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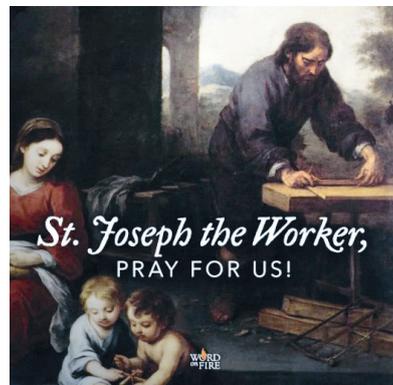
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Mission Statement

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 24 October 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Two significant themes in the Bible are light/darkness and being blind/able to see. Baptism has always been understood as a journey from the darkness of sin into the light of grace. We all need moments of revelation, in which we who once were blind now come to see. However, there are none so blind as those who cannot see, wonderfully illustrated by the following story.

One bleak winter's day, a man stood on a soapbox at Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park. London, intent on pouring scorn on Christianity and not hiding his contempt: 'People tell me that God exists, but I can't see him. People tell me that there is life after death, but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a judgement to come, but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a heaven and a hell, but I can't see them'. He descended the soapbox to cheap applause.

Another man approached the soapbox, but needed help getting up onto it. He was nervous and unused to this kind of platform but was intent on speaking nevertheless. He began: 'People tell me that there is green grass all around, but I can't see it. People tell me that there is blue sky above, but I can't see it. People tell me that there are trees nearby; but I can't see them. You see, I am blind'.

Bartimaeus was blind, but even in the darkness of blindness he had the light of faith, and was the only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus 'Master'. The only other occurrence in the whole of the New Testament was when Mary Magdalene encountered the Risen Lord near the empty tomb (see John 20:16).

So Bartimaeus was not so blind after all! We all have shadows and blind spots in our lives, which we need the light of Christ to illuminate. We have no reason to fear the darkness, for - like Bartimaeus - we just need to turn to the Lord and request the gift of sight.

Lord Jesus, you shine your light into the dark shadows of my life. I invite you to illuminate the darkness in my life so that I may walk as a child of the light.

The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, 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



Confirmation 2022

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Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary's Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.

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.

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OCTOBER

- Saturday 23 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of the Parish
- Sunday 24 10.30 a.m.
Marina Moffat RIP
C Waters
People of the Parish
- Monday 25 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 26 9.00 a.m. Mass
Patrick Dooley RIP
B. Dooley
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Wednesday 27 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
- Thursday 28 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
- Friday 29 9.00 a.m. Mass
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Saturday 30 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 30 6.00 p.m. Mass
Alan Turvey
A. Turvey
- Sunday 31 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish
- Tuesday 2 9.00 a.m. Commendation
of all the faithful departed
(All Souls)

* 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.

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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: Liane Wilson, Waltravd Madejzyk, Edward Bridge, Denise Catterwell, Patricia Young, Ronald Smith, Anthony Slade, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, and James Lindsay.

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Daniel Shanadan (1995), Fr. George Steadman (1945), Fr. Stephan Wyatt (1946), and Fr. William Loveland (1983).

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.

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Welcome to all our parishioners to our Sunday Liturgy.

It is only four weeks to the beginning of the Advent season in preparation for the feast of The Birth of Jesus. Now is the time to prepare for this great feast. First by making time for prayer. Your children have been given a small advent booklet provided by your parish. Please take time to look at it and discuss it with your children. Their focus and yours must be primarily on the Birth of Jesus, the moment when God revealed himself as man and began his journey of life which would end on His death on a cross, and

resurrection for the salvation of each one of us. Secondly, reflect on the gospel of Luke especially the Annunciation when the archangel appeared to Mary and told her that she would give birth to a Son. Thirdly, avail yourself in the Sacrament of Confession. This is an important encounter with Jesus and a great example for your children and young people. These and other ways where you can spiritually prepare for Christmas.

Our First Holy Communion children will make their first confession on Friday 3 December. Before then you will be talking to your children about this Sacrament with their book to help you. There are plenty of Christmas items in our repository.

In today's gospel blind man Bartimaeus tells Jesus what he needs with courage and trust in Him. This week we might ask: What needs restoring in my life? Where do I need to take courage and respond to God's call as Bartimaeus did? Let us pray for ourselves and for one another, asking the Lord to help us hear his call clearly as we go about our daily lives.

May he give us the courage to respond joyfully and to encourage those around us. Please remember all those who are sick, the housebound and all who are still suffering from the lockdown and are afraid to go out. May God bless each and everyone of you at all times.

Almighty God increase our faith hope and charity, and make us love you with all our hearts so that we may merit what you promise.

God Bless to you and your families.

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.

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).

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, 24 October, is WORLD MISSION Sunday - There will be a retiring collection for the work of missionaries.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

The Holy Father has asked us to support this World Mission Sunday, which takes place on the same day over the whole world. We are called to prayer for their work and the collection will help to transform communication in faith and enable the church to reach out to those most in need. Pray also for an increase in the faith of our parish community. Like Bartimaeus we all need healing and share our encounter with Jesus to all we meet.

Bible Alive

For October 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.

November Dead Envelopes

These will be available in the Narthex from October.

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Journey of Faith Continued

How better can we prepare for Mass?

Firstly, by Prayer. When we pray, God does not change but we do; God does not come down to our level, but we are raised into His divine life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer helps our love for Christ to mature and it strengthens our desire to do the will of our Heavenly Father. Our individual prayer prepares us for Eucharistic prayer at Mass, the high point of all prayer.

We might consider reflecting prayerfully throughout the week on the Mass readings (Bible Alive) for the following Sunday and by doing so become attentive to God speaking to us through his living words. This is sometimes called lectus divine or sacred reading,

Guided by the Holy Spirit, sacred reading focuses on our interior nourishment, if you like, the spiritual marrow that sacred scripture uniquely provides. By savouring the sweetness of God's word, this form of meditative reading enables our hearts to burn with renewed love for God.

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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.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening – September 2022 intake

For Sixth Form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4 November 2021 from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 6.30 p.m.

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.

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.



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.

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

Second Collection

Second Collection for National Youth Sunday 20/21 November 2021.

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.

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.



Pope on Twitter



Persevering in the daily recitation of the #HolyRosary, we can meet each other every day with the Virgin Mother, learning from her how to cooperate fully with the plan of salvation that God has for each one of us.

Dear brothers and sisters, have a good journey! May we be open to the Holy Spirit's surprises, the grace of encounter, reciprocal listening and discernment, joyfully convinced that, even as we seek the Lord, He always comes with His love to meet us first

The environmental and social crisis are two sides of the same coin. Therefore, strategies for resolving them demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature

Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves compassionately in the lives of those we meet as He has done with us. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but descends like the rain that falls to the earth and brings life.

Finance News

For the week ending 17 October you gave £95.00 of which £4.00 was through Gift Aid.

We also received a Donation of £150.00. 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.

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.

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

I was going to tell a time-travelling joke, but you guys didn't like it!

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

Donate without Giftaid-it



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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