

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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.

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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 6 December 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 6.00p.m.
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open for PRIVATE PRAYER on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday of this week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please pray to Mary to bring an end to the pandemic and to bring with the son Jesus into the ETERNAL Life of all who have lost their lives through COVID-19.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 6.00 p.m.
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve:
NOW FULLY BOOKED

Mass at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Mass at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Please send in your name and contact details indicating which of the two Masses (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.) you will be attending.

Masks must be worn in the church – Room for parishioners is limited.

Please note the OFFERTORY collection should be placed in the white bucket, as you enter the church and it is your gift to your priests. (No baskets will be passed at the offertory).

"the soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of Baptism and thus become God's child" (St Maximilian Kolbe).

"LIVE, TRUTH – LIVE CATHOLIC (EWTN).

Parish Website

We would welcome your comments on our new website and any suggestions you may have.



Today is the Second Sunday of Advent

As a matter of urgency please contact Mary or Fr. Leslie to let us know what Mass you will be attending on Christmas Day (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.). Places are strictly limited due to Covid Tier II restrictions. The Christmas Eve 6.00 p.m. Mass is already fully booked.

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

- This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the week before Christmas.
- Please do all you can to help, and to spread the word to friends and family. We'd really like to make this a bumper fund-raiser if we can.
- God Bless and please take and complete as many envelopes as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for the completed envelopes.

Christmas Hamper

- Our Christmas Hamper is packed full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. It weighs around 8kg so is really substantial.
- Each delicious treat has been hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas favourites include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps.
- All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.

Includes:

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g
- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g

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Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, 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.

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.

Time of Prayer from the Bishops of England and Wales

In these difficult moments, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer. As a family try as suggested by the Cardinal to pray each day for an end of this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Andrew McCreadie, Ellen Burnham, Peter Heron, Win Rhodes, John O'Herlily, Tilly Brooks, Eddie Thomas, and Margaret Walsh.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Brian Drea (1993) (One time Parish Priest of St Joseph The Worker), Fr. Bernard Downall (1918), Fr. John Lane (2008), Canon Anthony McKenty (2017), Fr. Geoffrey Pye (1990), Fr. William Evers (1960)

For these and all the faithful departed. Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Parish Contribution

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically. Catholics are asked to continue to give as generously as possible in these difficult times. You can do this by filling out a standing order form and gift aid form if you pay tax. Or online via the new website, or direct into our parish account 40-13-22 61018884 Payable to St Joseph the Worker Hutton. During the church closure we lost a considerable amount which, for small parishes, it is a lot. If you are watching Mass from home, please remember your weekly offering unless you pay by standing order or through other ways. We have a number of maintenance tasks to be done which is the responsibility of our parish. *Thank you*

Mass Intentions

The best and most sacred way to remember the souls of our most loved one is to have a Mass offered for them that they may be released from sin and come into the presence of our heavenly father. Also we should also pray for our sick and for the intentions of whoever asks for our prayers. Mark the envelope either RIP/SICK/Private Intentions.

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has died RIP/SICK/or an Intention please put this on your envelope with your donation through the PRESBYTERY letter box or give it to FATHER at any of the two Sunday masses. To have a Mass said for someone is the most important prayer we should offer for them. One day we will need a Mass said for us. Please don't forget previous Priests of our Parish.



The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to all our parishioners. Welcome back to our celebration of the Most Holy Mass on Sundays. We are open for prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00 till midday. Please don't forget to let Mary know which of the Sunday morning Masses you will be attending on Christmas Day. We have COVID restrictions and numbers are limited so it is so important for our planning. I also want you to know that confessions are on Saturday mornings from 10.00 till 10.30 in the Blessed Sacrament

chapel. We also need volunteers to be ushers over Christmas to help to guide our parishioners to their allotted seats. So please come forward to help.

During Advent Pope Francis reminds us the liturgy speaks of closeness and watchfulness. Closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst. We need to say to him each day "Come close to us each day". Advent reminds us "that Jesus came among us and will come again at the end of time". He invites us to say "Come Lord Jesus, Come". We are also called to be watchful. The great mistake in life is that we get so absorbed in thousands of things and not to notice God. We lose sight of what is essential. We are "waiting the dawn amid darkness and weariness. The light of day will come when we shall be with the Lord". We must not let ourselves be overcome with discouragement but live in hope. Staying awake is not easy. We become drowsy. We fall into the sleep of mediocrity. It comes when we forget our first love and grow satisfied with indifference. We rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity "with the vigilance of prayer".

Come Lord Jesus! We need you! Come close to us. You are our light. You are our life.

May God bless our families.

Come Lord Jesus, Come.

Lord Jesus keep us close to you.

Fr. Leslie

Dominic's birthday



Welcome to birthdays Covid style! A good few parishioners joined Dominic and his family, over Zoom, to help him celebrate his 95th birthday in some style. Well done Dominic – great stuff. And very happy birthday too!

Christmas Greetings

Every year we try to fill the back page of the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to each other. The money raised goes straight to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We're going to start the page going next week so please do send me an email (ian.restell@design-portfolio.co.uk) with CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the subject bar and I'll be sure to include your greeting to Fr. Leslie, your friends and your fellow parishioners. Please send a £5 donation in the post to Fr. Leslie, or pop round and post it through his letterbox if you can. We all need cheering up this year more than ever! Can we fill the back page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project to provide a vital support service for survivors of church-related abuse.

Although the churches have funded the service, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales. Please see more details on our new website www.stjosephshutton.org

Can You Help?

Pope Francis's new encyclical to the world on fraternity and social friendship, *Fratelli tutti*, challenges us to unite in a spirit of cooperation in facing the needs of the world together.

"We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth..."

During these difficult times St. Vincent de Paul Society members in England and Wales have been working harder than ever in order to meet the needs in their local parishes and communities. Existing SVP groups have responded creatively to the challenges of the pandemic, and the national Society has established a number of hardship and innovation funds to ensure that, where possible, those in need can access support through our members. The society has also collaborated with other organisations such as Caritas, Trussell Trust, Acts 435 and St. Mary's university in order to extend our reach and impact. You may like to join the Cathedral SVP or open one here at St Joseph's (more info from www.svp.org.uk)

Christmas Offering For Your Priest

Your Christmas offering is your gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Because of the lockdown over Easter, we were unable to get the envelopes out. Please be a generous as you can, but we realize everyone is financially suffering. Thank you.

Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of its evolution and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Prayer during Advent

I humbly pray that during Advent a new song comes into my heart, a song of worship and praise, of love and adoration of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit for sending us Jesus, the saviour, the ETERNAL son, God made man, the word made flesh, the body wrapped in swaddling clothes, born in a manger, CHRIST the Lord, CHRIST the King.

Advent is very much focused on expectation and longing, but also thanksgiving and rejoicing. Advent contemplates the great truths of our faith. The incarnation, God made man, the word made flesh and the second coming of Christ. These truths open up our hearts to receiving Jesus into our lives in a way that deepens our faith and draws us close to God.

Let us truly make this season of Advent, truly one of prayer with each other and as individuals. As we go about our daily work, let us constantly say "Come Lord Jesus, Come".

St. Joseph the Worker School

Our school Admissions Policy for 2022/2023 and Supplementary Information Form can be found on the website under Key Information/Admissions. www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

On this the second Sunday of Advent we turn to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, the shortest of the Gospels. Mark begins his account of the life of Jesus with the preaching of John the Baptist in the desert. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark has no account of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus and, unlike John, gives no extensive prologue recording the origins of Jesus within the mystery of God and his self-revelation. Mark makes a simple and bold pronouncement: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". This simple verse sets out the whole purpose of Mark in writing his Gospel. It is a twofold purpose: on the one hand, to reveal Jesus, through the events of his life and especially through his death on the cross, as the Son of God and, on the other hand, to tell the "good news".

The climax of the Gospel is to be found in a rather unexpected place. It is in the declaration of faith heard at the crucifixion on the lips of a Roman soldier: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Somehow this centurion perceived that Jesus' death was unlike any other. Mark has written his Gospel to reveal this truth.

In the beginning it was the role of John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. Mark presents John as the fulfilment of the prophecy: "I send my messenger to prepare the way before me". The Old Testament tradition was that this messenger would be Elijah. Elsewhere in Mark's Gospel, Jesus himself suggests that Elijah has come in the person of the Baptist. It is as though the story of Elijah never really ended. He did not die, but ascended in a chariot of fire. Only with the Baptist does Elijah's story end. Mark wants to show that it was the Baptist's death that gave the greatest witness to Christ. John suffered a martyr's death, but the death of Jesus would be so much more powerful. Jesus' death would lead to a whole new relationship with God. As we share in the death of Jesus in the liturgy today, we can also know the gift of the Spirit and union with the Father. This is the Good News!

Father, with a humble and contrite heart I proclaim that you are truly Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the Living God. Amen.



Weekly Collection

Weekly collection can be placed in the white buckets in the church when open for private prayer, or placed though the presbytery letter box.

Stewards

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we will need ushers for our Masses to continue once Lockdown 2.0 is over. It's not a big task - you would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle.

Please please help if you can.

Christmas Hamper

Hamper envelopes can be placed though the Presbytery letter box. If you do not have one, they can be picked up when the church is open for private prayer (see above) or you can ring the presbytery requesting one - leaving your name and address and one will be sent to you. The newsletter will be on the website or picked up from the church on the days it is open.

Finance News

The Christmas Hamper raffle raised another £25.00 this week making a running total of £285.00

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.

Sort Code:

40 13 22.

Account No.:

61018884

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

First Holy Communion 2021

Although we are uncertain about how and when we can begin preparation for this most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, it would be helpful if you could access the parish website, under Sacraments, First Communion and email to request the form, complete the form and return to the parish email account or Presbytery., by 13th January 2021. The main requirement to put your child forward for this most holy sacrament is that you must be a regular attendee at Mass. If you have any questions call the Presbytery for more information.



Pope on Twitter



I want to assure my prayers for #Nigeria. Last Saturday more than one hundred farmers were brutally killed. May God welcome them in His peace and comfort their families, and convert the hearts of those who commit similar atrocities which gravely offend His name.

God's grace changes lives: He takes us as we are, but He never leaves us as we are.

Let us frequently repeat the traditional #Advent prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:20): before meetings, studying, work, and before making decisions, in the important moments or times of trial: Come, Lord Jesus!

Let us keep in mind that not even a murderer loses his personal dignity — God Himself guarantees it (see EV 9). The firm rejection of the death penalty shows to what extent it is possible to recognize the inalienable dignity of every human being

Light
Laughter

What do you call a snowman with a six pack?

An abdominal snowman!

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CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD MESSAGES TO THE BRAVE

Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. CAFOD are asking that as many of us as possible to show our solidarity with these brave people, by sending them a Christmas message, to show their efforts and struggles are not forgotten. It's easy to do - please follow the link below for instructions, or go to the CAFOD website and look for Messages to the Brave.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and the donation (normally £5.00) to the Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2021.

A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.
Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie, and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas and let's all hope – a happy and healthy New Year!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive period with their loved ones.
Love The Peachey Family

The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all parishioners at St. Joseph a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year

The Jackson family would like to wish Fr. Leslie, friends and parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. In particular we would like to thank all Stewards, Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their commitment to our parish this year

Catherine, David, William, James, and Verity would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a very happy and Holy Christmas



COME ON GUYS! CAN WE FILL THE BACK PAGE?

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