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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.

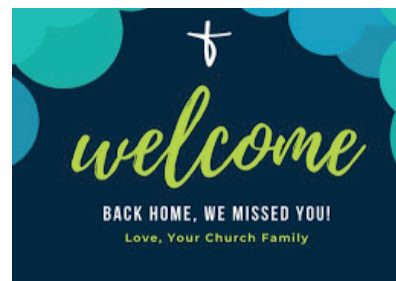
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Stewards Of The Gospel

"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 11 July 2021



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Racing pundits, canny as they are, say: "Different horses, different courses". Jesus' instructions to the disciples were spoken in a different age, a different time - an age without cars, aeroplanes, mobile phones, or (and we know it's hard to imagine) emails and social media. If, therefore, we adopted an overly literal approach to today's reading, we would look pretty daft!

Jesus instructed his disciples to take nothing for the journey except a staff: no bread, no money, no bag. A modern disciple would be fine without the bread and the bag: it would be being without money and credit cards that would present the real problem. They were encouraged to stay in one house as a kind of base and not move around, remaining there until the work was done. If they, or their message, were rejected they were told to "shake the dust off their feet", a familiar Middle Eastern gesture that expressed contempt for the lack of hospitality.

The gospel must be shared, witnessed to, and boldly proclaimed. We can hide from this, shirk our responsibility, or simply convince ourselves that if we are nice, kind and decent we are giving witness. However, Christian witness and evangelization of the sort that Jesus exhorted his disciples to do is of a different quality, a completely different ball game. Ask yourself this question: if building God's Church or kingdom on earth depended on you, would it ever get done? Thankfully and mercifully, it doesn't just depend on us but we are called to give witness to Christ, and sooner or later it involves sharing with others the reason for our hope, our joy and our faith.

A good life is the best sermon, for sure "preach the gospel, and if necessary use words", but let us not be ashamed of the gospel and its message of repentance and turning to Christ.

"No fragrance can be more pleasing to God than that of his own Son. May all the faithful breathe out the same perfume".
(St. Augustine)

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Upcoming Masses

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
SEA SUNDAY**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10	Mass at 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 11	Mass at 10.30 a.m. <i>Today's retiring collection for those who work on the sea to keep them in their work. Please be as generous as you are able.</i>
Monday 12	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 13	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 14	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 15	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Friday 16	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass

The church is open for Private prayer all day. Mass is celebrated privately except on Tuesdays and Fridays when there will be a public mass at 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 17	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Confession by Appointment or before Mass on request
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17	Mass at 6.00 p.m. Breda Conville RIP B. Wignall
Sunday 18	Mass at 10.30 a.m. Jim Jarvis RIP Jan Jarvis



Hello and welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Sunday Liturgy. Today is also Sea Sunday when we pray for all who work at sea in all kinds of weather. There will be a retiring collection after Mass.

It was also so good to see so many of our parish family coming back to church, in particular Dominic who is 95. Thank you to all - it gave me great joy. We hope to bring back our Altar Servers after 19 July. Thanks to Marian and Mandy who washed the Altar Servers albs. I am always grateful for any kind of help you can offer to our parish.

The common theme in today's readings is "God's Choice". The simple points to both are the missionary nature of the church and our calling as God's messengers. In the first reading God chooses a poor farmer, Amos, to go and prophesy in the northern kingdom of Israel. In the second reading, Paul did not just stop by telling us that God chose us in Christ. Instead he went further to tell us and remind us of the reason God chose us - "To be holy and spotless and live through love in his presence".

There is a challenge in what God expects of us in our lives. The Gospel highlights the secondary purpose. Christ took time to prepare his disciples in order to help them achieve the primary purpose of God in their own lives. Finally Christ instructed them how to go about their mission. Jesus knew the influence of materialism and that souls taken captive by it will definitely lose focus of the mission. That is why he instructed his disciples against it. Abiding by the instructions of Jesus is a sure sign of fulfilling God's purpose. Sadly priests, religious and the people of God have lost focus of our mission by disobeying the instructions of Christ. We no longer pay attention to the main purpose of our mission. We need to remind ourselves that God chose us for a purpose and must strive to achieve it.

Let us daily pray to Mary for the grace to achieve Her Son's will for us and to be faithful that each day we turn to Him in prayer asking for His mercy and love. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

May the Lord bless our families and give life to all who have died.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Kilara Mierson, Frank Dodson, William Gigg, and Mary Swift.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Watson (1966), and Canon Daniel Harnett (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.

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.

Congratulations Fr. Joseph



Newly ordained Fr. Joseph (centre) celebrating his first Mass. Far right is Fr. Dominic Howarth. Ad multos annos!

Baptism

We welcome Olivia Stapleton into our parish community on Saturday 26th June through the sacrament of Baptism.

We welcome Darcey Rose Wray into our parish community on Saturday 3rd July through the sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Sea Sunday

Sunday 11 July is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the apostleship of the sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the catholic church. To donate and for more information, please visit www.stelamaris.org.uk/secsunday thank you.

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Leonard Lodge

Become a friend of Leonard Lodge, Barchester Healthcare.

Have you ever thought of volunteering and what joy that can bring to yourself and others? Leonard Lodge care home in Hutton, Brentwood is looking for volunteers from the local community to consider becoming a friend of our home and support residents.

At Leonard Lodge we recognize the special impact volunteers can have on the lives of residents who live within our home. There are many ways to volunteer and become a friend to our residents, we can talk to you and explore the best ways that suit you, your personality, skills and interests. The various ways in which people can volunteer are endless, some volunteers love to be very involved with our residents while others prefer to do tasks that enhance their lives without the face to face involvement, this might be a person who is good at woodwork and they can make a 'play your cards right' wooden display board or large garden game or gardening advice on multi-sensory area and plants.

For those who would enjoy more contact with our lovely residents there are so many wonderful ways that residents would appreciate for example, chatting & reminiscing, scrabble, dominoes, gardening with them, supporting trips out , helping our Activities Coordinators with events. To find out more please contact Lynn or Julie on 01277 263939. Email - activities.leonardlodge@barchester.com

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturday's at 11.00am. Maximum number 15, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Lourdes Holy Father's Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 25 July 2021

At the end of January, the Holy Father announced a 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' to be held annually on the Fourth Sunday in July (25 July 2021). The announcement formed part of Pope Francis' Angelus address on 31 January, a copy of which can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210131.html

200 Club

Thank you for all those who help the parish by joining the 200 Club. We would appreciate if more would join. It costs just £2.00 per month (£24.00 per year) and there is a monthly draw. The parish gets half and you lovely people get the other half in the form of a choice of three money prizes – the first £50.00. *Thank you.*

Roof/Brick Repairs



As you may know, we have some serious repair and maintenance work to do on the uppermost bricks on the outside of the church, as the picture shows. We hope to have the repairs carried out shortly, and any donations that you feel able to make will be most welcome.

The Journey Home

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of this past year, we have not always been able to be present at Sunday Mass and to gather as a community in our churches. Such separation has diminished us and, perhaps, even weakened our relationship with Christ. We have felt each other's absence and the loss of not being able to assemble together in the presence of the risen Lord. Valuable though livestreaming may be, it is not a meaningful substitute for being physically present at the tables of God's word and Eucharist.

However, things are changing and we can begin to practice our faith with much more confidence. The Lord invites us to make the journey home and to gather as a 'flesh and blood' community for the celebration of Mass, because this is the most complete realisation of the Easter Mysteries.

St. John Chrysostom writes "It is to a banquet that the Lord calls you... You are invited to rest... in the church Joy triumphs over grief and heals the wounds in your heart. Oh heavenly call!! Lets hurry! But at the same time lets honour this Sunday meeting by what we are and by what we do." ("In Osiam mom. 1,1")

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

Thresholds Of Hope

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Mass Offering Envelopes

Mass Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex.



Pope on Twitter



Like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk not recognising him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life.

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Mk 6:1-6), Jesus invites us to have eyes and hearts free of prejudices and open to be amazed at God's surprises, at His humble and hidden presence in daily life.

The next World Meeting of Families on the theme "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" will take on a multi-centric and widespread format: each diocese will be able to be the center of a local Meeting for its own families and communities

May the night of conflicts recede before a new dawn of hope. May hostilities cease, disagreements fade away, and Lebanon once more radiate the light of peace.

Finance News

For the week ending 4 July you gave £81.83 of which £6.00 was through Gift Aid.

Second collection for Peter's Pence raised £91.57.

Thank you and God Bless.

First Communion Parents Update

We have not yet fixed a date for your child's first Holy Communion/Reconciliation program. However, I hope you are preparing your child at home by firstly gathering around his/her prayer table to say a prayer before they go to bed. Secondly - speak to them about Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Communion and meeting him in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Thirdly - talk to them about your love for these two wonderful sacraments and bring them to one of our two Sunday Masses. Remember you are the main teacher for your child's faith as you promised when he or she was baptised. We hope to let you know when the programme will begin. However, the above is what you as parents can do in preparation for their special day. If you wish to discuss the above or have any questions, please contact Fr Leslie.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 26 June:	36
Sunday 27 June:	28

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.

Light

Laughter

Want to hear a joke about paper?
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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.

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