

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 31 January 2021

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Newsletter for fourth Sunday in Ordinary time.

Hello to all our parishioners. We are sorry that our church is closed for Holy Mass on Saturday and Sunday but it is open from 10.00 a.m. to midday on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Because the virus is still high in Brentwood and surrounding areas, we feel that it is necessary to remain closed for public worship.

In these difficult times we must trust that the Lord is with us and staying at home gives us a chance to switch off from our world and reflect on our relationship with Jesus and unite our feelings of anxiety, worries, loneliness, depression or negative thoughts to the cross on which Jesus died for us. In the Holy Mass we make present the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. He who came among us to take on our humanity to one day bring us to share in His Divinity. Let us pray each day to Mary who herself knew all about pain and suffering as she followed her Son to his Death and the

first Easter Day, - the Resurrection.

I ask you also commend to Our Blessed mother all those who are suffering from this virus and pray for all who have died from COVID 19, that they may now share their new life with God our Father and Creator and all the Saints in our heavenly homeland.

Finally let us recognise that we are not alone; that we owe a great debt to one another and that everything we do or say will have a positive or negative effect on others.

May I remind you that Mass intentions or offertory envelopes or any donation for our parish can be put through my letter box.

- ✦ Confessions are by appointment. ✦ Mass is offered privately during the week.
- ✦ Please keep in touch through our website and Facebook pages.

May God bless each one of you.

UPCOMING MASSES

SEASON OF THE YEAR BEFORE LENT (B) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Our Church will not be open for public mass. We shall look at this before the season of Lent, which begins on February 17th. Please remember though that Mass is offered each day, albeit privately. Our church is open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 a.m. until midday.

Saturday 30 January	Jack & Mary Connaughton RIP
Sunday 31 January	For the people of our parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 7 February	For the people of our parish
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Face Masks

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

Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

Time of Prayer from the Bishops of England and Wales

In these difficult moments, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer. As a family try as suggested by the Cardinal to pray each day for an end to this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

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.

Ash Wednesday

Is 17 February, it's a day of fasting and abstinence. More details about guidelines of receiving ashes will follow when available.

From The Saint

Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus – a sign that you have come close to him that he can kiss you.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all He, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.
St. Gianna Molla.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being: the cry for unending life which is part of the person is indeed answered. God exists that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.
Pope Benedict XVI

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Florence Scandell, Agnes Young, Mary Tuffin, and Sarah Postot.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Joseph Burns (1990), Fr. Eric Bindloss Smith (1987), and Fr. Francis Richardson (1957)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, 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.

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

To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers in The Parish

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on **0161 820 5722** and they will arrange for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00

or

DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00

Vaccines and their roll-out in the Community

All faith communities were asked to encourage and support the roll-out of the vaccines.

There should be explicit encouragement of community members to take up the offer of vaccines whenever it is offered to an individual. Evidence across the country is showing that there is "vaccination hesitancy" amongst certain groups of people, in particular the BAME community, because of misinformation on social media. There was strong encouragement from HMG to counteract this strongly.

In our case, the fact that Pope Francis will be vaccinated next week should be stressed along with his own personal endorsement for vaccination. See <https://www.rt.com/news/512030-pope-francis-covid19-vaccine/>

There was a request for volunteer support in areas with vaccination hubs/centres and this should be done through the local health commissioning groups. There are lots of different roles that are necessary such as stewarding, as well as a request for former healthcare workers to assist in the inoculation programme.

HMG published the Vaccination roll-out plan today. It is found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf

We raised the issue of vaccination for hospital chaplains and care home chaplains, as well as clergy in general, and this will be followed up by email.

Streaming of Mass

If you are watching Mass streamed from a Catholic Church, please observe the following:

Do not watch it in bed eating your breakfast (unless you have to be in bed).

Do not watch the mass drinking tea/coffee. The Mass is sacred and through the media this great mystery is happening in your home. We should behave as if we are in church.

First Holy Communion Parents

Everything at present is on hold because of Covid-19. However, there are three things you can do with your children. First, please contact our website/Sacraments. Should you wish your child to make his/her first Holy Communion at some point next year, Mary Lockwood, our parish administrator, will send you a form to fill in and return to the Presbytery by 10 January 2021. Secondly, we normally ask the children and parents to erect somewhere in your home, usually their bedroom, a "holy place" consisting of, maybe a crucifix, a rosary, a bible or whatever you wish to place on it. You and your child can pray together each evening. Perhaps you could send a photograph into the school or presbytery of your "holy place". Thirdly, we welcome you and your child to attend mass each Sunday which is a very important part of your desire for your child to make his/her first Holy Communion. These are three ways you can focus the family attention on this important sacrament. I will keep you informed about the progress we are making when it is prudent to do so.



Pope on Twitter



We are branches of the same vine, we are communicating vessels: the good and the bad each one does is poured out on the others. To the extent that we remain in God we draw closer to others, and to the extent that we draw closer to others we remain in God

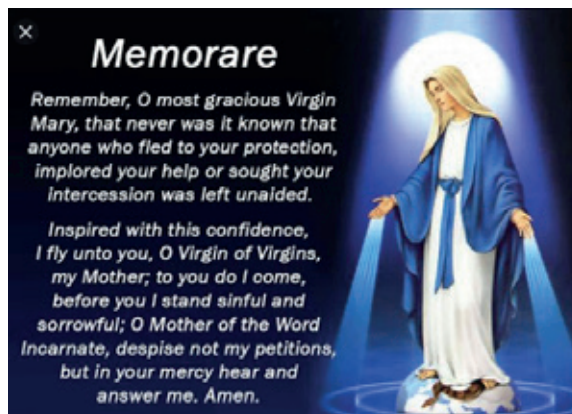
I wish to thank all those who, during this Week, have prayed and will continue to pray for #ChristianUnity.

Let us not ignore God's word! It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit.

May the Word of God sown in the soil of our hearts, lead us in turn to sow hope through closeness to others. Just as God has done with us

Prior to every word of ours about God, there is his word to us, his Word who continues to tell us: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I am at your side and I will always be there".

Jesus speaks of God to everyone, wherever they find themselves: he speaks "walking along the shore", to fishermen who were "casting their nets" (Mk 1:16). He speaks to people in the most ordinary times and places. Here we see the universal power of the Word of God.



Light
Laughter

My wife said I'm getting fat, but in my defense, I've had a lot on my plate recently!

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PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.