

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

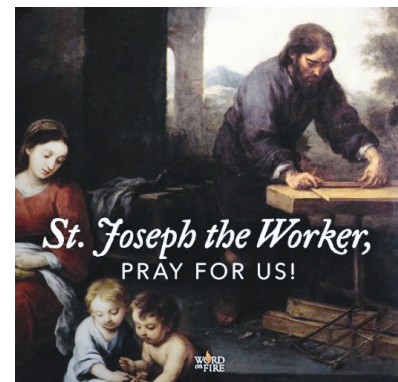
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Mission Statement

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 30 October 2022

As Fr. Leslie states elsewhere in the newsletter, Advent is just around the corner and Christmas is only just over 50 days away!

Time then for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! This year the hamper is bigger and better than ever and will grace any family’s Christmas Dinner table. Regulars will know all they need to do is to put a £5 note in an envelope (at the back of the church) and write their phone number on the front. There are boxes in the Narthex to put the completed envelope in. New parishioners are very welcome to join in the fun!

It’s a record-size hamper. Let’s see if we can make it a record sized fundraiser to help parish finances.



HAMPER CONTENTS

The Fizz and Festivities Christmas Hamper is packed full of indulgence. It is the perfect gift for that special someone – be it family, friends or colleagues – who enjoy life’s little luxuries.

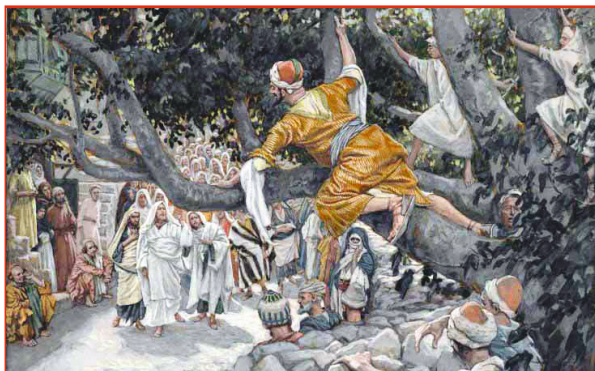
Crack open the trio of Accademia Prosecco, this triple treat is sure to be a great addition to the most discerning drinks trolley! We have popped in two signature kilner tins from Cartwright & Butler, one with English Breakfast Tea and the other with delicious Cheddar Biscuits. A fabulous box of Belgian Chocolates from Cachet in a gold sunburst design alongside sweet and savoury treats galore!

All of these delights are carefully packed in a bespoke hand-crafted wicker basket. It’s brand new for this festive season and is sure to make a stylish addition to your home once the fabulous fare has been enjoyed.

The hamper includes:

- ◆ Accademia Gold Prosecco (11%), 3 x 75cl
- ◆ Gold Crown Christmas Pudding, 350g
- ◆ Cachet Milk, Dark and White Chocolate Assortment, 200g
- ◆ Chloe’s Cinna-Men Biscuits, 175g
- ◆ Abbey Biscuits Mince Pie Shorties, 150g
- ◆ Grandma Wild’s Butter Shortbread Biscuits in Tube, 150g
- ◆ Savoursmiths Italian Cheese & Port Crisps, 150g
- ◆ Vitavigor Cheese Breadsticks, 125g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Chocolate Wafer Rounds, 120g
- ◆ Lily O’Briens Creamy Caramels with Sea Salt, 120g
- ◆ Walkers Classic Collection Gold, 120g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Cheddar Cheese Biscuits in Caddy, 100g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler English Breakfast Tea in Tin, 90g
- ◆ Godiva Dark Chocolate Ganache Heart Bar, 86g
- ◆ Buitemans Gouda Biscuits Gold, 75g
- ◆ Wicker Basket with Round Handle Detail

Weight: 11.1kg



IN TODAY’S GOSPEL

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.”

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham””

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

OCTOBER

- Saturday 29 6.00 p.m.
Mary Dillane RIP Anniversary
- Sunday 30 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

- Tuesday 1 9.15 a.m.
Tina Keating RIP
School Children Will Be Attending
7.30 p.m.
Parishioners

Commemoration of the Holy Souls

- Wednesday 2 9.00 a.m.
November Dead
7.30 p.m.
Roy Family RIP
- Thursday 3 9.00 a.m.
- Friday 4 9.00 a.m.
November Dead
- Saturday 5 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 5 6.00 p.m.
Thomas O'Connor RIP
Sean & Anne-Marie Clarke
- Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.
Janice Masters RIP
C. Restall
4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquility in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

* 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.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Ursuline Open Evening

Brentwood Ursuline Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 3 November 2022 (6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.)



Welcome to our parish family, visitors and new parishioners to our Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist. May I remind you that November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation (that is we have to attend Mass on this day). The next Holy Day of Obligation is the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls). On both days there will be two Masses. Again, I would like to emphasise that on Sundays between 4.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m. we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. I cordially invite you to come and spend some time with Our

dear Lord Jesus. Come with your families, especially the First Holy Communion families, and spend some quiet and peaceful time with Our Lord. It is a time of peace which we all need to find.

Advent is also drawing near. This is a special season when we spiritually prepare for the Birth of Our Saviour on that first Christmas Night. It is also a time to prepare our hearts to receive the Mercy and Forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. It's about our spiritual preparation during this season. As we pray in the Divine Mercy Chaplet 'For the sake of his passion have mercy on us and of the whole world'.

I would invite you to look at our Repository which is full of Christmas cards and candles, rosary beads and cards how to pray the rosary. The teaching of Mary to all the visionaries was to pray the family rosary for the conversion of sinners and peace in our world.

I wish you all a very happy and Holy Week and that our children and staff have time to relax.

God Bless you and your families.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

As sinners go, Zacchaeus was a 'big fish' - or maybe we should say 'big shark'. As a chief tax collector he was responsible for other tax collectors and was no doubt very experienced in the dark art of exploiting and cheating others. Tax collectors experienced much hatred and were seen as the scum of the earth, the lowest of the low. Ironically, the name Zacchaeus means 'innocent' or 'pure', but there was nothing innocent or pure about him. His wealth was the fruit of a corrupt tax system in which the Jewish tax collectors secured their own piece of the pie by charging a further levy and skimming it off for themselves. They were literally getting wealthy on the backs of others.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that Zacchaeus was as loathed and despised by the general public as a drug dealer might be today. Imagine, then, the shock and indignation that would be caused if Pope Francis invited himself to dine with a well-known drug dealer. Pandemonium would break out at the knowledge that the head of the Catholic Church was associating with such people. But what if our drug dealer duly gave his life to the Lord and became a Catholic?!

Zacchaeus' conversion is dramatic and generous, reflecting his experience of Jesus' goodness and generosity. His story teaches us that no one is beyond redemption, and that God's grace and mercy reaches into the deepest and darkest of hearts. Remember, Jesus didn't come to call the righteous but the unrighteous. He came to seek and save the lost, and the truth is that we're all lost.

The rich young man encountered the Lord and went away sad; the wealthy Zacchaeus encountered the Lord and went away filled with the joy of conversion. God works in amazing ways: those we think are far away from God are closer than we realize, and those we think are close to God may be further away than we imagine.

Lord, show me how the Gospel has the power to transform every human heart, no matter what we have done, because your divine love reaches down into the very depths of human sinfulness to save the lost, heal the wounded and restore us as your children.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 29 October 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Stella Walker
- 30 October 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Jan Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses

- 29 October 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
- 30 October 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 5 November 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Stella Walker
- 6 November 10.30 a.m.
Mary Allum
Sharon Ruffles

Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 5 November 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
- 6 November 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

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Christmas Greetings

Pretty soon now we'll be opening our Christmas Greetings section to parishioners. This is where you can send your Christmas messages to friends and family (and Fr. Leslie!). All you need to do is to email ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk with your Christmas message (please put Christmas Greetings in the subject bar) and make a donation of £5.00 per message. Place in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Leslie please. All monies received will go to support Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) at what is always a difficult time for children who are abused physically or mentally, or treated poorly, often by those closest to them.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Stella Maris

Thank you for your parish's support of Sea Sunday 2022.

Thanks very much to all at St. Joseph The Worker parish for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea, through our Sea Sunday 2022 appeal. We are most grateful for your parish's total donation of £195. The generosity shown by your parishioners means that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need.

Your parishioners are kindly enabling Stella Maris to make a difference when seafarers and fishers need it most, through your parishioners' prayers and financial support, our chaplains and volunteers will provide spiritual and practical support to seafarers and fishers over the next year.

On behalf of us at Stella Maris and our seafarers' beneficiaries, I offer you and your congregation our heartfelt thanks for your compassionate and generous support of our ministry.

BCCS Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

The BCCS Christmas craft and gift fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED on Sunday 6 November from 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

There will be lots of stalls selling crafts and gifts so why not come along and pick up a few early Christmas presents and enjoy some refreshments while helping us to raise vital funds for our work?

Alternatively, do you have something which we could sell on our stall? Christmas cakes, chutneys, Christmas tree or house decorations, candles, floral centre-pieces or wreaths – any or all donations are welcome.

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.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Harvest Foodbank Collection

We will be holding a parish collection for Hutton Community Foodbank on the weekend of 29/30 October. The food hub would welcome donations of any tinned items such as spaghetti, meat, potatoes, fish and vegetables, as well as breakfast cereals, longlife milk, and non-food items such as toilet rolls, nappies and toiletries. Donations should be bought to Mass and placed in the marked boxes in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BCCS Christmas cards, now in stock!

We know that everyone will be feeling the pinch this autumn but we have taken the decision to go ahead with printing our Christmas cards as usual this year and are keeping the price at £3.99 per pack.

To place an order go directly to www.bccs.org.uk and look for the Christmas tab, then click on the Christmas card page where you will find all our payment methods.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: "PRAYER IS THE RAISING OF ONE'S HEART TO GOD OR THE REQUESTING OF GOOD THINGS FROM GOD."

God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.

The prayer of Abraham and Jacob is presented as a battle of faith marked by trust in God's faithfulness and by certitude in the victory promised to perseverance.

The prayer of Moses responds to the living God's initiative for the salvation of his people. It foreshadows the prayer of intercession of the unique mediator, Christ Jesus.

The prayer of the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God's presence on earth, the ark of the covenant and the Temple, under the guidance of their shepherds, especially King David, and of the prophets.

The Gospel according to St. Luke emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of prayer in Christ's ministry. Jesus prays before the decisive moments of his mission, before his Father's witness to him during his baptism and Transfiguration, and before his own fulfilment of the Father's plan of love by his Passion. He also prays before the decisive moments involving the mission of his apostles, at his election and call of the Twelve, before Peter's confession of him as "the Christ of God," and again that the faith of the Chief of the Apostles may not fail when tempted. Jesus' prayer before the events of salvation that the Father has asked him to fulfil is a humble and trusting commitment of his human will to the loving will of the Father.

Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them.

We can't always be in a hurry after Mass.

This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance.

We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month i.e. Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.

Baptism

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



Pope on Twitter



Tomorrow, Tuesday 25 October, I will go to the Colosseum to pray for peace in Ukraine and in the world, together with representatives of the Christian Churches and Communities and world religions, gathered in Rome for the "Cry of Peace" meeting

I have registered for World Youth Day, which will take place in Lisbon in August 2023

I follow the persistent situation of conflict in Ethiopia with trepidation. May the efforts of the parties for dialogue lead to a genuine path of reconciliation. May our prayers, our solidarity and the necessary humanitarian aid not fail our Ethiopian brothers and sisters.

Today is World Missionary Day, on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses". I encourage everyone to support missionaries with prayer and concrete solidarity, so that they may continue their work of evangelization and human promotion.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 23 October you gave £230.00. with £87.00 through Gift Aid.

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: Our Holy Souls, Bruce Wallace, John Connolly, Mick O'Dowd, Mary Jones, Julia Burrows, Kenneth Child, Catherine Wren, Marie Burns, Jenny Ayres, and Melina Y'ongou.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Thomas Bishop (1960), and Canon Richard Gay (1969)

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.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 22 October	56
Sunday 23 October	78

Light

Laughter

I got home, and the phone was ringing. I picked it up, and said 'Who's speaking please?' And a voice said 'You are.'

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



New Website - BCCS

BCCS are delighted to launch our brand new website this month with a new, most user friendly interface. Finally, our supporters will be able to make donations and pay for their Christmas cards directly on our website by using our new payment platform, we have a new newsletter sign up facility too and hope that you will be able to find your way around our site more easily. Take a look at www.bccs.org.uk

A huge 'thank you' to our friends at Design Portfolio for their help with this re-platforming.

A thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your prayers and for holding a collection in your parish of St. Joseph the Worker this Family Fast Day. Please pass on our thanks to all your parishioners for your parish's donation of £225 which we received recently to our World Food Crisis Appeal. Your parish total is £225.

Your parish's gift will mean we can get food and clean water to more families as they work to protect their children from the long-term causes of hunger, such as climate change and an unjust global food system. Please keep all those affected by the food crisis - including those here at home - in your prayers.

Thank you for your support, solidarity and prayers.

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary - Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policies, along with supporting documents for 2023/2024 and 2024/25 are available on the school website (under Key Information, Admissions). A full size map is available in the school office.

Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address.

The Autumn 2022 edition of "Mission Today" is available to collect from the table in the porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Thank you for your support.

Clare Barton.

**Knit and Natter
Or just knit.
Or just natter!**



Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278

Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

November Dead Envelopes

During the month of November, it is customary for you to pray for members of your family. For this purpose, envelopes are in the Narthex. Put the names of those you wish Mass to be offered together with a donation. Thank you. They will be placed on the alter during Mass.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel

www.ewtnnews.com/catholic

I have ordered some leaflets about this wonderful channel to help each one of us how to live our faith into today's broken world and to help you to educate your children. This is God's world and we are his children - and he loves you. *Please find out more from the above contact.*



Our Liturgy In The Source & Summit

Our Saturday and Sunday Liturgy should be a beautiful and moving experience as we make present the death and resurrection of our Lord.

More about this on www.sourceandsummit.org

For us we need more altar servers especially our older ones.

We need a leader for the singing, especially entrance psalm.

We need an organist or keyboard player and the full participation in our gathering at church as we offer our praise and thanksgiving of the Lord. Please check out www.sourceandsoummit.org

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