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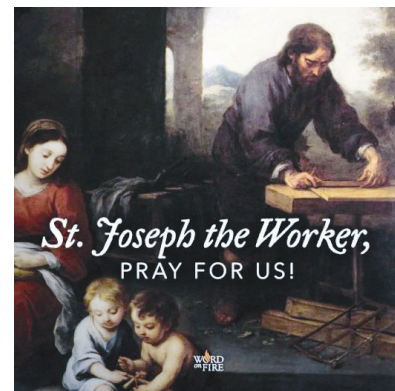
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Mission Statement

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 10 July 2022



"The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'"

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Catholic social teaching has largely owned the Parable of the Good Samaritan and in a way rightly so, because it highlights the care and solicitude we owe every human being, particularly those in dire need physically, emotionally or spiritually. However, is there a deeper meaning to the parable?

We can be absolutely sure that because Scripture is divinely inspired, there is always a deeper meaning behind every verse. Some of the early Fathers, such as Origen or St. Augustine, as well as the mediaeval theologian St. Thomas Aquinas, discerned in this parable a much deeper meaning than just helping our neighbour. They approached the parable allegorically - in other words, as a device in which the characters or events in the parable represent or symbolize real people and events and communicate a hidden and profound message. Approaching Scripture allegorically can open up deeper and deeper layers of meaning.

Some theologians dislike this approach because they fear that we can read something into the text's significance which the original author didn't intend. But they often approach Scripture in the wrong way, studying and dissecting it like a Shakespeare play. Scripture is the divine Word of God and by its very nature there are always hidden depths to plumb.

So, for today, let us consider an allegorical understanding of the parable. Jerusalem represents heaven and Jericho represents the world. The robbers are the devil and his demons. The priest represents the Torah (the Jewish law) and the Levite represents the prophets. The victim beaten, bruised, wounded and left half-dead by the roadside is mankind. The Good Samaritan is Jesus, and the donkey is Christ's body, bearing the weight of the broken body of the victim of this terrible robbery. Finally, the inn represents the Church, our place of healing and sanctuary. The Good Samaritan's promise to return is a reference to Jesus' Coming again in power and glory.

Lord, open my eyes, ears, and heart to understand the hidden depths of your Word so that I can be taught by the Spirit the riches and treasures contained in every letter, every word.

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Upcoming Masses

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY JULY

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m. Anastasia Jackson RIP <i>Jackson Family</i>
Sunday 10	10.30 a.m. Jim Jarvis RIP <i>Jan Jarvis</i> 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 12	09.00 a.m. Parishioners
Wednesday 13	7.30 p.m. (Please note the time) D&J Duranti
Thursday 14	9.00 a.m. Mike Butler <i>Sean & Anne Marie Clarke</i>
Friday 15	9.00 a.m. Billy Sugrue RIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m. Celine & Jim Andrews, Veronica Lyons, Angela Booker, Lee Kenny & Monica Kenny <i>L.E Briggs</i>
Sunday 17	10.30 a.m. Private Intention 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: 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

9 July	6.00 p.m. M Brennan S Walker
10 July	10.30 a.m. S. Barber M. Allum

Readers For This Week's Masses

9 July	6.00 p.m. M Anderson
10 July	10.30 a.m. S. Ruffles

Eucharistic Ministers For Next 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 Next Week's Masses

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

Mass attendance

Saturday 2 July:	48
Sunday 3 July:	75



Welcome to all our parish family and to our new parishioners and visitors.

If you are sitting beside someone you don't know, then do please introduce yourself and make them feel at home. When you go afterwards into the parish hall why not move around to a table to someone you don't know? Also please do go into the hall for refreshments even if it's for a short time.

The message for us in today's readings tell us firstly we must love and seek the Law of God before everything else

and everyone else. We must truly love and obey the Law of God with all our mind, and heart, and soul. Despite the necessities of life, let us remember and keep Sunday holy and fulfil our obligation to attend Mass and gladly participate in the praise and worship of the Lord with his Body, the church. Here we listen to God's word and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in commemoration of Our Lord's Last Supper. Secondly many of us treat the Law of God or the Ten Commandments as burdensome and hard to follow. However they teach us something practical for our daily lives. For instance, "You shall respect your father and mother. You shall not kill. You shall not steal. You shall not be envious of your neighbours and their possessions". Thirdly, often many of us claim ignorance or lack of understanding or human weakness for failing to follow God's law. But as Moses says, God has made it clear for all to see and understand what He wants from us. These commandments are essential for our well-being, peace and joy. Fourthly we must put them into action as Jesus said to the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life". "You shall love The Lord Your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself".

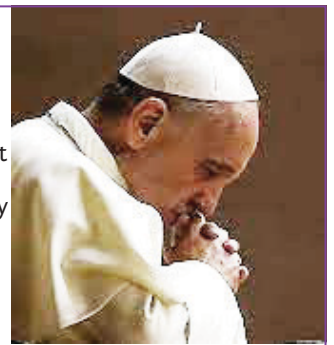
All of us have been given the grace with the knowledge of good and evil by God. Let us pray that we receive His Word in faith and that He May give us the power to live the kind of life we are called to live. When we fail, we have the Sacrament of Confession to raise us up and renew our peace and joy.

I wish all our families the love and peace of Jesus.

Fr. Leslie

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.

Sea Sunday – 9/10 July 2022

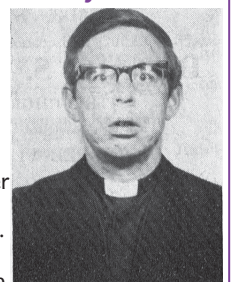
Please note that Sea Sunday will be held on 9/10 July this year. That is the weekend when you are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) at all Masses please. This mandatory collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its important ministry to seafarers and fishers. I ask that you observe this Sunday in your Ordo and second collections please.

And The Winner Is....

Congratulations to Julia Sexton who won the Luxury Hamper which was drawn last week after 10.30 Mass. And a very welcome £220.00 added to church funds. Thank you.

Fr. Leslie 50th Anniversary

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 on Saturday 16 July and again after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17 July. All are very welcome – the more the merrier to mark this wonderful achievement!



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

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Missio

Bishop Alan received a letter of thanks from Fr. Anthony Chantry, National Director of Missio for the 2021 collection from Brentwood Diocese which amounted to £154,218.00. These donations will go towards the Universal Solidarity Fund, which is distributed around the world to dioceses that are struggling and mission projects that benefit those in greatest need. 40% of the donations go to support the Mill Hill Missionaries working in 19 countries in Africa and Asia.

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.

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.



First Holy Communion Parents

There will be a meeting with Fr Leslie on Tuesday 12 July at 7.30 - 8.00 p.m. for those who have submitted their forms.

Dates For Your Diary

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

Journey Home - Threshold Of Hope

Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

First Commandment

'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve'

2084. God makes himself known by recalling his all powerful love and liberating action in the history of one he addresses. 'I brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.' The first word contains the first commandment of the law. 'You shall fear the Lord your God, you shall serve him. You shall not go after other Gods'. God's first call and first demand is that man accepts him and worship him.

2085. The one true God first reveals his glory to Israel. The revelation of the vocation and truth of man is linked to the revelation of God. Our vocation is to make God manifest by acting in conforming with his creator in the image and likeness of God.

The first commandment embraces faith, hope and charity. This commandment requires us to nourish and protect our faith and reject everything that opposes it.

Hope - we must hope that God will give us the capacity to love him in return and act in conformity with the commandment of charity.

Love - we are called to love God above everything and all creatures for him and because of him.

Therefore prayer is lifting up the mind towards God in an expression of our petition. Prayer is an indispensable condition for being able to obey God's commandments.

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

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.

200 CLUB

April		May	
1 st B Richards	£50	1 st M Dodson	£50
2 nd S Jones	£30	2 nd U Scully	£30
3 rd S Ruffles	£20	3 rd M Wild	£20

June

1 st C Barton	£50
2 nd D & C Brentnall	£30
3 rd S Camp	£20

Congratulations to all our winners, and a big thank you to all members for your continued support.

New members are most welcome...you'll find a standing order form at the back of the church for completion and return to Fr. Leslie. There's a form on the website too!



Pope on Twitter



The existence of the human person is but a breath, his or her affairs are fleeting, but those who pray know they are precious in God's eyes.

#LetsPrayTogether for peace in Ukraine and worldwide. Let us pass from strategies of political, economic and military power to a plan for global peace: no to a world divided between conflicting powers; yes to united world of peoples and civilizations that respect each other.

Brothers, sisters, let us not place our trust in wealth and not fear our poverties, material and human. The more we are free and simple, the more the Holy Spirit guides the mission and makes us agents of his wonders.

Today, #LetsPrayTogether for #peace and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of the #Congo, so wounded and exploited. Let us join in the Masses celebrated there with this intention, and let us pray that Christians be witnesses of peace.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 3 July you gave £240.00 with £17.00 through Gift Aid. Hamper raffle: £15.00 last week was donated. Running total now £220 Second Collection for Peter's Pence: £115.00.

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: Richard Guilfoyle, Joan Parker, Margaret Wynne, Mary McKenna, Leslie Stone, Kathleen Cast, Clara Miersen, and Francis Dodson
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Walter Walsh (1965), Fr. John Watson (1966), Canon Daniel Harnest (1983)

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.

Light

Laughter

What did one pickle say to the other pickle?
Dill with it!

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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



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Knit and Natter

At our meeting on Friday 8th July - Jacinta will be demonstrating how to wear a sari.

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.



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



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