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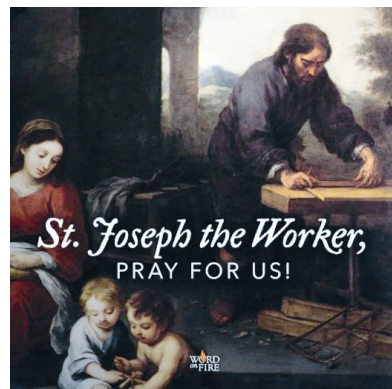
## Mission Statement

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 1 August 2021



## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Have you ever experienced biting hunger and burning thirst? Satisfying our hunger or quenching our thirst is essential to health and well-being. We are, however, much more than just our body. The human person is a union of body and soul. For sure, we need food and water for the body, but how is the soul nourished?

The soul is fed through the Word of God (the Scriptures) and the Bread of Life (the Eucharist). Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is food for our soul, nourishing and sustaining us in this life and in the life to come. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we know communion with the flesh of the risen Christ.

This gift nourishes the life of grace we received at baptism. We cannot grow and mature in the Christian life unless we receive this Bread of Life. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church so wonderfully expresses it: This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death, when it will be given to us as viaticum.

Physical hunger or thirst is easy to detect; however, once starvation sets in, we no longer experience hunger. Detecting spiritual hunger or thirst is harder because a kind of starvation may already have taken hold. However, when we do recognize it, we become open and receptive to the promptings and leadings of the Holy Spirit. It is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit to know we are hungry and thirsty for God's love and truth.

St. Augustine of Hippo said: "Give me persons in love; they know what I mean. Give me those who yearn; give me those who are hungry; give me those far away in the desert, who are thirsty and sigh for the spring of the eternal country. Give me those kinds of people; they know what I mean. But if I speak to cold persons, they just do not know what I am talking about".

*Lord God, I hunger and thirst to know you, the Bread of Life, more and more each day.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 31	Mass at 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 1	Mass at 10.30 a.m. Andrew Burton <i>Jackson Family</i>
Monday 2	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 3	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 4	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 5	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Friday 6	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass

The church is open for Private prayer all day.  
Mass is celebrated privately except on  
Tuesdays and Fridays when there will be a  
public mass at 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 7 Church open for private  
prayer from 10.00 a.m.  
Confession by Appointment  
or before Mass on request

Please note: That masses said during  
the week either privately or public are  
offered for anyone who requests a mass  
to be said as on Saturdays or Sundays.  
Please remember one mass must be for  
the People of the Parish. Your parish  
priest has that obligation.

The feast on Friday 6 August is that of  
the Transfiguration of the Lord.

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	Mass at 6.00 p.m. Lena Curry (sick) <i>A. Turvey</i>
Sunday 8	Mass at 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

\* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass  
offered for them. This also forms part of  
your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for  
family and friends.

## Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Philomena Dawson, Phyllis  
Allum, Jean Smith, Hannah Baynham,  
Albert Waller, Catherine Chesters, and  
Agnes Dean

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Thomas Jordon  
(2020), and Deacon Frederick Wall (2003)

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:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson,  
Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, 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.



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to Our  
Sunday Liturgy.

Now that the government has lifted all the restrictions, we  
hope to welcome back our parishioners who have not yet  
returned. It is important that our community come together  
again and catch up with your friends and what is happening  
in our parish. However, we do expect you to still wear face  
coverings and observe a safe distance. All our Covid-related

safety information is on our website.

In today's liturgy we rejoice because of the great nourishment that God gives us  
daily through Christ, who is the bread of life. Through Christ, we as Christians have  
undergone what Paul refers to as the spiritual revolution, which is contrary to the  
physical revolution of the Israelites in the desert against Moses and God. So our  
satisfaction is no longer dependent only material things, but mostly on spiritual  
things and food (that is the Eucharist) which Christ provides for us on our journey.  
The big lessons from today's readings teach us that when we pay too much attention  
on material things, we might fail to pay attention to the spiritual ones or might even  
forget the goodness of God in the past. Finally, the gospel teaches us that Christ  
is the bread from heaven and is present in the Holy Eucharist. So each time we  
receive Him both physically and spiritually, we receive more life and satisfaction.  
He is the one who feeds us and strengthens us on our journey in this world as God  
strengthened the Israelites in the desert when, "He gave them bread from heaven".

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every  
moment thine.

I wish you all a restful weekend and if you are going on holiday may it be peaceful  
and come home rested and safely. Please remember not to forget Our Lord. Find out  
where the nearest Catholic Church is located.

Every blessing on you all and peace in your hearts. *Fr. Leslie*

## March For Life -

### Saturday 4 September 2021

This year March for Life UK will be back on the  
streets of the Capital. Join the Pro-life movement in  
marching for life on Saturday 4th September 2021.  
For more details see [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

You can also watch their online 'Lifestream2021' on  
their website. If you are suffering after an abortion?  
Find help at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

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notice on the notice board.

## Christian Life

The Christian life is many things – However, the  
source and summit of Christian life is the gift of  
the Eucharist. It is this act of worship that  
reaches the very height, the very essence, the  
pinnacle of what Christian life is. This is because  
Christian life in Jesus Christ.

In the Eucharist we receive and Jesus receives us.  
The Eucharist is food: food for this life and food  
for the next. We are unity of body and soul. We  
are a unity of body and soul. Just as food feeds  
our physical bodies, so the Eucharist feeds our  
souls. Our faith demands that we approach the  
Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching  
Christ himself. The Eucharist is a mystery of  
presence. It is the Bread of Life.

## Building Repairs

Over the next few weeks, work will be starting  
on our church building. Please be careful.

## Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme for cou-  
ples who may have difficulties with their mar-  
riage. It aims to give couples the tools to enable  
them to see new hope for their marriages and  
family life. Confidentiality is assured for every-  
one. Retrouvaille does not provide counselling  
but a new way of communicating. There is no  
pressure on anyone to attend or complete the  
course but for most it is a very positive experi-  
ence. Retrouvaille brings forgiveness and heal-  
ing into the heart of the Sacrament of Matrimo-  
ny and brings hope and new life into couples re-  
lationships, which flows on to their children. As  
Pope Benedict XVI said of Retrouvaille:

"Thus, at the moment of the breaking up, you  
become the concrete possibility for the couple  
to have a positive point of reference to which  
they can entrust themselves in their despair. In  
fact, when their relationship breaks, couples fall  
in deep solitude both individually and as cou-  
ples. They lose the horizon of their communion  
with God, with others and with the Church. At  
this point, your programme offers the "hook" so  
that they may not be totally lost and may grad-  
ually climb over the cliff. I love to think of you  
as custodians of a bigger hope for the couples  
who have lost it." For more information please  
Phone or Text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443  
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Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)  
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## Mass Attendance

Saturday 24 July: 27

Sunday 25 July: 55

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## Leonard Lodge

### Become a friend of Leonard Lodge, Barchester Healthcare.

Have you ever thought of volunteering and what joy that can bring to yourself and others? Leonard Lodge care home in Hutton, Brentwood is looking for volunteers from the local community to consider becoming a friend of our home and support residents.

At Leonard Lodge we recognize the special impact volunteers can have on the lives of residents who live within our home. There are many ways to volunteer and become a friend to our residents, we can talk to you and explore the best ways that suit you, your personality, skills and interests. The various ways in which people can volunteer are endless, some volunteers love to be very involved with our residents while others prefer to do tasks that enhance their lives without the face to face involvement, this might be a person who is good at woodwork and they can make a 'play your cards right' wooden display board or large garden game or gardening advice on multi-sensory area and plants.

For those who would enjoy more contact with our lovely residents there are so many wonderful ways that residents would appreciate for example, chatting & reminiscing, scrabble, dominoes, gardening with them, supporting trips out, helping our Activities Coordinators with events. To find out more please contact Lynn or Julie on 01277 263939. Email - activities.leonardlodge@barchester.com

## Cathedral Concerts

On behalf of Andrew Wright, I am delighted to inform you that on Friday 6 August six year old violinist Hermione Duan will be giving her Debut Concert in Brentwood Cathedral. This will take place at the later time of 5.30 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes. Hermione will be accompanied by musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra who will include her violin teacher Jennifer Christie as well as Roderick Elms on the organ and harpsichord.

As you are aware due to Covid restrictions we have been unable to have our popular twice monthly Lunchtime Recitals this year and we hope that this Concert will be the start of many. In order to get an idea of the number of people attending and due to much interest, we are issuing tickets which you can obtain by emailing Margaret MacLeay at [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) and which you can collect on arrival at the Cathedral. As is the case with these concerts there will be no admission fee.

We very much look forward to welcoming you back to Brentwood Cathedral. The wearing of masks is obligatory and seating will be in accordance with recent regulations in force for attendance at the Cathedral.

## 200 Club

Thank you for all those who help the parish by joining the 200 Club. We would appreciate if more would join. It costs just £2.00 per month (£24.00 per year) and there is a monthly draw. The parish gets half and you lovely people get the other half in the form of a choice of three monetary prizes – the first £50.00. *Thank you.*

## Prayer & Liturgy

The catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us "Our Sunday liturgy is a participation in Christ's own prayer addressed to the Father in the Holy Spirit. In the liturgy all Christian prayer finds its source and goal. Through the liturgy the inner man is rooted and grounded in the 'Great love with which the Father loved us' in his beloved son." (1073)

## Catholic Bishops' Conference of England And Wales

### Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

#### SUNDAY – IT IS OUR DAY

On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission was rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.



## Pope on Twitter



In this time of pandemic, the Tokyo Olympics are a sign of hope, a sign of universal brotherhood marked by a healthy competitive spirit

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things

Dear grandparents, what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Let's never forget this.

The significance of this Day is that every grandfather and grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, might be visited by an angel!

## Finance News

For the week ending 24 July you gave £82.95 of which £10.00 was through Gift Aid.

Anonymous donation of £100.

Standing Orders received, from 6 June – 5 July £2680.00 *Thank you all so very much.*

Please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the front page of the newsletter. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then bank.

*Thank you and God Bless.*

## Standing Orders

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## Mass

Don't forget to have a Mass said for repose of the soul of family and friends or those who are sick or private intentions. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please enclose a donation.

Light  
**Laughter**

So a vowel called E saves another vowel's life.

The other vowel says – Aye E, I owe you!

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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.

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