

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

21 June 2020



Hello to all our parishioners and friends.

We are preparing for the opening of our church for Sunday Mass when we are told to by the government and the Bishops conference for England and Wales. We will need volunteers to cover all our Masses to help with the safe distance rules and to guide you to the entry and exit doors. We would hope that all our parishioners will arrive early to facilitate at all Masses. We will also need volunteers to wipe down benches and door handles after each Mass. We also are putting together a new website so that we can improve our communication. Some of our churches have now opened for private prayer. We are still closed as again we would have needed stewards to cover the church for most of the day and for us it would not be practical for the few numbers that would come. So I apologise to those who would have come albeit a small number. I am sure many people will have suffered in so many ways during this time. You have all been remembered in my daily Mass. We all look forward to the day when we can all gather to celebrate that wonderful gift of the Eucharist. A gift given to us by Jesus on the night before he died.

In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples no matter what they suffer in the world “do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul”. We live in fear of people who threaten us with sorrow and death. We live in a dangerous world, where we are harassed and intimidated. Jesus encourages us and his followers to respect and love everyone irrespective of race, tribe or religion. Whatever comes our way, Jesus says “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid”. Remember the Lord God is with us in every situation we find ourselves in, he never leaves us. I wish you all a very happy Sunday.

Fr Leslie

Dominic Howarth Mass at Abbotswick

If you want to follow Dominic’s Mass at Abbotswick, it is on at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday and can be readily and easily viewed on Instagram or YouTube using the BCYS website.

LIVE STREAM Masses – daily Mass via Instagram and YouTube 10.30 a.m. each day (8.00 p.m. on Wednesdays) or directly using the link below.

<https://bcys.net/events>

In times when we cannot gather together for prayer, we can nonetheless be Christ’s hands, reaching out across our towns and communities, and this daily Mass can be a wonderful oasis in your morning.

For students, it might be what gets you out of bed each day; for everyone in solitude, it will be a little moment of structure, hope and connection, every day.

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for prayers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk

Virtual celebrations

Online Mass every Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

www.wickfordcatholic.com

Resumption of Masses at St. Joseph the Worker

Fr. Leslie is still to decide on a firm date to re-open the church for Masses, but before he does that, we need to ask for volunteers to be stewards at the Masses. Stewards duties will include ensuring social distancing, making sure people don't rush into the church, reminding people to use the sanitiser, and managing people coming up for communion. Stewards should not be from the Covid-19 vulnerable category. If you would like to volunteer, and clearly we need as many stewards as possible, then please email Mary Lockwood, Parish Administrator: hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

As yet there are no firm directions from the government or the Diocese on exactly what will be required to re-open churches safely for Mass but we will publish the guidelines as soon as we can. In the meantime we desperately need volunteers to help us get back to safe worship.

Church Opening

Some churches in the Diocese, including the Cathedral itself, are now open for private prayer. St. Joseph will NOT be open for private prayer due to the problem of ensuring that Stewards are present at all times (in addition to the long list of safeguarding requirements).

We will be announcing the date for the resumption of Masses on our new Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-The-Worker-Hutton-107076717715682/>

There is a partial reopening of the Cathedral for private prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 15 June 2020 – daily – 9.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m.

200 Club winners

MARCH

1st prize £50 - W & G O'Regan

2nd prize £30 - M Simpson

3rd prize £20- A S McCabe

APRIL

1st prize £50 - D & C Brentnall

2nd prize £30 - A Thomas

3rd prize £20 - S Tolan

MAY

1st prize £50 - B Richards

2nd prize £30 - C Studdart

3rd prize £20 - S Camp

Parish Representatives

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Mary Lockwood

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Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.

If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.