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## Stewards Of The Gospel

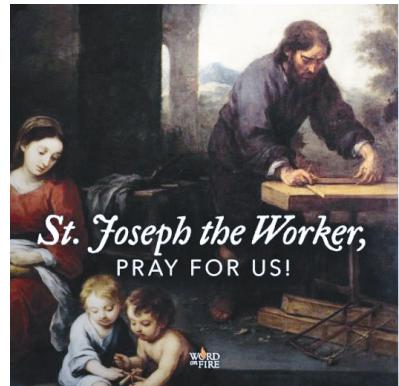
"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 7 November 2021

[www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)

## 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.



## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's reading we encounter the very real tension which exists between the external religious life (exemplified in the teachers of the law and the Pharisees) and the beauty of the interior life expressed in humble love, service and generosity towards God. Perhaps there is a way in which this tension exists in us all to some extent.

The fault of the Pharisees was that they loved the recognition, praise, status, social standing and affirmation which has, since time immemorial, been the privilege of those who enjoy elevated status within the community. They enjoyed it, milked it and even financially exploited it. However, their external adherence to the Torah had no impact on the evil and darkness within their own hearts. They assumed a holiness and righteousness which simply did not exist in reality.

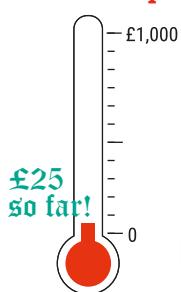
The temptation to rely on status and position must be very real for all bishops, priests, deacons and religious, but it's equally real for all of us who are baptised and serve in some capacity or other in our parishes or local communities. We should not seek our security and affirmation from external things but from God and in humbly serving him and our brothers and sisters.

The poor widow had the right attitude: she had the disposition of a true disciple. She was aware of her poverty, and was under no illusion who she was socially or before God. Another woman who had the disposition of a true disciple was Jeanne Jugan, the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Although she was removed from all responsibility and given the task of collecting money, food and clothing for the poor - by going both door-to-door and begging in the streets - she accepted this obscure new role willingly and without complaint. To further humiliations she answered with silence, gentleness and abandonment to the will of God.

Humility was at the heart of her spirituality, as it was for the poor widow.

'Little...very little. Be very little before God.' (St Jeanne Jugan)

## Christmas Hamper



Our Christmas hamper will be arriving shortly – to raffle towards our much-needed parish funds – as we have so many repairs to do on our parish property. Each year you have been very generous to St. Joseph's and I know you will be equally generous this year. I realise that many are struggling in one way or another, but we must not neglect God's house.

Also we will encourage you to send your Christmas Greetings to one another via the newsletter as we have done in the past.

Proceeds will go towards Brentwood Catholic Children's society.

Thanks again for your unfailing support.

## MISSIO Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in November so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly marked with your name and address.

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

## Faith Lift Day

Faith Lift Day on Sunday 14 November at the Sion Community, Brentwood, led by Michelle Moran, from 2.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m., with optional Mass for those who are not ministering in their parishes at 12.00 noon. If you are coming to Mass, please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Everyone is welcome, but please note that there are no separate activities for children, who remain with their parents. Parents with children may find the Family Days more suitable, see the website link below for details. From 7 November there are also online talks given by Michelle each Sunday on the same theme, which can be accessed on the link:

[FaithLift / 14th November 2021 – Sion Community](#)

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## **Upcoming Masses**

**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER**

Saturday 6	6.00 p.m. Mass O'Mahony Family RIP
Sunday 7	10.30 a.m. Roy Gonsanves-vo RIP
Monday 8	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 9	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 10	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 11	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Friday 12	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00p.m.
Saturday 13	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

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TIME YEAR (B)**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 14	10.30 a.m. Jourjon Family RIP

\* 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. Envelopes in the Narthex.

**PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance.**

### **Anniversaries**

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

#### **We pray for:**

Robert Richardson, John Wing, Norah Manning, Mary Pearce, Bernard Woods, Clementine Schembri, and Richard Bohannon

**Priests of our Diocese:** Cardinal John Carmel Heenan (One time priest of our diocese) (1975), Fr. William Philpot (1949), Deacon Norman Wiseman (1993), and Canon Denis Petry (1990),

**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.**

### **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.

### **Advertising your business**

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for details.

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Welcome to all our parishioners to our Sunday Liturgy today.

I am hoping that many more of our parishioners will return to one of our Sunday Masses, especially during the Advent season in preparation for Christmas.

In the newsletter we are printing articles on helping you to understand your faith in three ways: Formation, Mission and Relationship. It appears in the newsletter under the "The Journey Home" headline which changes each week. Please also log in to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk) or follow the journey on Twitter and Facebook or YouTube.

Our Christmas Hamper will be arriving shortly which is a major fund raiser for our Parish. Funds we badly need. You can pick up an envelope and place £5 inside and put your name and contact details on the envelope. Thank you very much. It would also help us enormously if you could increase what you give to the church by 10% to help us. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

The words of Jesus which we hear in today's Gospel were pronounced by Jesus a few days before his death. Jesus knew that he would soon join his Father in Heaven like any man or woman who comes into this world. Jesus would give up his soul to the Father. For all of us when we die, we will be judged by Jesus at the moment of death which anticipates the Last Judgement of all mankind.

In the gospel today Jesus is already judging those among the scribes who act for their own glory instead of seeking that of God. We will soon receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us give ourselves fully to him! Let us ask Mary, the Mother of us all, to help us to give ourselves to God! May Mary accompany us on our path of faith and love, the path she was first to travel, all the way to the foot of the cross. Let our prayer be O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

God Bless to you all and your families.

Have a safe and Holy week.

### **Advent**

The first Sunday of Advent is 28 November. Not long now. This is the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus our Saviour by being humble to receive the grace of our Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can do this at any catholic church if you wish. The good news of God's grace is that he has provided us with the means to restore our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters. Do try and go as a family!

### **Journey Home (Continued):**

By Loving God and our neighbour, The call of the gospel to love challenges each one of us to respond by looking beyond ourselves to the needs of others. In part, our response will depend on our state of life. For example, the reality of the cross embraced by the sick is different from the one inspiring the young adult volunteering at a refugee centre or the one challenging parents to be the best and first teacher of the faith to their children. Each of us, in our own way, makes real Christ's sacrificial love in our world, a love that has a special concern for the weakest, the poorest and the most despised. The catechism of the Catholic church notes that "the eucharist commits us to the poor" (no 1397).

The body of Christ that is broken for us at mass moves us to respond to all that is broken, bruised ad hurting in humanity. The blood of Christ shed for us provides us with the grace to shed our own self esteem – self interest in loving service to others. The honour we offered the eucharist compels us to honour those considered 'the least' by the world. And when this happens we gather are support others along the path of salvation that is Christ the Lord. (To Be continued) Find out more at [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

### **Christmas Hamper**

Please pick up an envelope from the Narthex. And write your name and phone number on it, plus £5 inside to support our parish finances and one lucky person will win a lovely hamper. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **The Catenian Association**

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups worldwide, known as Circles. Through our monthly meetings and varied



programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise.

You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931

### **Bible Alive**

For November is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of your home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.

Christmas Cards can also be ordered – which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

### **Candlelight fund for CAFOD**

Please pick up a candlelight fund leaflet – it's a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory, now and in the future, will be combined to make a life changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest communities. It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark a special event like a loved ones Birthday. Please take a leaflet and read what it's all about.

## Confirmation 2022

If you wish to be confirmed next year, please give me in writing your name and contact details. You should be 14+. The preparation course begins in January 2022. Confirmation is the second sacrament where you will be anointed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his Gifts. By this anointing the confirmed receives to 'seal' or 'mark' of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a sign of authority or ownership of the object. Christ himself declared that he was marked with his father's seal. The seal of the Holy Spirit makes our total belonging to Christ, our enrolment in his service for ever, as well as promise of divine protection. In the prayer....."Send your Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide - give them the spirit of Wisdom and understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, spirit of wonder and Love".... I ask our parents to engage in conversation about the important sacrament offered to our young teenagers for their journey in life.

## November Dead Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex.

## 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.

## 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. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered. And of course, in these Covid times, we have to take bookings for Mass to ensure that we adhere to the restrictions. This process will be much simpler for all if you have already registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP**

## 200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

*Thank you and God Bless.*

## Calais Light

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)



Just some of the goodies and gifts that are available in our very well stocked Repository. Please pop in before or after Mass and have a browse. No supply chain shortages or lack of lorry drivers here!"

## Repository – help needed

The Repository is opened up before and after Saturday Mass by Mandy but we urgently need someone to do the same at the 10.30 Mass. Please! Full training given. It really is very simple and will help our parish community immensely. Thanks in advance. Just let Fr. Leslie know if you can spend a little time to help or email Mary direct from our website.

## Sunday Offertory

If you give by standing order or by bank transfer, please put your surname and initials as reference. If you gift aid, please put your name and gift aid no. If you do not pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. QR codes are a new online donation system which has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate by using the QR codes directly for a parish. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

Attendance last weekend was a big jump from the previous week. It was great to welcome so many of you back to our Parish community.

*Thank you for your support and God Bless to you and your families.*

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 40, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## St Joseph The Worker School

The school Admissions Policy for 2023/2024 is now on the school website and can be found as follows:

[www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk)

Key Information/Admissions/Admissions Policy 2023/2024

## Finance

On the back page of the newsletter you will see a number of QR codes. If you do not give by standing order, or enveloped or online donations, then with your phone, please give through the QR codes. The white bucket at the back of the church is there for those who have neither of the above.

## 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.

## Pope on Twitter



There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one. Our deceased loved ones continue to take care of us from Heaven. They pray for us, and we pray for them and we pray with them.

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace

Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world, together with this immense flowering of saintly men and women who populate the earth and who have made their life a hymn to God.

## Finance News

For the week ending 31 October you gave £165.00 of which £41.00 was through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: £25.00 to date. Keep 'em coming!

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.*

## 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.**

**Light Laughter**

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?  
Ten (tickles)!

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## PLEASE USE QR CODES FOR YOUR GIVING INSTEAD OF CASH

Donate £3.00



### Donate with Giftaid-it

Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Donate £20.00



If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

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### Donate without Giftaid-it

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Donate £10.00



Donate £20.00



To make a donation please scan the QR code for the appropriate amount. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration.

## QR Codes

### What are they and how do they work?

A QR (Quick Response) code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. In our instance, the QR code will take you directly to a website where you can make your donation digitally, instead of using cash. The Diocese is wanting ALL churches to use this form of giving to replace cash which is time consuming and expensive to count and check. Using the QR code enables the parish to save time and money – both of which are very welcome!

So please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the back page of the newsletter each week. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then take to the bank. And amazingly some banks have actually stopped taking cash! **Thank you and God Bless.**

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We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under "communication".

## **Food Hub**

This takes place at St. Georges Church in Ongar every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. The Food Hub is also available at St. Peters in Hutton.

## **A prayer for the COP26 Climate Talks (31 October – 12 November)**

"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." Pope Francis – Laudato Si

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe, And in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us

As stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they

Seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions

For the poorest and most vulnerable, And commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

We are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow (including Pope Francis who plans to attend in person) work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. To assist with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD have produced a prayer resource, enclosed, for use in both the parish and the home. If you are interested in ordering more prayer cards or downloading extra posters, please visit: [shop.cafod.org.uk/cbcew-cop26](http://shop.cafod.org.uk/cbcew-cop26)

## **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.

## **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

## **Supporting Children's emotional health and well being**

As we begin the huge task of dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in our diocese, our message to families is simple "We are here for you if and for as long as you need us." If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact BCCS.

Visit our website at [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

Contact us: [headoffice@bccs.org](mailto:headoffice@bccs.org)

Childcare, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9EH

Please see poster in the notice board outside the church Damian Dillon, Community Engagement Officer, [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk)