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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 20 September 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 19 | 6.00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 20 | 10.30 a.m. |
| Monday 21 | No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church |
| Tuesday 22 | No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church |
| Wednesday 23 | No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church |
| Thursday 24 | No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church |
| Friday 25 | No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church |

Confessions

Confessions by appointment at the moment.

Face Masks

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

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora 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.



Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.
If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbane our membership officer on 01277 219746.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU – TO REGISTER!

Our brand new website is up and running and has the same address as before (www.stjosephshutton.org) and contains all the information you need about the Parish, Mass Times, Parish Groups etc. etc. It's very easy to use and will help us become an interactive community, as well as a loving and caring one!

What we need you all to do now is visit the "Register a New Parishioner" section which you will find under "Parish". There is a form there that we'd like you ALL to complete. When you do this, it will help us build the Parish database, so that we can more easily contact you about Parish matters. One thing that Covid-19 has taught us is that we lacked the ability to easily and effectively inform you of important changes to Mass times, Covid-19 guidelines, registration for Masses etc. etc. Our new database will solve that in future, as long as everyone gets involved and completes the form online!

Don't be put off by the title of the form being "Register a New Parishioner"! We know you are an existing parishioner but we don't have the contact details that we need, as yet. All your details will remain entirely confidential in line with current GDPR legislation. And we won't divulge your details to any third parties. The data will be held securely.

And just as important – weekly collections have slowed to a trickle, which of course is understandable given the restrictions we are all living under. It would help the church and parish enormously if you could consider making your offering by standing order, either weekly or monthly. The last few months, in addition to a reduction in Masses and attendance, has seen most of us move to a cashless society and the church is no different. Cash is always good, of course, but in these troubled times, bank transfer is so much better!

All the forms you need, Standing Order forms, Gift Aid forms (most important if you are a tax payer) and 200 Club forms are available on.... the new parish website!

I hope you enjoy your visit to the site and that you are able to at least complete the parishioner registration form.

If you have any problems at all then please email Mary via the contact button at the foot of the page.



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Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

William Drake, Leonard Hagerty, Mirella O'Regan (Jerry), Richard Postoj, Syliva Wade, Liane Wilson, Waltravd Madejezyk, Edward Bridge, and Dennis Catterwell.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr John Ryan (1970).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace. We are reminded that the church is not limited to this world, but eternal to the next as well.

By praying for the dead as we prayed for them when we were with us, we are united with the communion of saints. I remember those who have died in the peace of Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS

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

Please note Mass intention envelopes are at the back of the church. Don't forget to have Mass said for the repose of the soul of family and friends.

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for prayers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk



Hello and welcome to our Sunday celebration of our Holy Mass.

We now have two Masses each weekend: on Saturday evening 6.00 at 6.00 p.m. and on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. We also have restarted our newsletters. If you know of someone who has not been able to return to our community please deliver a newsletter to them and tell them about our new website. We want to try and reach all our parishioners.

Our church is Covid secure and we are closely following the guidelines to keep you all safe. Our Blessed Lord is waiting for you. Sadly, we cannot return for weekday Masses as yet, but Mass is said in our church albeit it is locked. There are Mass intention envelopes in the Narthex should you want a Mass said for someone whom you loved or touched your life while they were with us or someone who is sick. One day we will need the prayers and Masses from those whom we knew and love in life. Please also pray the Rosary each day for all who are suffering from Covid-19 and all who have died from this horrible virus.

This Sunday we have one of the most beautiful passages of the bible. It is found in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul wants to tell us to be kind and loving, merciful to each other. We are to put the interests of others above ourselves. Then he tells us about Jesus. We should have the same attitude in life as Jesus had. He was forever God, but he did not regard this as something to be grasped. Instead He emptied Himself of His Divinity. He became a human being. More than this, He became a servant for all of us. He obeyed His Father for our sake, even when this obedience led him to his death on the cross. Jesus is a living person. We should have a personal relationship with him. We go through our days speaking to him (do we?), and listening for Him to speak to us. Again - do we? We know he is the eternal Son of the Father, the Word of God present from the beginning of creation. He is our closest friend, our deepest love. We look and hold his cross and are amazed at the extent of His Love. As St. Paul says - "Be like him". "Serve others". Stop being selfish. Look at others as more important than yourselves. This is difficult. So much of our society pressures us to think that the world revolves around our wants and us. However, it does not. The world is the Lord's. With the Grace of God, we can do the work of God.

Finally we have Holy Communion cards and gifts at the back of the church. Because of our restrictions our lovely children will be divided into two bubbles to celebrate their First Holy Communion on the last weekend of this month.

We thank our parents for being understanding and the sacrifices they are making on this special day.

I wish you a happy weekend with your families and keep each other safe.

Mass attendance

Mass attendance on Saturday 12 September at 6.00 p.m. was 40.

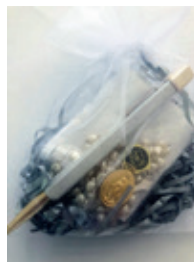
On Sunday 13 September at 10.30 a.m. attendance was also 40.

There is some space for you if you want to join us. Please arrive early for Mass so that you can be seated by our Ushers and this will also give you time for private prayer.

First Holy Communion Gifts

If you are looking for a small gift for a child who is celebrating their First Holy Communion then our Repository has many gifts and cards for you, and all at reasonable prices.

Mandy has also made up some small First Holy Communion gift bags - see below - which you may want to purchase at a cost of £6.00. Each gift bag contains a First Holy Communion pen, a St. Christopher medal, a Rosary and a Prayer Card. Ideal!



Mary Alcock

Special prayers please for Mary Alcock, who needs our help by praying for a speedy recovery from a serious situation. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her at this particular time. She has asked for your prayers and I said I would ask you all for your prayers. Saying the Rosary for her would be much appreciated. On her behalf, thank you.

Baptism At St. Joseph

If you wish to have your CHILD Baptised, please complete the form on the website www.stjosephshutton.org

Parents must be a practicing Catholic, attending Mass and the Sacraments regularly. At least one God Parent must be a practising Catholic and no more than two. The Catholic God Parent must also be a practising Catholic.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTISE

The priest is being asked to do no more than certify whether or not the child comes from a practising Catholic family to the best of his knowledge and belief, in all the circumstances.

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Can you imagine the furore at any modern workplace if someone who had worked a full day were paid the same as someone who had only worked for the last hour of the day? With the modern raft of employment legislation and unions, there would probably be a major protest, even a riot. The boss wouldn't be able to say, as the landowner said to his protesting workers: "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?"

Don't worry, Jesus told the parable to elicit this very response - indignation, protest and complaint! Sometimes life just isn't fair, and neither is the gospel message - but that's the point, isn't it? The gospel message is shocking and scandalous. Why? Because in the gospel we encounter the lavish, generous and wanton giving of God's grace upon all men and women. If we haven't touched something of the "scandal of grace", then we haven't understood the "gospel of grace".

Jesus caused quite a stir through his association with so-called public sinners, including tax collectors, prostitutes and others on the margins of society. The Pharisees were indignant and horrified because they reasoned that God loves the righteous and despises the unrighteous. However, Jesus revealed that God's love shines on the righteous and the unrighteous, the good, the bad and everyone in-between. Jesus was sent by the Father to save the sinner, the poor, the outcast, those far from God, those who would never set foot in a synagogue or indeed a church! Where sin, darkness, evil and death abound, guess what: God's love and mercy super-abound!

This holier-than-thou attitude was particularly devastating in its effect in Ireland in the last century when unmarried women who fell pregnant were treated abysmally by their families and church authorities. Considered fallen women and unfit mothers, they were sent to institutions run by religious sisters, where many of them were treated brutally and harshly. Many were separated from their children and never saw them again. What priests and religious sisters failed to understand is that we are all "fallen" - we are all beggars before God's mercy. Jesus heralded a revolution of love and grace, and we are freedom fighters, activists and soldiers of this revolution.

Father. I rejoice in the gospel of your scandalous and shocking grace, and give you thanks and praise for the gift of salvation, the light of your mercy and your healing love.



Can You Help?

I hope that in your great generosity that you might be able to give a little extra to cover the cost of sanitising our church? Every time we use our church we have to clean all the benches to keep you all safe. It is a priority and it is costly as you will realise. We also need help to do this after each Mass and especially after our First Holy Communion Masses on 26 and 27 of September. Therefore we will need cleaners on Saturday afternoon to prepare for our 6.00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday after the second First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday afternoon. The more help we can get, the better. I would be so grateful, it won't take up much of your time.

ALSO we will need ushers for both First Holy Communion Masses. Please let me know if you can help. We want every everyone to be safe.

Collection For Holy Places - today

This collection will be taken up today as it was deferred from the Good Friday collection mandated by the Holy See. These funds are the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land. The Franciscan custody uses the collection to carry out its important mission of preserving the Sacred Places and promoting the Christian presence through many pastoral, educational, welfare and health matters. Please give generously.

Altar Servers

During this period we are unable to have altar servers at our Mass. However, you are not forgotten, and you are important to our parish. I will let you know as soon as possible when you will be able to serve. My thoughts are with the newly trained altar servers who have been unable to serve. You are not forgotten. The same applies to those who provide music which of course is not allowed at the moment

First Holy Communion

Sadly, due the restrictions put upon us, the First Holy Communion "celebrations" will be held over two days, at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26 September and 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 27 September.

The Parents Meeting, to discuss all aspects, will be held on Friday 25 September at 7.00 p.m. in the church.

Updated Guidance For Celebration of Mass

During Mass face coverings are to be worn.

Care should be taken by people in unlooping their face coverings for the reception of Holy Communion and replacing the covering afterwards. This is to prevent contamination of the covering by the hands. However, the risk is regarded as minimal providing there is no hand to hand contact between the Minister of Communion and the communicant.

The same guidance that is used for the celebration of Mass applies to all other sacraments in our churches until further notice. It is for everyone's good that a face covering is worn.

Every Day Evangelisation in the Parish

- ♦ Be Gracious In The Car Park
- ♦ Pray For Parish Leaders - For Your Priest -
- ♦ For One Another
- ♦ Get Involved In The Parish Community
- ♦ Invite Friends Who Are Not Catholic To Parish Events
- ♦ Explain In Advance To Those Who Are Not Familiar With The Catholic Faith, What They Will Hear And See During The Liturgies.

Finance News

The collection for the week ending 12/13 September was £199.89 of which £71.00 was via Gift Aid.

Thank you and God Bless

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| Income (6th August - 5th September) | £2,597.35 |
| Expenses | £4,011.99 |
| Standing Orders | £1,511.00 |

During the Lockdown our parish lost in the region of £10,000. If you can help us to catch up - thank you. I am aware many suffered likewise. We also have a lot of maintenance to be done but this is currently on hold.

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.

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Pope on Twitter



To contemplate and to care: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and rebalance our relationship as human beings with creation

Contemplation, which leads us to an attitude of care, is not a question of looking at nature from the outside, as if we were not immersed in it. But we are inside nature, we are part of nature

As many spiritual masters have taught us, heaven, earth, sea, and every creature have an iconic capacity or mystical capacity to bring us back to the Creator and to communion with creation.

Climate restoration is of utmost importance for the Earth's future. Thus, I invite all nations to adopt more ambitious national targets to reduce emissions.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present. We do need ushers to form a rota to keep our church open. Please do volunteer.

Light

Laughter

"My wife told me to take the spider out instead of killing it. Went out. Had a few drinks. Nice guy. He's a web designer!"

Rule of Six doesn't sit very well with the Seven Dwarfs. One of them is not Happy!

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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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