

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

3 May 2020



Welcome to all our parishioners. I do hope you are all keeping well.

It is truly sad that so many people have died and many without their families and even more sadly without a funeral service. May Jesus the Good Shepherd lead them all to our heavenly homeland. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. It does remind us of the fragility of life. We daily pray that most powerful prayer. The rosary asking our Blessed Mother to heal our country of the virus which has affected all our lives. It will be so wonderful to have our church opened again one day and truly be able to receive Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament, our food of Eternal Life.

Today readings remind us who we are "The chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart". Jesus assures us of a place in his kingdom: "there are many rooms in my father's house so let your hearts not be troubled". This is clear that by virtue of our baptism we are truly the children of God. This is why he considers us worthy of being where he is. Unfortunately many of us do not know who we are or believe that there is a beautiful place being prepared for us by Jesus. Our faith is knowing Jesus, to hear and reflect on his spoken Word and to live as he has asked us to live. That is what knowing Jesus is - to love him with all our hearts.

I hope during this time of lockdown we have found that quiet space in our hearts to speak and listen to him and have come to know him. In the morning I listen to the birds and reflect on our wonderful world created by God for us to enjoy. I hope that after this pandemic we may live a new way of life and find that peace and joy close to Jesus.

May God's blessing come down on our families and all those we love.

Fr. Leslie



Virtual celebrations

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

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St. Joseph Rosary group – say the Rosary with the St. Joseph parishioner family. Every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. (email tyroneeq@yahoo.co.uk for link)