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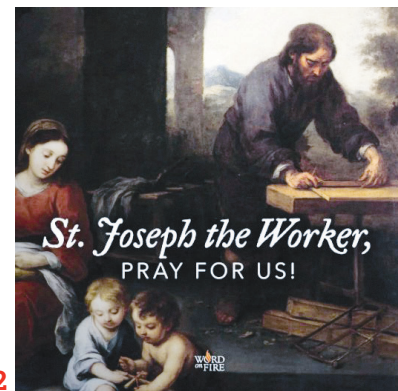
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Mission Statement

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 4 September 2022



"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple"

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus preached the kind of message the world doesn't like to hear. Taking up the cross, counting the cost, renouncing all we have: these are concepts we naturally tend to dislike. Of course, Jesus doesn't want us to hate our parents or siblings, but he's making the point that we mustn't allow anyone, however close to us, to come in the way of observing him. If we put anyone else before Jesus, there's something wrong with that relationship. Today's parables explain what it means to be a disciple. We would laugh at someone who set out to build a tower without counting the cost, or who set out to battle without considering the strength of his enemy. We realize that forethought and planning are needed in our daily lives, but we don't always apply this to our spiritual lives. We shouldn't hide from the fact that there's a cost to discipleship: commitment to Jesus isn't something to undertake lightly. If we're to persevere and grow as disciples, we need discipline and a firm foundation of regular prayer, Scripture reading, repentance and receiving the Eucharist.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyred by the Nazis in 1945, wrote movingly about the cost and joy of discipleship: 'Suffering...is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his master...if we refuse to take up our cross and submit to suffering and rejection at the hands of men, we forfeit our fellowship with Christ and have ceased to follow him. But if we lose our lives in his service and carry our cross, we shall find our lives again in fellowship of the cross with Christ'. The acts of the early Christian martyrs show how Christ transfigures for his own the hour of their mortal agony by granting them the unspeakable assurance of his presence. To bear the cross proves to be the only way of triumphing over suffering.

'Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more'. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3	6.00 p.m. Joe & Dorothy Duranti (Sick) A.Turvey
Sunday 4	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5	9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 6	7.30 p.m. No Mass Intentions
Thursday 7	9.00 a.m. Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	9.30 a.m. School Mass – All are welcome to attend
Saturday 10	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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10	6.00 p.m. Thomas Looney RIP
Sunday 11	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 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 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.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

3 September	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Mark Brennan
4 September	10.30 a.m. Sarah Barber Jan Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses

3 September	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
4 September	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

10 September	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Carol Turnbull
11 September	10.30 a.m. Mary Allum Sharon Ruffles

Readers For Next Week's Masses

10 September	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
11 September	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our parish community.

It would be such a wonderful experience to see our church full at our Sunday masses. It is a serious obligation to attend Mass at the weekend as I have mentioned before. I am very disappointed that I have seen not many of our First Communion parents at Mass during the summer holidays. I totally realise that many of you are away on holiday. Even on holiday, wherever you are, Sunday Mass is accepting The Lord's invitation to come to his banquet. Sadly, many in our world today decide not to come to His Banquet for whatever reason

Also I have noticed those preparing for Confirmation are on holiday. Whatever your reason Jesus loves you. Jesus is always with you. He wants you to come and visit Him. We are his children, sons and daughters. The proof of this is that 'God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out ABBA, FATHER'. (Gal 4:6) The very words that Christ prayed in the Our Father are given to us so that we can reach out to our Heavenly Father and know his care and love for us.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that there is a price to pay in becoming a disciple. Jesus likens discipleship to the building of a tower. He says that the builder will need to calculate the cost and plan the execution of the project in order to ensure its completion. So, to be a disciple and to build our faith in Jesus, we too need to calculate the cost and begin with full determination to finish. Each of us must ask ourselves, what is the cost of being a Christian? Had our faithfulness to the gospel ever cost us money, reputation, the possibility of advancement, property or even family harmony? How can we explain such courage and commitment. The first reading reminds us 'God sends the Holy Spirit to guide us not to condemn the former but to emulate the latter'. In our second reading Paul allows us to read over his shoulder as he writes to Philemon, a new convert to Christianity, telling him to look after the welfare of his slave Onesimus and treat him with dignity and respect and not just a living tool whose life and death depended on his master. In the second parable Jesus offers the king as an example of someone who can assess a situation and plan accordingly. The king has to alter his plans as the situation warranted. Jesus requires similar good sense from us, his disciples, who should be able to carefully read the signs of the times and allow the needs at the time to formulate their agenda. Instead of setting out with a script from which we will never deviate, let us leave room for the spirit of Jesus, who might guide us in a direction we did not plan and empower us to serve in ways we never imagined.

Every blessing to you all. May all who have died experience your Divine mercy.

Fr. Leslie

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

Norbertine Priory

Opening Mass for The New Norbertine Priory in Peckham.

Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. We very much hope you will be able to join us. If you are able to come, please email Fr. Stephen on Stephen.morris@norbertines.org.uk

First Communion

Parents – Meeting with Fr. Leslie and the Catechist on Wednesday 21 September. 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start.

Remember to come on time.

Children meet on Saturday 25 September. 9.00 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. start. Please make every effort to be on time.

School Returns

Our children are back at school on 5 September. I hope you all had a great time.

Evangelization

Parents and God parents, if your younger members of the family or even parents do not come to our Sunday celebration, please do the following:

Pray for them

Encourage them to do so (do not let them follow the wrong path) but rather live their faith and do good works as we are reminded in the scriptures so often.

Do not let the world solely become our god. We can all evangelize by openly living our Catholic faith – pray, especially the rosary, reflect on the scriptures and have a belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

We also need readers to proclaim the word of God at our celebrations of our liturgy, clearly.

We need stewards to welcome and help with the smooth running of our celebration.

We need church cleaners so that God's home is clean and welcoming amongst other things.

Live Truth – Live Catholic.

Baptism for August

We welcome Alexander Victor Liddle into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their parents will be faithful in teaching and praying with their families. This is a responsibility they took on the day of Alexander's Baptism.

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St. Joseph Social events - 1 FREE PIZZA!

We are planning a Youth Social evening after 6.00 p.m. Mass next Saturday, 10 September. Invites/posters will be available at both Masses this weekend. If you need any more details, please contact Francesca Morris: morris5francesca@gmail.com

St Joseph The Worker YOUTH SOCIAL EVENING

Pizza and social evening event for youth of St. Joseph the Worker Parish church in new school year 9-13 as well as those who have just left year 13

The evening will include FREE Domino's pizza and team activities (soft drinks i.e. squash and water will also be available)

Date of event: 10/9/2022

Time of event: 7pm-9pm (after 6pm mass)

If this youth event is successful then future events will be organised!

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED FOR SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING REASONS



Scan QR code for the form

RSVP by 8/9/2022 (any completed later than that please send me an additional email which can be found on the form)

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.

Also we need more church cleaners to keep the church clean and fresh. This is normally done on a Thursday morning for about one hour. Parishioners often say 'If you need any help, let us know'

Well, as above, I need your help!

Refreshments After 10.30 am 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. Tonight - 3 September, followed by Saturday 1 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel www.ewtnnews.com/catholic

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.

Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

"YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE, YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE OR HIS MANSERVANT, OR HIS MAIDSERVANT, OR HIS OX, OR HIS ASS, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S".

In brief:

"Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

The ninth commandment warns against lust or carnal concupiscence.

The struggle against carnal lust involves purifying the heart and practicing temperance.

Purity of heart will enable us to see God, it enables us even now to see things according to God.

Purification of the heart demands prayer, the practice of chastity, purity of intention and vision.

Purity of heart requires the modesty which is patience, decency, and discretion. Modesty protects the intimate centre of the person.

To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

Bible Alive

September 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.

St. Joseph Social events - 2

A few additional dates for your diary –



Saturday 8 October – Quiz Evening

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.

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.



Pope on Twitter



Today, more than ever, we need a non-worldly liturgy, one that makes us raise our eyes toward Heaven to experience that the world and life are inhabited by the Mystery of Christ; and at the same time, a liturgy that is not distanced from life.

Let us #PrayTogether during this #SeasonOfCreation so that the UN COP27 and COP15 Summits might unite the human family in decisively confronting the double crisis of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity.

May this year's theme, "Listen to the voice of creation", foster a concrete commitment in each person to take care of our common home. Prey to our consumerist excesses, our sister, mother earth, weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and destruction

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and the beginning of the #SeasonOfCreation, which will conclude on 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 28 August you gave £285.00. with £77.00 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: Kathleen Oster Meyer, Philip Burton, Daniel Burns, Mark Kotulski, William Kiely, Gordon Hill, Elizabeth Eagle, and Anne Rimmer

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Patrick Cavanagh (2001), Mgr. Canon Michael Wilson (1970)

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.

Light

Laughter

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?
You rocket!

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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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Refreshments after 10.30 Mass on Sundays – we're back!

Refreshments will be served after 10.30 Mass TODAY and every Sunday going forward. Please sign up on the rota for September to December. New volunteers are always welcome.



Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays – TONIGHT!

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:

• 3 September • 1 October
5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



Mass Attendance

Saturday 27 August:	41
Sunday 28 August:	61



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