

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

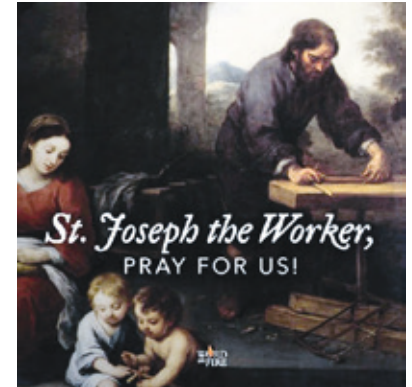
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## **Mission Statement**

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.



## **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 8 May 2022**



“My sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me.”.

### **IN TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Good things can come in small packages. Today’s brief reading carries quite a punch. It teaches us all we need to know about prayer; that it’s in the quiet and solitude of prayer that we most effectively hear the Lord’s voice. For sure, in the hustle and bustle of daily life and through the pangs of conscience the Lord prompts, urges and guides us, but it’s primarily in prayer that we, his sheep, hear his voice.

The practice of taking time out to be still with the Lord is in decline and it has become fashionable these days to speak of one’s whole life being a prayer: we can be too busy to carve out space in our busy schedules to pray so we offer up prayers as we move through our day. God is so much part and parcel of life that spontaneous, intimate chat becomes second nature. While no one can deny the importance of having an ongoing conversation with the Lord through the course of our day, the wise advice of St. Teresa of Avila speaks down the centuries to us today: ‘We are always in the presence of God, yet it seems to me that those who pray are in His presence in a very different sense.’

One of the real problems we have concerning prayer is deciding to carve out the time. When we have so much to do, the idea of taking time out to pray can seem impractical and unreasonable. The benefits and blessings of prayer, however, far outweigh the very real and very pressing demands of our frantic and frenetic schedules, as the Holy Spirit will reveal to us, if we allow him to. It’s the gentle voice of the Spirit who invites us into God’s presence so that we can be renewed and refreshed in body and spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, whose dedicated service to the poor was rooted in prayer and the Eucharist, said, ‘Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.’

*‘I have so much to do today that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.’* (John Wesley)

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**Upcoming Masses**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**  
**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**  
**MAY**

Saturday 7 6.00 p.m. Mass  
 Ammanuel Rassam RIP  
 Sunday 8 10.30 a.m. Mass  
 People of the Parish  
 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition  
 of the Blessed Sacrament

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 10 9.00 a.m. Mass  
 The Curry Family RIP  
 A Turvey  
 Wednesday 11 7.30 p.m. Mass (Please  
 note the time)  
 Thursday 12 9.00 a.m. Mass  
**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**  
 Friday 13 9.00 a.m.  
 Saturday 14 11.00 a.m. First  
 Communion Mass

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**  
**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 14 6.00 p.m. Mass  
 People of the Parish  
 Sunday 15 10.30 a.m. Mass  
 Shirley De Prazer RIP  
 A Bailey  
 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:** Any mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**Ministries**

**Church Cleaners** - We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

**Altar Servers** - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

**Eucharist Ministers** - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.

**Baptism**

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

**Mass Attendance**

Saturday 30 April: 44  
 Sunday 1 May: 64

**Today**

Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass today. Do pop in for a cup of tea and a chance for a chat. It will be good to see you. It's been a while.....

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Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our parish celebration.

This coming Saturday our young children will be making their First Holy Communion. Please pray that they and their parents will be faithful to the Sacraments in their lives. This encounter with Jesus is important to keep alive within their souls as every truth, every hope, healing and consolation are to be found in the words of Christ "Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh".

In the domestic church, which is your home, your children will grow in their love for Jesus through your example and through being brought up in the love of Jesus, while challenging them to be kind, compassionate, forgiving, understanding, merciful and caring for their family members and their friends. You will always be the main teachers of the faith for your children and to set the example for them.

We also want to encourage all our families to pray the rosary each day. This is such a powerful prayer to Mary our Mother as we contemplate the life and death and resurrection of her Son Jesus.

Today's Gospel reflection is about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus pronounced them: during the feast of the Dedication of the Temple, sometime before the Passover when Christ was arrested and condemned to death.... But you can also read them in the light of the Resurrection of the Lord and in the Spirit of Pentecost.

Today, the risen Jesus is in Heaven, in the glory and splendour of the Father, he and the Father sending the Spirit of love and peace to the entire world. The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you everything, and bring to you all that I have said to you (Jn 14:26). Let us open our hearts to Jesus as we receive Him in Holy Communion so that Jesus will be able to speak the word 'I and the Father are one' on our behalf.

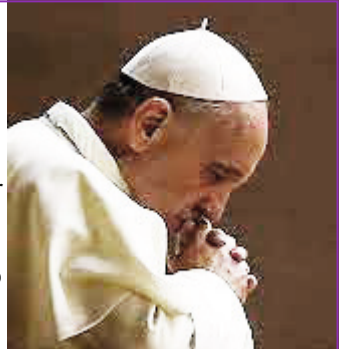
Let us always ask Mary, who is the closest to him, to help us to receive within us the eternal Life that is in Jesus - Eucharist. Thank you all for your support and let us encourage one another to return to our parish family each week so that we can encounter him in the Eucharist.

Finally, a reminder that we are expected to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year between Easter and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost). You can go to any church to receive this Sacrament and receive the graces which flow from the Sacraments. May God bless our families and bring to eternal life all who have died.

*Fr. Leslie*

**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.*



**Catholic Faith**

We believe that the teachings of the Catholic Church are true and that, as Jesus tells us 'The truth will set you free' (Jn8:32). The church draws its teaching from Jesus Christ, who was both a human being and the son of God. Because of this Jesus understands the human condition like no one else and offers the divine light into the question. "What is the meaning of life." In Jesus of Nazareth we encounter the face of God who came down from heaven and immersed himself in the human world and to teach "the art of living", the road to happiness to set us free from sin and make us children of God. The holy Mass is the pivotal act of worship in the Catholic Faith. Prayer helps us to come to know that we are loved, known and cherished by God. There are many ways to pray and perhaps we can start that every time we pass a church, we can give five minutes to light a candle and go on our knees or sitting down. We can make a prayer corner in our home (the domestic church) but here in the church in the tabernacle, we believe that truly we meet Christ.

**Providence Row**

To All Parishioners - Thank you for your kind donation to Providence Row. Your gift of £350 will help homeless and vulnerably housed people in London get their lives back on track through the life-changing services we provide. Your gift means we can be there for more people, when they need us the most, to provide them the support they need to build a life away from the streets for good.

**March for Life**

This will be held on 3 September in London - Please put this date in your diaries. - Ten Million too many. Every life is precious.

**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.*

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## First Holy Communion Day



Our children will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday 14 May at 11.00 a.m. We have all participated recently in the Easter Triduum on the day of the Last Supper, the priest consecrates the bread and wine and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they are totally changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. This change is called transubstantiation. In this change the crucified and risen Lord is truly present to his church and he calls us to share in his divine life. In Holy Communion, it is nothing less than Christ's Body & Blood, Soul, and Divinity that we receive. We are drawn into communion with God, the All Holy One. We live in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

This is an awesome moment in the life of your child. A life that you as parents have the responsibility to nurture and enter into the very life of Jesus Christ – food for the soul as he or she journeys to Eternal life. As parents and as a community we must set the example of attending Sunday Mass. This must be for each one of us a priority in our lives. Please pray for our children and parents and all of us that this may be, so Christ promises us that “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (Jn 6:54,56). **The mass is the source of true freedom and witness.**

## God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. – Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. – Matthew 22:34-39

## Situation in Ukraine

We ask you all to pray for the gift of peace in Ukraine today, so that those responsible may be filled with, and radiate, a peace that is ‘contagious’ and that the crisis will be overcome exclusively through dialogue.

## St Joseph The Worker School Change to the Mid-Year Admissions Applications

As from 1 April the local authority will no longer be coordinating the Admissions requests for mid-year applications. These will now need to be sent directly to the school and the application form can be found on our website (Key Information/Admissions/Mid-Year Application Form). The Local Authority will continue to manage the applications for new starters in the Early Years.

## Lunchtime Recitals

Next Wednesday 18 May at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. there will be a Lunchtime Organ Recital given by Kelly Yeung from the Royal College of Music. Please also make a note in your diaries for Wednesday 25 May when David Silkoff will be returning to give another much awaited Lunchtime Piano Recital.

## SVP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an international volunteering organisation that gives practical help and support to those in need. We are looking for volunteers to support our vibrant schools programme that helps children put their faith into action. Volunteers are required to support teachers and talk to students about how they can be involved. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month). Full training is given, resources are supplied, and costs are covered. If you are interested and would like to know more, please register for an introduction zoom ‘open evening’ on 9 May or a zoom ‘open afternoon’ on 19 May with no commitment required at this stage. Register on Eventbrite ([www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)) and search for SVP Open.

## Dates for your Diaries

### CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The present year of the family will conclude with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome 22-26 June 2022. Whereas previously participation in the World Meeting of Families had been pretty much limited to those present, this time the aim is to encourage much wider participation, with a smaller gathering in Rome itself. The talks given in Rome will be made available online, and there will be a special blessing for families at the end of Pope Francis's Sunday Angelus on 26 June. It is hoped that all parishes will be able to make marriage and family life a particular focus for preaching and intercession. More information about the WMF programme can be found online at <http://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

In terms of diocesan events to mark the end of the Year of the Family, our focus is on relaunching the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life after a Covid enforced hiatus. In addition to the prayer cards, Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 16 July. Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. As part of the Year of the Family we will be inviting people to send in their own prayer requests via our website, and these will be placed before the altar at this Mass and included in the intentions for the Mass.

If any families would like to attend, please see Father Leslie who will give you an invitation card. For those attending there are no special car parking arrangements, therefore they should come early and be prepared to use one of the public car parks in Brentwood or travel via public transport as the cathedral car park will fill up very quickly.

### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

As you will be aware from the information Fr. Daniel Kelly has already sent out, we are also keen to encourage families to take part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 28 May. We have tried to identify things that will make the day easier for parents with young children and help them and their children get as much out of the day as possible. Plans include setting aside a room at the shrine for the use of families during the day, and designating a time when families can visit the slipper Chapel without fear of disturbing the prayer of others, when there will also be a family rosary led by one of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will also be producing a special liturgy and activity booklet for the children. If in the past parents have expressed any concerns about coming to Walsingham with the diocese it would be useful to know what these concerns are so that we can try and address them.



## Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether so that all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service.

On this World #PressFreedom Day, let us #PrayTogether for the journalists who pay in person, with their lives or imprisonment, to serve this right. Special thanks to those who courageously inform us of the wounds of humanity.

In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that #prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible.

I beg you, let us not surrender to the logic of violence, to the perverse spiral of weapons. May the path of dialogue and peace be taken!

## Finance News

For the week ending Friday 29 April you gave £200.00 with £34.00 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:** Bill Smith, Vera Lyden, Anita Czuprynski, Agnes Houser, Rosanna Law, Eileen Curley, David Atling, Henry Fontaine, Margaret Mary Ford, Eileen Connell, John Wright.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Canon Brian Grady (1998), Canon John Duckett (2020), Fr. August Davidson (1946), Mgr. Canon John Howell (1976), Fr. John Boyles (1983), Fr. Stanley Joynes (1987).

**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 asked my dog, “what’s two minus two?”

He said nothing!

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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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Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other

parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? New group starting on Friday 29 April from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. every other week in the parish hall. Any further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.

**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:

- 7 May • 4 June • 2 July • 6 August •
  - 3 September • 1 October •
  - 5 November • 3 December
- It will be good to see you!**



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