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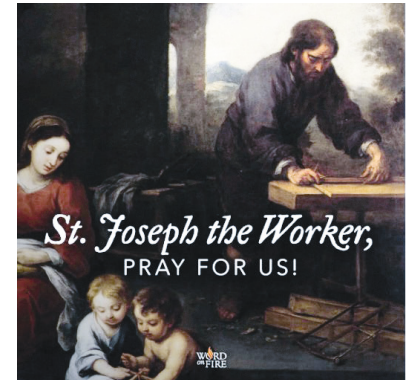
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Mission Statement

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 2 October 2022



"The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you".

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The disciples said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' (v.5). Have you ever wondered what they were really asking for? What does it mean for faith to be increased? Jesus' answer implies that faith doesn't need to increase - or at least it's not a matter of having more or less faith. The power of faith seems to depend upon using the faith we have, or, we might say, of acting upon our faith.

In linking faith to the image of the mustard seed, Jesus is clearly referring to its minute size as compared with its potential fruit and therefore the power that's contained within it. While it's one of the smallest seeds, it grows into one of the largest garden plants (see Matt. 13:31-32). According to Jesus, even a small amount of faith has the potential to accomplish the staggering, nature-defying act of commanding a mulberry bush to be uprooted and transplanted in the sea, an act which could only be achieved by a person of superhuman power - or by a very ordinary person with faith in an extraordinary God.

It's in exercising our small faith in a great God that we begin to see his power at work in our world. It's interesting that, as far as we know, the apostles never actually tried uprooting mulberry trees and replanting them in the sea. However, they did learn to uproot men from Satan's kingdom and transfer them to God's kingdom through their preaching of the good news. Jesus said elsewhere that they would become fishers of men (Matt. 4:19).

The power of faith, therefore, seems to be a matter of exercising God's power to transform lives. Faith grows through being exercised, which we do by being obedient to the Master's voice, by obeying his call and his Word to us, and by humbly recognizing that, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty'.

Lord, like your first disciples you've called me to be a 'fisher of men'. Help me to exercise the faith that I have, so that lives may be transformed by your great power and love and may be won from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OCTOBER

- Saturday 1 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
J. Greenfield
- Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.
Mass for all Parishioners
Jo & Dorothy Duranti
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS ASSISI

- Tuesday 4 9.00 a.m.
For Parishioners
- Wednesday 5 7.30 p.m.
Irene & Dennis Norman
(67th Wedding
Anniversary)
- Thursday 6 9.00 a.m.
Jim Chaplin RIP
- OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
- Friday 7 9.00 a.m.
No Mass Intention
- Saturday 8 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of
Reconciliation)

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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 8 6.00 p.m.
Desmond Dignam RIP
*Followed by a Quiz Evening
in the Hall (Social)*
- Sunday 9 10.30 a.m.
Mass for all Parishioners
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.



conversations and decisions that were made'.

Today St. Paul reminds us 'To stir into flame the gift of God that we have through the imposition of my hands' and also Paul says 'For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but a power of love and self-control'. He also says 'Do not be ashamed of your testimony to the Lord nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with strength that comes from God.'

The message for us is clear: in the midst of hardships, pain, suffering and approaching death we tell others to hold their faith in Jesus. Also let us be conscious of the presence of Jesus Christ given to us when we were baptised. Also recognise the power of love and self control. Finally hold fast to the truth and to live always the message of the gospel.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Leske

A message from His Eminence Vincent Gerard Cardinal Nichols

The subject of death is so often a taboo subject in our secular society. But in the light of our Catholic faith it is one we should have the confidence to face. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Easter Day transforms our understanding of death. Faith tells us that, through our baptism, we already share that risen life of Jesus. This is a bond that nothing – including death – can ever destroy. That is why we have the confidence to pray these words, taken from the funeral mass: In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changing, not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in 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

Mass Attendance

Saturday 24 September: 61

Sunday 25 September: 111

MISSIO -1

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.

MISSIO -2

Please return your Missio Red Boxes to the church and collect a copy of the MISSIO magazine in the Narthex.

The theme of this year's World Mission Sunday is 'You shall be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.' To illustrate this, we are highlighting the missionary work of Maria, the Directrix of the Kidist Mariam Centre in Meki, Ethiopia. Through her witness, Maria and her local team train and nurture women who have been abused and exploited, so that they can regain their confidence and learn skills to earn an income for their families.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory.

Friday 7 October is Family Fast Day – A Retiring Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 8/9 October.

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

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 1 October 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Ian Restall
- 2 October 10.30 a.m.
Percy Sam
Jan Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses

- 1 October 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
- 2 October 10.30 a.m.
Rose Mulvey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 8 October 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Marian Anderson
- 9 October 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Mary Allum

Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 8 October 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
- 9 October 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

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Threshold of Hope (Formation, mission and relationships)

Returning to Sunday Mass and the practice of our Faith.

Why is Sunday so important for Christians?

Sunday is a day of life and of glory. On that day, Christ, the life of the faithful, rose from the dead. We remember and celebrate this saving event in a special way on a Sunday. But more than that, the Crucified and Risen Christ comes to us in the celebration of the Mass. He speaks to us through the living word of the Sacred Scriptures. He feeds us, body and soul, with his own divine life in Holy Communion. He calls us out of our individual activities and isolation and gathers us together as His Church, a people set apart to give thanks and praise to Him.

Sunday is the Day of the Lord. It is on this day that we meet the Risen Christ, and we are formed into a community of faith, hope and love by the power of His Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Bishop's Pastoral Visit Wednesday 12 October.

Bishop Alan will visit the school from 2.00 p.m. He will celebrate Mass at 7.30 p.m. and will meet the parishioners in the hall afterwards.

A Bishop visit is a blessing on the parish. I hope many will come and fill our church and to meet him afterwards.

During the Mass he will confirm some of our young parishioners. Confirmation comes after Baptism and our parents should encourage them to receive and be sealed with the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders cover in addition to grace, a sacramental character or 'seal' of which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood.

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.

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.

Social Corner

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL CORNER

PARISH QUIZ EVENING.

Date for your diaries - 8 October after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please book your place by putting your name on the list at the back of Church or emailing sarah.barber.email@gmail.com

Teams can be for up to 8 people. Tickets are £3 each. Please bring your own food and drink, and we look forward to seeing you there.

A FEW ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12 November – Social event with
Supper

Saturday 10 December – Mulled Wine &
Mince Pies

Please add these dates to your diary. More details to follow as we get closer to the above dates.

Help is Needed

Leaves are already coming down with all the dry weather and, as Autumn approaches, Fr. Leslie needs people to come around regularly and clean up leaves from around the Hall and the Church and down the side of the house. If you could help or you know of someone who could help with this task, please come along to help. If you are able to help, please bring a leaf-rake or leaf blower and bags and also dispose of them – that would be great. Tim does help but he needs help as does Fr. Leslie. Please come forward.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

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EWTN and Radio (St. Clare
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Walsingham, NR22 6BY
(0208 350 2542))

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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.

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: 5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



Pope on Twitter



I pray that the Church, and each of us, may be granted the grace to discover the Lord Jesus in our brothers or sisters who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, lacking clothing and dignity, sick and imprisoned

I wish once more to declare that the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is today, more than ever, a crime not only against the dignity of human beings but against any possible future for our common home

I join in the appeal of the bishops of #Cameroon for the liberation of eight people kidnapped in the diocese of Mamfe, including five priests and a religious sister. Let's #PrayTogether for them and for the peoples of Bamenda: may the Lord grant #peace to that dear country.

Mary, Queen of Peace, comfort the Ukrainian people and obtain from the heads of Nations the strength of will to find immediate, effective initiatives to bring the war to an end.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 25 September you gave £310.00. with £69.00 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: Thomas Layton, Barbara Fonies, David Gower, Margaret Stone, Rina Ellingford, Hannah Eberie, Cieran McKenna, James Walsh, and Jean Mateer.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Michael Hopkins (1994), Fr. Henry Healy (1967), Fr. David Logue (1976), Canon Edward Heery (1928), Fr. Harold Cahill (1970), Fr. Alfred Clements (1931).

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY

This feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day (7 October) in the year 1570, a favour due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam.

Light
Laughter

What's red and smells like blue paint? Red paint!

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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 1 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.



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