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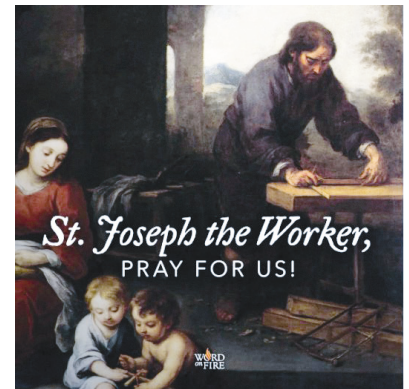
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Mission Statement

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 6 February 2022



“Jesus said “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch”. When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.”

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

We crossed into a new millennium 20 years ago and a new stage of the Church’s journey began. At the heart of this new adventure was the new evangelization, a fresh, new and dynamic momentum to ‘put out into the deep’, or ‘Due in Altum’.

Peter and his fellow disciples trusted Jesus’ words and cast their nets, and, ‘When they had done so. they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break’.

These words, ‘put out into the deep’, still ring out today, inviting us to remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence, because. ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

To ‘put out into the deep’ is related primarily to evangelization, of winning souls for Christ. Jesus is the goal of history and the One Saviour of the world. The Church and the Spirit cry out in unity, ‘Maranatha’ or ‘Come. Lord Jesus’.

He is also the goal and purpose of our lives, and the litmus test of faith is always: do you know Jesus Christ our Lord? For in knowing and loving him we become strengthened in grace and desire to share this blessing with others.

We are called not to be afraid but to be fishers of men and women. We are called to understand the deep desires and longings of every human heart, but to do this we must first understand our own. We thirst to know the Living God. We cry out to know his mercy and forgiveness in such a way that deep joy and happiness well up within.

The Spirit is the One who quenches thirst and brings new life. This is God’s merciful love which was made known in Christ. When we come to touch his goodness, kindness and compassion our hearts sing out: ‘O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever’. We are ambassadors of God’s mercy, channels of his love, and witnesses of his goodness and kindness.

Lord, fill my heart with the confidence to win others over to the living love and mercy of God.

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Upcoming Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

JANUARY

- Saturday 5 6.00 p.m. Mass
John & Nora Dillane RIP
Bray/Lockwood Families
- Sunday 6 10.30 a.m. Mass
Layla Petrous RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 8 9.00 a.m. Mass John & Nora Dillane RIP
(Bray/Lockwood Families)
- Thursday 10 9.00 a.m. Mass
Sandra Friar RIP
(Liz White)

FEAST OF OUR LADY LOURDES

- Friday 11 11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass
for Liz Kent RIP
- Saturday 12 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament
of Reconciliation

Church Open all week for Private prayer
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 12 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of our Parish
- Sunday 13 10.30 a.m. Mass
For all ministers who
ministered in the parish
during the pandemic.

* 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.

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Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Eileen Worwood

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Francis Richardson (1937), Fr. Alan Wilox (1988), Canon Bernard Manning (1986), Pope Pius XI (1939), Fr. Donald Mills (2013), Fr. John Garrett (2020).

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.

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.

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.

Elizabeth Kent (Liz) RIP

Our prayerful sympathy to the family of Liz Kent who recently died. Funeral Mass for Liz Kent will take place on 11 February at 11.00 a.m. Burial at Woodman Road Cemetery. Please remember the family in your prayers. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. (Access to the School gates for parking will not open till 10.30 a.m. due to the children's break).

Diocesan Directories

Diocesan Directories are available in the Narthex - £2.30



Welcome to all Our Parishioners and visitors to our Sunday Mass. Today's readings remind us that God's call is to a person and the positive response to that leads us to be a follower of Jesus. Isaiah in the first reading today and Peter in today's gospel express their unworthiness. Isaiah says 'what a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts'. Peter says in the gospel when he saw the catch of fish at the Lord's command, 'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man'.

For both these were life changing experiences. Every one of us by virtue of baptism has a special call from God to carry out a specific mission. Each person has a unique imprint to make in the world that no one else can. St. Francis de Sales said 'We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish'.

God extends his call to everyone. He trusts that we can do it. The question we ask 'do we respond positively to God's call?' The call could be to help a person in need. Maybe to forgive someone who has hurt us. Maybe to respond to a need in our parish or some social service. Maybe to pray for others especially if we have been asked. Maybe a call to the priesthood or religious life or to married or single life. Pope Francis says 'we will never discover the special, personal call if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world'.

In this Mass, we pray that God will enkindle in our hearts the passion to answer His call, like Mary, Isaiah, Paul and Peter and many others. A call to love, to serve, to be holy, to make a difference in our world.

Please note.

The Confirmation programme begins this Sunday at 5.00 p.m. Your parents are invited to this meeting as we lay out the programme for the next few months. The Bishop will visit our parish and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30 p.m. Since this is a parish visitation all our parishioners are warmly invited to come to the Mass and to meet with Bishop Alan in the hall afterwards. I do hope that as well as our confirmation candidates and their families, our parish family will take up this invitation. *Thank you*

Synod Consultation Zoom Listening

Mary wishes to thank you for all who have handed in suggestions for consultation, participation and mission. They will be collated and submitted as part of our parish's input to the consultation which is currently taking place across the world.

Face Coverings

Face Masks are required when you come to Mass, Baptisms or Funerals. The only exception are for children under 11 and for those who have a medical reason.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for January 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 our 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.

First Communion Parents

May I invite you to bring your children to church for about 10 minutes before the Tabernacle as you pick them up from school.

Walsingham House

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/2023 - If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young catholic community. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. More information Contact Joseph Beathe 01277 373959 or josephbeathe@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Synodal Pathway

I would like to keep you updated as to how you can participate in the Synodal Pathway. If you live, work or worship in Essex or East London, the Diocese of Brentwood Synod Team would love to see you at one of our online listening sessions as part of Pope Francis' call to Journey Together along our Synodal Pathway. All the sessions are free and open to everyone. We hope to hear the Holy Spirit speaking through those who join us.

To book, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/online-listening-sessions-91519>

Mary Brooks

For Readers

We are planning an evening for Readers later in February. We also would like parishioners to offer to join the rota. Ask yourself. Are you confident and clear reader? Would you like the privilege to proclaim the living word of God to the community at Mass? If so please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie (guidance and training will be given).

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Altar Servers

If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children. Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

Eucharist Ministers

We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23 – 30 July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a two-year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

Candles

Lighting candles has restarted – Please be careful when sanitizing your hands – that you don't over-do them especially if you are lighting a candle. (Sanitiser and flames do not go together!). If you can use the QR for your candle donation, that would be wonderful.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

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).

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. – Matthew 6:14
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. – Matthew 22:34-39



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.

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

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 number. 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 directly to a parish by using the QR codes. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Confirmation 2022

The first meeting for confirmation will be Sunday 6 February at 5.00 p.m. in the parish hall. This meeting is for both the candidates and their parents. Anyone one else who wishes to join the programme (14+), please contact Fr. Leslie prior to this date. The sacramental life of the church is important for all of us to stay close to Jesus, as we journey through life. Please pray and come forward to receive this sacrament. 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 the '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.

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.



Pope on Twitter



Saint John Bosco, father and teacher of the young, did not shut himself up in the sacristy. He went out into the streets to look for young people, with the creativity that was his hallmark.

On World Leprosy Day #LetsPrayTogether for those who suffer from this disease, that they may never lack spiritual support and health assistance. It is necessary to work together for their full integration.

Jesus goes the way of the prophets: he presents himself as we would not expect. He is not found by those who seek miracles, new sensations, a faith made up of power and external signs. He is found instead by those who accept his ways and his challenges.

Do not judge, Christ tells us. How many times do we not only pass along gossip or rumours, but consider ourselves justified when we are harsh in our judgement of others. We can be indulgent with ourselves, but inflexible with others.

Finance News

For the week ending 30 January 2022 you gave £170.98 of which £26.00 was 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.

Cafod 5k Walk Against Hunger

This could be the only Lent challenge you need!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so people can let us know if they are participating.

Willa and Kevin Jackson will be walking to Shenfield, stopping for refreshments and walking back as part of their 5km Walk Against Hunger on Tuesday 1 March following 9.00 a.m. Mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church if you would like to join them, with a donation to CAFOD.

Tea and Coffee after 10.30 a.m. Mass

We are resuming tea and coffee after the 10.30 a.m. Mass from Sunday 13 February, but need more helpers to be able to make this a weekly occurrence. Please sign up for dates you could help on the list at the back of the church or email Willa.willajackson789@btinternet.com Full instructions will be given.



What type of shoes do frogs have too many pairs of? Open-toad shoes!

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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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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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