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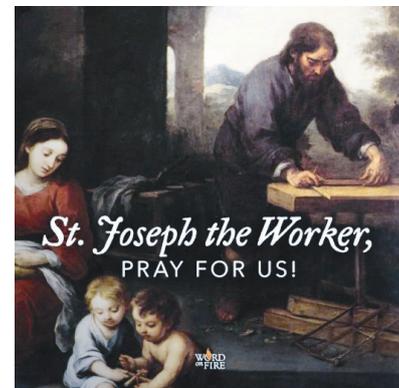
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Mission Statement

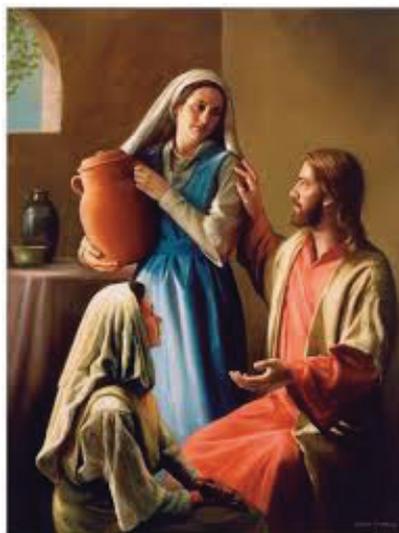
To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



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 17 July 2022



“But one thing is necessary. Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away from her”

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke, in a story unique to his Gospel, gives an account of a remarkable and beautiful incident in Jesus’ life. Some claim that the Mary before us today is Mary Magdalene, but scholars think that it’s unlikely to be the same person, instead believing this woman to be a different Mary. What is clear is that, like Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany loved the Lord. In this account, she didn’t wash his feet with her weeping or anoint his body with expensive nard: instead, she showed that one thing was needed: to sit at the Master’s feet and learn from him.

There has always been a tension between the contemplative and apostolic arms of the Church. The contemplatives are accused of being too focused on prayer, whereas those engaged in the apostolate are criticized for being too preoccupied with social action and not placing enough emphasis on the interior life. Of course, this is overly simplistic, but, nevertheless, there’s an element of truth in it.

It is, however, hard not to feel some sympathy for Martha, who here embodies the apostolic approach. She has no airs and graces, and is a worker, not a shirker. Clearly both women were serving the Lord, but Mary, in Jesus’ own words, was doing it in a better way. This doesn’t mean that what Martha was doing wasn’t good or noble, or even the right thing for her to be doing: it simply means that ultimately, sitting at the Lord’s feet and learning from him, he who is humble and gentle of heart, is the goal of our faith.

The great saints of the Church did not hesitate to serve others practically. It was said of St. Catherine of Genoa, for example, that she used to be so preoccupied in prayer that she appeared to be in a trance. However, if others needed her, she would stop praying immediately to respond. Pope Francis is calling us all to serve others in a spirit of love and charity, but this must first be rooted in prayer and hearing God speak through his Word. *Lord, grant me your peace and clarity so that I may, like Mary, sit at your feet every day and learn from you*

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Upcoming Masses**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
JULY**

- Saturday 16 6.00 p.m.
Celine & Jim Andrews,
Veronica Lyons, Angela Booker, Lee
Kenny & Monica Kenny
L.E Briggs
- Sunday 17 10.30 a.m.
Private Intention
4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 19 09.00 a.m.
Parishioners
- Wednesday 20 09.30 a.m.
School End of Term Mass
(All are welcome)
7.30 p.m.
(Please note the time)
Holy Souls
- Thursday 21 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls
- Friday 22 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

- Saturday 23 6.00 p.m.
John & Nora Dillane
- Anniversary R.I.P
- Sunday 24 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament
- Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

- * Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- * Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- * Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 16 July 6.00 p.m.
M Anderson
I Restall
- 17 July 10.30 a.m.
L. Birnie
J Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses

- 16 July 6.00 p.m.
M Brennan
- 17 July 10.30 a.m.
R Mulvey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 23 July 6.00 p.m.
E Kania
M Brennan
- 24 July 10.30 a.m.
M Allum
W O'Regan

Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 23 July 6.00 p.m.
I Restall
- 24 July 10.30 a.m.
U Ekpechue

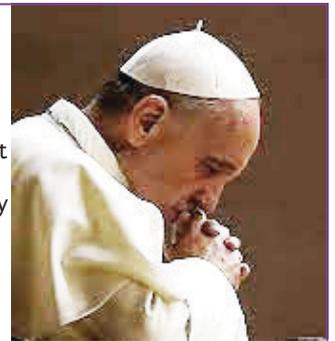


Pope Francis reminds us "Jesus gives us little in the way of talking points but focuses his command on how they should be: on the witness to give more than the words". Jesus defines them as workers. They are therefore required to work, to work to evangelise through their behaviour. The pope continues "it is primarily the very life of all of us to announce the Gospel: their knowing how to be together with mutual respect. He has asked us to pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary might help all Christ's disciples' to prepare the way for the Lord with witnesses of fraternity". For each one of us we need to ask ourselves in all honesty - What time do we give to prayer with our families? How often do we read and reflect on the word of God? How we see the importance of fulfilling our Sunday Obligation of attending Holy Mass on Sundays and on days of very special feast days? Do we encourage members of our families and our extended families to observe the commandment of keeping the Sunday Holy? Even if we are away from home or on holiday, Sunday Mass is an obligation. Do we pray for the sick and all who are in need? Do we pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory? In fact do we believe in purgatory or know about this state for our immortal souls after death? Do we openly live our Christian faith in thought, words and deeds?

At Pentecost the call for the disciples was "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news". This is our challenge especially in our world today. However it begins in our homes (domestic church). In prayer. Every Sunday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. This is a quiet time with Jesus of even 10, 15 or 30 mins. It presents an opportunity for our First Communion children and their parents to make time for this wonderful moment. Pope Francis says. 'if we are going to live eternally in the presence of the Father, now is the time to prepare for that moment that we all long for'. Finally do reflect on Our Journey home which is a brief reflection on each of the ten commandments. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful weekend. No doubt looking forward to your holidays.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**Bible Alive**

Copies of the July edition (£3.00) are in the Narthex. I do encourage you to purchase a copy and come to be familiar with the word of God - to guide you in your daily lives and come to understand the message of salvation. It can be used in conjunction with your bible. I ordered a few extra - Please do not forget the word of God - inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Prayers please

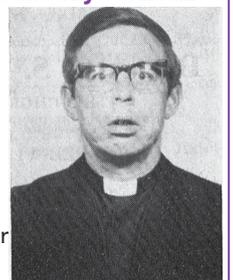
Please keep in your prayers Joe and Dorothy Duranti, Denis and Eileen Norman, and Adam Scott. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.

Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

**Fr. Leslie 50th Anniversary - Small Celebration after Mass TODAY**

It is the 50th Anniversary this July of Fr. Leslie's Ordination as a priest and we can't let this memorable achievement pass without a (small) celebration. So there will be tea and cake served after Mass Today. All are very welcome - the more the merrier to mark this wonderful achievement!



Father Leslie Knight
Ordained 15th July, 1972,
Assistant Priest at
Colchester.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 16 - Monday 17 October: Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette, Cathedral.

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March For Life: 3 September

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life.

We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3 September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00 a.m. at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 p.m., proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 p.m. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> Our witness is vital. Please encourage parishioners to attend.

Visiting the lonely elderly

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in a situation in which in many countries the health emergency has ended, which will allow initiatives to be taken with greater freedom and to put personal encounter and embrace at the center of each one. In order for the message of closeness and consolation that the Day wants to express to reach everyone - even those who are most isolated - we ask people to make a visit to their grandparents and the lonely elderly in their community and to deliver the Holy Father's message to them.

The visit, a tangible sign of the outgoing Church, is a way to reaffirm that the elderly, even the loneliest, are at the center of our communities. The visit shows the personal choice to get up and go quickly to others (cf. Lk. 1:39), just as Mary did to visit the elderly Elizabeth.

The visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the Day's prayer together.

Visiting a lonely elderly person is one of the possibilities for obtaining the Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of the Day. The encounter between young and old, the friendship that can result, is one of the signs that "In old age they will still bear fruit." Anyone able to offer a lift to elderly, please contact Mary our parish administrator.

The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline - a project of SPUC). Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? A New group has started and will meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope

Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

Second Commandment

'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain'.

This commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name. Respect for his name is an expression of the respect owed to the mystery of God himself and to the whole sacred reality it evolves.

The sense of the sacred is part of the virtue of religion. The holiness of the divine name demands that we neither use it for trivial matters, nor take an oath which is based if the circumstances could be interpreted as approval of an authority unjustly requiring it. In Baptism the sacrament is conferred in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, the Lord's name sanctifies man, he the Christian receives the name of the church. This can be the name of a saint, a disciple who has lived an exemplary life to the Lord. The Christian begins his day, his prayers and activities with the sign of the cross. The baptised person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the saviour's grace which lets him act in the spirit of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptation and difficulties. God calls each one by name (Isaiah 43-17).

To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

Congratulations

Julia Sexton won the hamper. Thank you to the Restall Family for donating the hamper. It raised £220, Thank you

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

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. - Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. - Matthew 22:34-39



Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

6 August •
3 September • 1 October •
5 November • 3 December
It will be good to see you!



Pope on Twitter



Taking on another person's history, taking the time to get to know them without labeling them, putting them on our shoulders when they are tired or wounded like the good Samaritan: this is known as fraternity.

Dear #YoungPeople, I invite you to transform the "old continent" into a "new continent", and this is only possible with you: it is now up to you to present the world with a new face of #Europe.

#SeaSunday is being celebrated today. Let us remember all seafarers, especially those who are stranded in war zones, so that they might return home.

I renew my closeness to the Ukrainian people, who are daily tormented by the brutal attacks that ordinary people are paying for. Let us #PrayTogether that God might show the way to put an end to this senseless war!

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 10 July you gave £135.00 with £10.00 through Gift Aid Second Collection "Sea Sunday" raised £195.00

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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Klama Mieron, Francis Dodson, William Gigg, Mary Swift, Marie Tofts, Jim Jarvis, Leslie Regan, Isabella Russell, Doreen O'Neil, and Fred Shaw

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Edmund Dobson (1996), Fr. Patrick Taylor (1996), and Deacon David Balmer (2019)

Remember to have masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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.

Mass attendance

Saturday 9 July: 38

Sunday 10 July: 52

Thought for the Day

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car!

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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.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Stewards

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry. The list is on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your help.

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.

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