations - how else can we help? Apart from the self-righteousness of this view, it is wrong because it presumes to know how and what God thinks. God's thinking is as far away from our thinking as the east is from the west. We should practise not judging. The next time you come across a story about someone's fall (through any human weakness), instead of judging them, pray for them, offer them up to God's mercy and love. When we think and act like this, we think and act like the Father.

*Lord, teach me to flee from sitting in judgment and condemning others - for the measure I dish out is the measure I will receive.*



Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

- Thomas a Kempis -

### Easter Greetings

In the same way that we send best wishes at Christmas to our friends and fellow parishioners, we thought it would be a good idea if we did the same at Easter. So please send your Easter Greetings via our newsletter on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. As before, £5.00 in an envelope and send your message to Ian Restall ([ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk))

### Sacrament Of Reconciliation Times Throughout The Pastoral Partnership

Confessions can be heard at our Partnership churches at the following time.

**Our Lady & St. Joseph, Stock**  
Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

**St. Helens, Ongar**  
Saturdays 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

**St. John the Evangelist & St. Erconwald, Ingatestone**  
Saturdays 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Additionally, Confessions can be heard at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

### Baptisms While Fr. Leslie Is Away

If there are any Baptisms planned, then Fr. Anthony will cover for them through March and April. If he is not available, then Fr. Dan will step in.

### Stations Of The Cross

In his absence, Fr. Leslie has asked Bill O'Regan to lead **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. **Please support this service.** Please also note that the afternoon **Stations of the Cross** service will be at 3.00 p.m. and not 3.30 p.m. as previously stated.

### CAFOD FAST DAY - Friday 15 March

CAFOD is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world; people who are facing drought, conflict, disease, and injustice.

CAFOD believes in a world where every woman, man and child can flourish. But the reality is CAFOD is forced to turn away one in three requests for help, simply because there isn't enough money to go around.

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of 16/17 March. Let's do all that we can to help.

### RCIA

RCIA - If there are any non-Catholics who would be interested in knowing more about their faith or about becoming a Catholic at Easter 2020, please contact Mrs Gabrielle O'Regan on 01277 223460

### Finance News

For the week ending 23/24 February you gave £191.69 of which £24.00 was gift aided.

There was also a separate donation of £40.00

*Many thanks and God Bless.*

### Service Of Reconciliation

Please be aware that there will be an opportunity for us to prepare for Easter by attending a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of grace to, like the prodigal son, "return to our Father having squandered the gifts he has given to us".

### Service Of The Word

The PPT had planned to hold two Service of the Word services during the week but now we have established a balanced programme of weekday Masses and church openings these will not continue after this weekend.

### Eucharistic Ministers And Readers

If you were due to provide Ministry at 10.30 a.m. Mass please make yourself available at the other Masses if required.

### Altar Servers Albs

We have a number of Albs that the Altar Servers use when they are ministering. Sadly, most, if not all of them, are quite dirty, having not been laundered for quite some time. Yes they only get occasional use, but that doesn't stop them from becoming quite soiled.

Would it be possible to ask for volunteers to take, say, 6 Albs home and wash and iron them? I would be happy to set up a rota, as obviously we can't have them all out at the same time being laundered when they are needed! I have taken 6 which I will return freshly laundered next week. If a couple of volunteers could contact me to take the occasional half dozen home for laundry, that would be great. Please don't just take them home without contacting me first. We need to know where the Albs are at all times. *Ian Restall*

## Children's corner

### Welcome to children's corner.

We ask parents to say these prayers with their children. Heavenly Father thank you that you are a generous God and you give us so many good things. We are sorry that we are not always generous with others. Please help us this week to be kind, to do our very best, and to be generous when we are helping others. *Amen.*

### IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus says that if you have something big in your eye it is best to remove it before you try to take something tiny from your brother's eye, so you will see clearly. Jesus says that good trees only grow good fruit and bad trees grow bad fruit. We can see from the good things they do which people have good hearts.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, help us to think carefully about everything we do so that we always do our best for you. *Amen.*

### 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.

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