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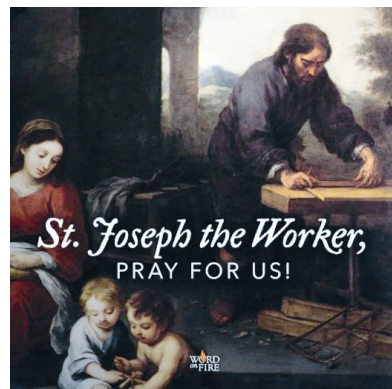
Mission Statement

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 8 August 2021



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Despite miraculously feeding them, the people took offence. "How can he say he came from heaven?" they ask. "We know who he is. He is Mary and Joseph's son". Flesh and blood cannot grasp the mystery of God made man. Jesus said: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him". God draws people to himself; he teaches so that they can believe in him.

Nowadays many people reject Jesus as a miracle-worker or divine, but they are willing to accept and admire him on the level of a great moral teacher. However, the Christian apologist C.S. Lewis argues powerfully against this conclusion:

'I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God". That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to ...

Now it seems to me obvious that he was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange, or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that he was and is God'

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Upcoming Masses

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	Mass at 6.00 p.m. Leah Curry (Sick)
Sunday 8	Mass at 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 9	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 10	Mass at 9.00 a.m. Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 11	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 12	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Friday 13	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 14 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 7/8th August.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14	Mass at 6.00 p.m. Rick Turvey RIP
Sunday 15	Mass at 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

* 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: Thomas Gleeson, Alma Mansfield, Kathleen O'Reilly, Kathleen Oldall, Catherine Taylor, and Christina Walls

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Henry Tilley (1920), Fr. David Coghlan (1935), Fr. Hugh Verity (1965), Fr. David Papworth (2011), and Fr. Stephen Keane (1963).

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.

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.

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.



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners to our Sunday Liturgy of our Holy Mass.

It gives our parish a great sense of belonging to see our parish community returning to our Sunday Mass, the Day of the Lord. It is safe to come back, although we still have some restrictions in place. For example, please continue to wear a face covering. But please also do enjoy our Mass and our parish community.

Although we are in the year of Mark in the scriptures, we move temporarily to John's Gospel. It is all about the Eucharist and what the Eucharist means to the people of their day as well as us today. The first reading we hear of Elijah the prophet. He was a man of great talents. His job was to bring the people back to God and away from the false god called Baal. This is the god we follow today. The many things we do against the commandments and putting material things before God. How many excuses do we make to justify our absence from Sunday Mass even when we go on holiday? Our God is the God who loves us, a merciful God, a God who forgives. He is the God who created us in His image and likeness. The God who gave us His Son, Jesus, who through His death and resurrection redeemed us from sin and promised us Eternal life.

Today, as it was for Elijah, Jesus confronts his own obstacles namely the Pharisees who would not believe in Him. Jesus did not give up. He proved to be the bread of life that Elijah ate and was restored. Jesus draws us to himself every day through the Eucharistic table in order to nourish us and strengthen us in our journey. He fills us with his spirit who leads and directs us on the right and narrow path in our journey. He is the bread of life that satisfies our spiritual hunger. Let us be faithful to Our Lord. Let us not lose hope. Let us have Him before us as we go through the day. Let us talk to our children about Jesus and how much he loves us. Let us come to Him each Sunday to "Taste and see that the Lord is good". He really is the bread of life.

I wish you all God's blessing.

Fr. Leslie

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.

Great News. Date for your Diary

Fr. Joseph Bailham (Shaun) who was recently ordained to the Priesthood for the Dominican Order will be saying the 10.30 a.m. Mass on 12 September and will be available to receive his blessing individually at the end of Mass. Shaun was an altar server at St. Josephs for many years and whist training for the priesthood came to see us often. It is a great privilege to receive a blessing from an newly ordained priest.

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.

Finance

On the front 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.

Christian Life

The Christian life is many things – However, the source and summit of Christian life is the gift of the Eucharist. It is this act of worship that reaches the very height, the very essence, the pinnacle of what Christian life is. This is because Christian life in Jesus Christ.

In the Eucharist we receive and Jesus receives us. The Eucharist is food: food for this life and food for the next. We are a unity of body and soul. Just as food feeds our physical bodies, so the Eucharist feeds our souls. Our faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself. The Eucharist is a mystery of presence. It is the Bread of Life.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 31 July: 39

Sunday 1 August: 40

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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.

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: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

200 Club

Thank you for all those who help the parish by joining the 200 Club. We would appreciate if more would join. It costs just £2.00 per month (£24.00 per year) and there is a monthly draw. The parish gets half and you lovely people get the other half in the form of a choice of three monetary prizes - the first £50.00. Thank you.

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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 www.marchforlife.co.uk

You can also watch their online

'Lifestream2021' on their website. If you are suffering after an abortion? Find help at www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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Leonard Lodge

Become a friend of Leonard Lodge, Barchester Healthcare.

Have you ever thought of volunteering and what joy that can bring to yourself and others? Leonard Lodge care home in Hutton, Brentwood is looking for volunteers from the local community to consider becoming a friend of our home and support residents.

At Leonard Lodge we recognize the special impact volunteers can have on the lives of residents who live within our home. There are many ways to volunteer and become a friend to our residents, we can talk to you and explore the best ways that suit you, your personality, skills and interests. The various ways in which people can volunteer are endless, some volunteers love to be very involved with our residents while others prefer to do tasks that enhance their lives without the face to face involvement, this might be a person who is good at woodwork and they can make a 'play your cards right' wooden display board or large garden game or gardening advice on multi-sensory area and plants.

For those who would enjoy more contact with our lovely residents there are so many wonderful ways that residents would appreciate for example, chatting & reminiscing, scrabble, dominoes, gardening with them, supporting trips out, helping our Activities Coordinators with events. To find out more please contact Lynn or Julie on 01277 263939. Email - activities.leonardlodge@barchester.com

Prayer & Liturgy

The catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us "Our Sunday liturgy is a participation in Christ's own prayer addressed to the Father in the Holy Spirit. In the liturgy all Christian prayer finds its source and goal. Through the liturgy the inner man is rooted and grounded in the "Great love with which the Father loved us" in his beloved son." (1073)

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).

Mass Offering Envelopes

Mass Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex.



Pope on Twitter



The invitation in the #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 6:24-35) is this: rather than being concerned only with material bread, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other. Freely and without calculation.

On this

#WorldDayAgainstTraffickingInPersons, I invite everyone to work together with the victims to transform the economy of trafficking into an economy of care.

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel

The Lord is always close to us: through new invitations, new words, with His consolations. The Lord is eternal. He never, ever retires

Finance News

For the week ending 1 August you gave £82.60 of which £2.00 was 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.

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

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

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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.

Light

Laughter

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here" shouts the barman.

"We don't serve your type!"

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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.

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