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Stewards Of The Gospel

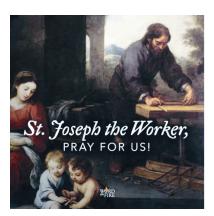
"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 22 August 2021

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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.



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The disciples could be slow on the uptake: they could be dull and passive, and they often misunderstood and missed the point. Today, however, they are spot on and show that they have indeed understood what Jesus was teaching. In fact, so clear and crisp is their grasp of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist that many turned back and no longer followed him. In fact, as if in unison they declared in protest: "This is a hard teaching; who can listen to it?" The Catechism of the Catholic Church sheds light on this reaction: The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying: who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?" The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has the words of eternal life and that to receive in faith the gilt of the Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself. The Holy Spirit helps us comprehend the miracle of the Eucharist. Perhaps we receive the Eucharist week after week without pondering and reflecting on the awesome privilege it is to receive Christ in this way? What is truly shocking and scandalous about the Eucharist is that the gift held out to us is that of the whole Christ. The body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really and substantially made present to us.

In other words, Jesus is made real and present in the most full and complete sense. Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is substantial in that he himself is wholly and entirely present. What a gift! What a blessing! What a grace! "In the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, in this sacrament of love, we have true life, a blessed life, and true happiness. Because in it we receive not only those graces that perfect us but the very author of these graces". (St. Pio of Pietrelcino)

The Catenian Association

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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



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.

Mass Attendance Saturday 7 August: 33 Sunday 8 August: 58

Building Repairs Over the next few weeks, work will be starting on our church building. Please be careful.



Items left in the Church

Over the months some items of clothing, Gloves, Umbrella and Toys are left in the church for many months. In future if any items are left more than 2 weeks, they will be taken away to charity shops – or small toys, pencils will be destroyed. This is important at this time of COVID. At present you will find them at the back of the church.



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Upcoming Masses TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
Saturday 21	Mass at 6.00 p.m. Len Boyling RIP	
	Joan Greenford	
Sunday 22	Mass at 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish	
Monday 23	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday 24	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass	
Wednesday 25	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.	
Thursday 26	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.	
Friday 27	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 28 Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Confession by Appointment or before Mass on request

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mass is celebrated privately. There are plenty of dates free for Mass intentions. It is a wonderful way of remembering our deceased members of our family, or those who are sick or private intention. They can be offered during the week or weekends. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for this need. PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 14/15th August.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21	Mass at 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 22	Mass at 10.30 a.m. Private Intentions

Jackson Family * 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.

Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for: Robert Noble, Denham Waight, Peter Buckley, Bridget Plant, and John McLoughlin

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. George Gresley (1938), Fr. Sean Shields (2015), Canon Vincent Cameron (1945), and Fr. Bernard Collings (1988)

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. Our prayer for sympathy to the family of EJ Keme Belonwu who recently died. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. 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.



Hello and welcome to our Sunday Liturgy to our parish community.

I hope that many of our parishioners will now begin to return to our parish community on Sunday/Saturday and celebrate Mass with us, as before. Now is the time to return for two reasons. First, we need to meet Jesus personally in the Most Holy Eucharist and to give thanks to him for all the blessings he has shown to us during the pandemic. As one parishioner said to

me '" have grown spiritually during the time of the lockdown". I believe it has given us time to reflect on how much we need Jesus in our lives and perhaps we ask him for the forgiveness for putting many selfish material things before him in our lives. Now is the time to return to him in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Secondly, we need to come to Jesus as we offer the pascal mystery, to pray for the many people who have died during the pandemic and for the families who are grieving for them. They need our prayers daily. I would like very much to erect a shrine of St. Joseph outside our parish hall to the memory of all who have died from Covid 19. I would hope also that the parents and children who are making their first Holy Communion as part of their preparation for the sacraments come each week to our Sunday liturgy. Remember you promised, when your child was baptised, to bring them up in the practise of the faith. Your homes are holy places where we live out our Catholic Christian lives with love and peace. We as a parish are trying to work out the best time to begin the course which has been delayed because of the pandemic. However you can help by praying around your table in your holy corner and speak to them about the love and mercy of Jesus who loves them so much. We will let you know as soon as possible the date when we can all come together to help you to prepare for that wonderful day in your child's life.

In today's liturgy of the word there are lots of lessons for us. Many of us come to Christ thinking that everything must be easy. Some come with very shallow faith. Yet some of us come with fixed expectations and just to hear only what we want to hear. If that is our expectation, some just stop coming. Remember, when Jesus finished speaking about Him being the Bread of Life come down from heaven, many walked away from Him. Jesus said to his disciples "what about you, do you want to go away". Peter said "Lord where shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God".

I wish you all the peace and blessing of Our Blessed Lord.



CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news Your compassion, generosity and prayers have

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. *Thank you*

Fr. Joseph. 12 September. A date for your diary.

Recently ordained Fr. Joseph (who we all know as Shaun Bailham) will be here to celebrate the 10.30 a.m. Mass on 12 September and after Mass you will have the opportunity to receive his blessing individually.

Plenary Indulgences For The Year of St. Joseph

All this Year until 8 December 2021. You have the opportunity to commit yourself with prayer and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from serious human and social tribulations that today affect our world. You can gain a plenary indulgence in the usual conditions i.e. sacramental confession, Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Fathers intention. You can do this if you meditate for 30 minutes on the Our Father or a retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. St. Joseph invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father.

St. Joseph is the guardian of the Holy Family – may this inspire enthuse and encourage all families to live with the same 'intimate communion' love and prayer, by praying the Holy Rosary in families and engaged couples.

Baptism

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

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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.

CAFOD

CAFOD offers resources to the whole Catholic community through our website. Do pass them on to anyone interested.

Family Prayer Resources for Summer - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. They will be available from mid-July at https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources Resources for the Season of Creation and Harvest Fast Day (Friday 1st October) will feature some of our partners' work in the Amazon and will be available from September at https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources. Join us in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth.

Laudato Si' encyclical resources | CAFOD – this link will take you to a range of resources for study, reflection, prayer and action. Livesimply award | CAFOD – one of our most popular community actions, this award is given to parishes and communities who have taken significant steps in response to the call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others. Several parishes in the diocese have recently registered to become Live Simply parishes.

March For Life -Saturday 4 September 2021

This year March for Life UK will be back on the streets of the Capital. Join the Pro-life movement in marching for life on Saturday 4 September 2021.

For more details see <u>www.marchforlife.co.uk</u> You can also watch their online 'Lifestream2021' on their website. If you are suffering after an abortion? Find help at www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

Please support our work by sending a donation. We are in urgent need, please send cheques payable to the Guild of Our Lady Of Good Counsel, PO Box 46679, London, NW9 8ZT Telephone 0207 723 1740

For more details: GK Chesterton Pilgrimage.

For details 07795205114

or see www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk Or see notice on the notice board.

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

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Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme for couples who may have difficulties with their marriage. It aims to give couples the tools to enable them to see new hope for their marriages and family life. Confidentiality is assured for everyone. Retrouvaille does not provide counselling but a new way of communicating. There is no pressure on anyone to attend or complete the course but for most it is a very positive experience. Retrouvaille brings forgiveness and healing into the heart of the Sacrament of Matrimony and brings hope and new life into couples relationships, which flows on to their children. As Pope Benedict XVI said of Retrouvaille:

"Thus, at the moment of the breaking up, you become the concrete possibility for the couple to have a positive point of reference to which they can entrust themselves in their despair. In fact, when their relationship breaks, couples fall in deep solitude both individually and as couples. They lose the horizon of their communion with God, with others and with the Church. At this point, your programme offers the "hook" so that they may not be totally lost and may gradually climb over the cliff. I love to think of you as custodians of a bigger hope for the couples who have lost it." For more information please Phone or Text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 (Complete confidentiality assured.);

Email: <u>retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>www.retrouvaille.org.uk</u>

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.

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

Parish Sunday Afternoon Rosary Group

The group meets at 4.30 p.m. online, every Sunday, for about 30-40 minutes to say one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary (5 decades each week) and also to pray for the parish and any specific intentions. Contact Tyrone tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk for a link to be sent via email.

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for June. Copies are available at the back of the church. If you wish to order call 01782 745600. Since very few people seem to be taking our Bible Alive, we may cancel our subscription in the future.

Mass Offering Envelopes

Mass Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex.



It is good for us to ask ourselves if we still live in the period in which we need the Law (cfr Gal 3:23-25), or if instead we are fully aware of having received the grace of becoming children of God so as to live in love.

Vaccination is a simple way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable

God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils.

Let us remember those who cannot go on vacation. I think especially of the ill, the elderly, the incarcerated, the unemployed, refugees and all those who are alone or in difficulty. May Mary extend her maternal protection over each one of you.

Finance News

For the week ending 15 August you gave £151.85 of which £8.00 was through Gift Aid.

There was also a donation of £50.00 through Gift Aid

God Bless and thank you all so very much. Please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the front page of the newsletter. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then bank. Thank you and God Bless.

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact ian.restall@ design-portfolio.co.uk for details.

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.



Did you hear about the mathematician who was afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them!

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