

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 28 March 2021

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TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY



Welcome and hello to all our parishioners. Today and all this week we pray and reflect on the journey of Jesus through his passion to the glory of the Resurrection. His journey is our journey as we journey through life. Life presents us with opportunities to live day by day with Jesus at the centre and heart. We experience on our journey rejection, easily falling away from God's laws especially failing to observe our Sunday obligation except when we are ill or unable through age and disabilities. When we fall into sin our lack of resolve to come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance and many other ways. His passion and suffering is also ours as we move through life's valley of tears. However we know that God loved the world that He gave us his Son to redeem us with his great mercy and forgiveness and when we reach the end of life's journey we come to the joy of our resurrection to a new kind of life.

Our services during this week will be slightly different because of the pandemic but nevertheless they remain beautiful and prayerful. I hope you will be able to come and join us? Remember our maximum with families is 60 at each service. On Easter Sunday we have an extra mass at 8.30 a.m. as well as 10.30 a.m. The Easter vigil will be the First Mass of Easter.

Thank you to those who have participated in our Easter egg raffle. If you have not there is still time! Envelopes are at the back of the church. All we need is your name and contact number on the front of the envelope and five pounds inside! It's that simple and the prize is a very good one indeed. *Thank you so much.*

I wish you a prayerful Holy Week and a great Easter Day.

UPCOMING MASSES

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 28	10.30 a.m. Palms blessed and given out as you leave the church
Monday 29	Private Mass
Tuesday 30	Private prayer 10.00 - 14.00
Wednesday 31	Private prayer 10.00 - 14.00

Maunder Thursday Mass of Lord's Supper, Mass at 8.00 p.m.
(No washing of the feet, no procession to altar of repose)

GOOD FRIDAY Day of fasting and abstinence
2 April Solemn liturgy of Lord Passion at 3.00 p.m.
No adoration of the cross

Holy Saturday Liturgy of Pascal Vigil and
3 April First mass of Easter at 7.30 p.m.

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 4 April Mass at 8.30 a.m.
Mass at 10.30 a.m.
People of the parish

If you have not already done so, please pick up an EASTER envelope collection for your priest. 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.

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

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.

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?

The draw will be made on Easter Sunday: you still have time to join the fun!



Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Eileen Westall, Alexander Farquason, Elizabeth Annie Nash, Sharon McKenna. Albert Boniface, and Lucy Calabrillo.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Joseph Juohey (1984), and Canon William Toft (1968),

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:

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 please help if you can.*

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

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.

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 21 March 6.00 p.m.:	26
Sunday 22 March – 10.30 a.m.:	42

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 7.30 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).

Update

Terry O'Regan was admitted to hospital suddenly last weekend after an incident with his heart pacemaker. He is back home now and is tired but resting comfortably. Thank you for your prayers. And Greg Thomas, son-in-law of Christine and Ian Restall, was discharged from Addenbrookes hospital during the week and is recovering at home.
Thank you all for your prayers.

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!



Reflection

As we journey towards EASTER, we all need to remember the vital importance of being part of our worshipping community at St. Joseph's. We have had the opportunity of participating in our Mass online, but this is far apart from actually being present at the close encounter with the Risen Lord. As Holy Week and EASTER draw near. I really hope that we'll personally hunger for being in his presence and not be happy with anything less.



Pope on Twitter



May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to the Lord!

How many times have we told the Lord: "Lord, I will come to you later... I can't come today. Tomorrow I will begin to pray and do something for others". In this life, we will always have things to do and excuses to offer, but right now is the time to return to God

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:23-24). Precisely then, in trials and in solitude while the seed is dying, that is the moment in which life blossoms, to bear ripe fruit in due time

Every child who a woman expects in her womb is a gift that changes a family's history: the life of fathers and mothers, grandparents and of brothers and sisters. That child needs to be welcomed, loved and nurtured. Always!

Finance News

For the week ending 21 March you gave £144.10 including £6.00 via Gift Aid. We also received an anonymous donation of £150 towards upkeep of the church. Easter Egg raffle continues to be popular. Another £50.00 raised this week, bringing the total to £235.00 to date. Please make sure you take an envelope home with you and complete it in line with the details on page 1. **Will be drawn on Easter Sunday.**
Thank you and God Bless.

Stations of the Cross

In the Narthex there are Books of the Stations of the cross (£2.00 each) – please buy one and pray the stations of the cross especially on Fridays.

Also booklets on the Rosary (£2.00 each) – please pray the Rosary every day for an end to the pandemic, for all who have died and for grieving families.

Lent – is a journey to God – A time to unite our sorrows pain, anxiety etc to Our Blessed Lord. Remember he was the Son of God, became man and is always with us each day. We need to urn to him in prayer 'God loved the world to much, he became man.'

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

My friend writes songs about sewing machines. He's a Singer songwriter!
Or sew it seems!

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