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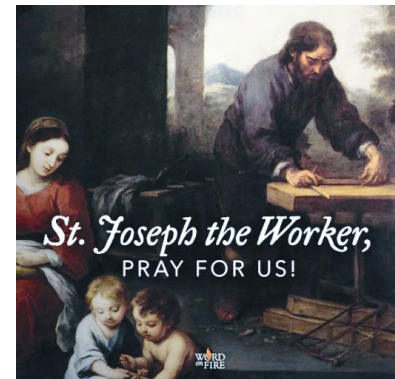
Mission Statement

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 30 April 2023



Upcoming Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29 6.00 p.m.
Breda Conville RIP
B Wignall

Sunday 30 10.30 a.m.
For Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 2 9.00 a.m.
Bishop David McGough RIP

Wednesday 3 7.30 p.m.
Odette Roy RIP
M. Consalves

Thursday 4 9.00 a.m.
Bishop Christopher Budd
(Former Priest of Diocese)

RIP

Friday 5 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 29 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Confession
Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
J Weller

Sunday 30 10.30 a.m.
For Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with
Divine Mercy Prayers

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 22 April: 55
Sunday 23 April: 68

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for May is available in the Narthex – may God's word guide our lives.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our celebrations of our Sunday Mass.

Thoughts of Pope Benedict XVI. "An integral part of any celebration is Joy. A celebration can be organised, joy cannot. It can only be offered as a gift; and in fact, it has been given to us in abundance. For this we are grateful. Just as Paul describes joy as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, so John in his gospel closely links the Spirit to joy. The Holy Spirit gives us joy. He is joy. Joy is the gift that sums up all the other gifts. It is an expression of happiness, of being in harmony with ourselves, which can only come from being in harmony with God and with his creation".

"It is part of the nature of joy to be shared. The Churches missionary spirit is nothing other than the drive to share the joy that has been given to us. May that joy always be alive in us, and thus shine forth upon our troubled world".

May God bless all our families.

Fr. Leslie

Music in the Church

We would like volunteers to form a choir in order to heighten some beautiful music for our God at our Sunday celebrations and on special events – an organist or keyboard player is also needed. We would like our children from the parish school to be involved in this wonderful sacred music. We also would like to reach out to our young people to be involved in proclaiming the liturgy of the word and also the ministry of altar servers. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

Campion School

The Campion School Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday 29 June 2023 from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

Our Church Roof

Our Church roof is leaking in various places – it will cost £3,900 to repair. I would be most grateful if we could have some donations to defray the cost. Our parish numbers have decreased from 300 to 100 approximately – which has a big impact on our parish funds. If you could help, our parish would be so grateful. Our parish is responsible for all parish upkeep. Don't forget if you are a tax payer, please open a standing order.

www.hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Thank you very much.

Coronation Tea

There will be a "special" Coronation Tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday 6 May and after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 7 May. Please do come and join us as we celebrate the coronation weekend.



MISSIO: Red Box 2022 Thank you!

In 2022, our parish of St. Joseph the Worker raised £237.41 through our Red Boxes and donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our community here at St. Joseph the Worker is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The missionaries and the communities they serve have asked to pass on their thanks for your prayers and generous donations. More information on how your support changes lives for the better is available on the website at missio.org.uk

Thank you for your support,
Clare Barton.

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you to parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker Church for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your parish raised £305. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis.

Brentwood Cathedral.

Tuesday 2nd May at 6.00 p.m.

Mass (Short Church Service) followed by Short recital.

The Choristers of Westminster Cathedral – come and hear the world renowned Choristers in this unique event.

Please could you email us to let us know if you are likely to come to help us provide the correct seating music@dioceseofbrentwood.org (any special enquires also 01277 265288) Please do support this wonderful evening.

BCCS

A children's charity for Essex and East London, 133 High Street Billericay, CM 12 9AB (Phone 01277 712022).

Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practicing Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained here:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/primary-link-adviser-vacancy/>

The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 28 April 2023.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2 May 2023

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST THE SIGNS OF BREAD AND WINE.

In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context of the Exodus: the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt; the remembrance of the manna in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God; their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises. The "cup of blessing" at the end of the Jewish Passover meal adds to the festive joy of wine an eschatological dimension: the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup.

The Priests Charity Concert



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30 June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Church Roof Coronation Hamper Raffle



Tickets on sale for a smashing Coronation Hamper. All funds raised will go towards the cost of repairing the church roof.

Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a regular attender at Mass and would love to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and willing to take the blessed sacrament to our sick at home, please contact Fr. Leslie.

Coffee After Mass On Saturday evening

First Saturday of each month. And after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Please do make time to come and join us.



Litter Picking

Why not join us to help care for our local environment as we pick up litter around our church and hall when we see litter lying around. We need you to be aware of our environment.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278 Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Feast of St. Mark

St. Mark's Day, or the Feast of St. Mark, commemorates Mark the Evangelist and takes place on April 25. St. Mark the Evangelist is the author of the second Gospel and the patron saint of notaries.

St. Mark's symbol is the winged lion.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church – other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. – Please help us!

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

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- 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.

PLEASE NOTE: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays – it is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 16 April you gave £135.00 of which £21.00 was via Gift Aid. Coronation Hamper Raffles: £140.00, making £250.00 so far.

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: Philip Coe, Joseph Wilson, Gabriel Appapoulay, Diana Griffiths, Mary Boyer, Eileen Taylor, Peter Harper, Thomas Boniface, and Elizabeth James

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Kennedy (2003), Canon Thomas Norris (1933), Fr. Fergus Saurin (1971) Fr. Andrew Dorricott (2013), Canon Patrick Palmer (1948) Canon Basil Booker (1954), and Fr. John O'Callaghan (2003)

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.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Light
Laughter

What do elves learn in school?
The elf-abet!