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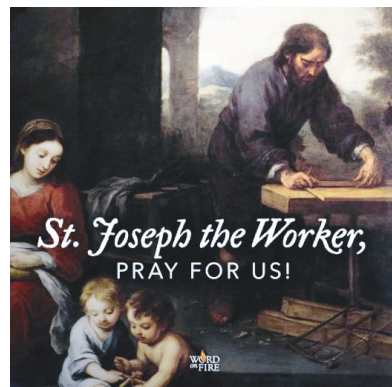
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Mission Statement

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 21 November 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of Glory may come in.*

In the processional hymn which celebrates the Ark of the Covenant entering Jerusalem's temple, the Psalmist leads us in joyful prayer and praise. For the Jews, the Ark was the seat of God; it was where the Lord dwelt. The worshippers cry for the gates to open so that the Lord of hosts can enter. We echo this cry on the Feast of Christ the King; we who worship the Father in spirit and truth acknowledge Jesus' rightful place on the throne of glory, at his Father's right hand.

Jesus is the Son, the King, the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega, the One who overcame our deadliest foes: sin, Satan and death. John records the eternal hymn of praise of the four living creatures, capturing the glory, honour, worship and praise which are due to Jesus, the Servant King, because he laid down his life only to take it up again: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty' (Rev. 4:8).

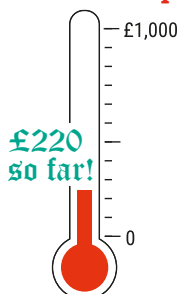
Jesus is truly enthroned as King as we longingly await the full unveiling and realization of the kingdom: '...until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death' (1 Cor. 15:25-26).

We are living in the age of the Church; the end times have been a reality since Jesus ascended into heaven. When he comes again in glory, sin, death and corruption will be overthrown entirely: 'When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him [the Father] who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone' (1 Cor. 15:28).

The kingship and lordship of Jesus underpin our faith. Today, as the liturgical year draws to a close, we prepare to celebrate once more the coming of the King of Kings who laid aside his majesty and glory to humble himself by being born, not in regal comfort, but in a lowly stable.

Open the gates of your heart. Let the King of glory enter and take up residence there as the Lord and King of your life.

Christmas Hamper



Our Christmas hamper will be arriving shortly – to raffle towards our much-needed parish funds – as we have so many repairs to do on our parish property. Each year you have been very generous to St. Joseph's and I know you will be equally generous this year. I realise that many are struggling in one way or another, but we must not neglect God's house.

Also we will encourage you to send your Christmas Greetings to one another via the newsletter as we have done in the past. Proceeds will go towards Brentwood Catholic Children's society.

Thanks again for your unflinching support.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

A Different Church is Possible: embracing an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability

INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE CENTRE FOR ECCLESIAL ETHICS

On the eve of our global synod Pope Francis invited us all to create not another Church, but a different Church. You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2 December at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom, in which Professor Jim Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability can offer a pathway of renewal for our Church and enable us to become the different, attentive and vulnerable Church that God calls us to be in service of a fragile world emerging from Covid. Tickets are free and bookings can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-ecclesial-ethics-inaugural-lecture-tickets-192356893647>

All are welcome and further details at www.mbit.cam.ac.uk

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Upcoming Masses

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

Saturday 20	6.00 p.m. Mass Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul in Charlieu
Sunday 21	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 22	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 23	9.00 a.m. Mass Janice Masters RIP <i>Restall family</i> Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 25	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 26	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Friday 27	9.00 a.m. Mass Dennis Norman (Sick) Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.
Saturday 28	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28	6.00 p.m. Mass Mary Tumulty RIP <i>B. Edwards</i>
Sunday 29	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. Envelopes in the Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Abina Southgate, Dorothy Bright, George Steple, Teresa Bolton, Pat Mills, James Masters, Sally Cannon, and Paul Denton.

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Edward Watson (1929), Canon Martin Hancock (1993), Fr. Anthony Robson (1985), and Fr. John John Aydon (1973)

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.

November Dead Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex.

Advertising your business

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for details.



Welcome to our parish family and visitors to our Sunday Mass on this feast our Christ our King. Today's Gospel is from John. It's an extract from the judgement of Jesus before Pilate. In answer to the question 'So you are a King' Jesus responds 'His kingdom is not of this world. Yes I am a King, for this I was born to bear witness to the truth'.

As Catholics our calling in our daily life is to bear witness to the truth. Jesus is the Son of God. He came to redeem us from sin which would lead Him to his passion and death on the cross and His glorious resurrection. He has taught us through the Scriptures and through prayer about the love of the Father for each one of us. How often do we tell Our Father that we love him? Now is the time for us to step out of ourselves and look outwards to find Jesus in our daily lives. To ask ourselves what are our true values?

As Advent approaches let us put the preparation of our lives towards God's kingdom first and then prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. We have the Sacraments of the Church left to us by Jesus to help us to navigate our world. I ask you to think seriously about the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to truly enjoy Christmas and what it means for us. This Sacrament is top of our list. Peter said to Jesus after one of his miracles 'Lord depart from me for I am a sinful man'. The tax collector said to Jesus 'Be merciful to me a sinner'. We need to come to Jesus, to open the door of our hearts to Him and receive His forgiveness and mercy.

The goal of our advent pilgrimage then is to return to our Father's house. May the Lord bless us all this Advent. May his Word be born afresh within us. May we receive an anointing of grace so that his light may shine more brightly within us and in our world today.

For Lester

Journey Home (Continued)

Offer a contrite heart.

Coming into the presence of God, the All Holy One, should make us more sensitive to the barriers we have placed between ourselves and Him by our sinfulness and lack of faith. Bringing a contrite heart before God, we also recognise how rich He is in mercy and forgiveness, how slow to anger. Practice attentive listening.

If the readings at Mass are to ignite our Hearts and make them burn with love for God then they must not only be proclaimed with conviction but need to be listened to with an attentive ear and open heart. (to be continued)

Find out more at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk – visit our YouTube channel 'Thresholds of Hope' Formation – Mission – Relationships.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During Advent we shall have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Please come daily to pray before Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament and when you come, please Genuflect or Bow before you take your place as a mark of reverence.

BCYS - Advent Carol Service

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12 December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems and stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m., however there will be limited capacity at each event, and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeatie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373 959.

God Gives You Forgiveness



Bible Alive

For November is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of your home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.

Christmas Cards can also be ordered – which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is 28 November. Not long now. This is the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus our Saviour by being humble to receive the grace of our Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can do this at any catholic church if you wish. The good news of God's grace is that he has provided us with the means to restore our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters. Do try and go as a family!

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Hildegard Sieche RIP

It is with great sadness that I am advising the people of the Parish that Hildegard Sieche died last weekend. Hildegard died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Cologne.

Hildegard and Bernhard belonged to our Parish for over 20 years; Bernhard was the Organist and Choir Master and Hildegard was a leading light in the Society of Vincent de Paul and a supporter of the Marillac. Th Funeral is on Monday 22 November, and I am going over this weekend. Many of our Parishioners remember Hildegard with affection, so if anyone wishes to send a card, I could take them over.

Sheila Jones

Lunchtime Recital

Do hope you can join us for a Cello/Piano/Organ Lunchtime Recital to be given on Wednesday 24 November at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. This Recital is to be given by Oliver Farrant, a London based Cellist who will be accompanied by Stephen King on the Piano and Organ. Oliver was awarded a first class degree from the Royal Northern College of Music and is an ex-National Youth Orchestra Principle Cellist. He gives multiple public concerto performances and also teaches musicians of all ages and abilities.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

Brentwood Cathedral - Sunday 5 December 2021

Carols and Music for the Festive Season at 4:00 pm (finishes around 5:00 pm) by Founder Members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. This special anniversary concert marks the launch of the choir's new festive CD, Christmas Regifted. This recording is dedicated to the memory of a dear friend and choir member who, last year, lost her battle with cystic fibrosis. Proceeds from its sale will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. CDs will be available to buy, and proceeds will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Admission is free – there will be a Retiring Collection. For more information, please contact: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Christmas Offering for your priest

This forms a major part of your priest's income. Even if you have a standing order, you will need to have one as your gift is for your priest while standing orders are for your parish.



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Tree of Angels Appeal 2021



This month bccs has re-launched their on-line Tree of Angels initiative inviting supporters to light up an Angel on a virtual Christmas tree and dedicate this to a loved one while making a donation to their work.

During the month of November – the traditional month for remembering our beloved dead – the bccs Tree of Angels can be used as a way of posting a prayer or dedication for a loved one you may have lost.

Every Angel which is lit up will help bccs to continue to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in our community; sadly, this support is needed more than ever at this time.

The Tree of Angels will continue to shine throughout the period of Advent and can be used to let a friend or family member know you are thinking of them, or simply to send a Christmas greeting to someone you may not be seeing this year.

Click the link to go directly onto their secure platform where you will be invited to choose an angel, write a dedication and make a donation: <https://visufund.com/treeofangels>

MISSIO

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

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2022 is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church 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.

Newsletter

We will be taking our usual break for Christmas on w/c 20 December for a couple of weeks. There will be a newsletter available on Christmas Day and then we will resume publication on the weekend of 8/9 January 2022.

St Joseph The Worker School

The school Admissions Policy for 2023/2024 is now on the school website and can be found as follows:

www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

Key Information/Admissions/Admissions Policy 2023/2024

Reminder – Christmas Envelopes for Hamper

Please pick up envelopes from the Narthex. Write your Name, Contact details, and enclose £5.00, and return the completed envelopes as soon as possible. Why not take an extra one (or two) for friends and family?



Pope on Twitter



I am grateful for all the initiatives of solidarity on the occasion of the #WorldDayOfThePoor. I also invite you to repeat the strong moment of witness and prayer that we lived last Friday in Assisi.

That is the word that makes hope blossom in the world and relieves the suffering of the poor: tenderness. We need to overcome the temptation to be concerned only about our own problems; we need to grow tender before the tragedies of our world, to share its pain.

Let us bring an outlook of hope to our world. Let us bring it with tenderness to the poor, without judging them. For there, with them, is Jesus; because there, in them, is Jesus, who awaits us.

A person who is generous, helpful, meek, patient, not envious, does not gossip, brag, or lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. That person may not be noticed, and yet, what he or she does will not be lost because good lasts forever

Finance News

For the week ending 14 November you gave £175.00 of which £45.00 was through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: £115.00 this week, making £220.00 to date. Keep 'em coming!

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.

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.

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.

Church Cleaners

We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

Light

Laughter

How do you organize a party in space?

Planet early!

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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 2022.

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!

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

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

A peaceful and joyful Christmas and New Year to Father Leslie and all the Parishioners and our Primary School. Best wishes always
from Alex, Sheila, James, Michela and Andrea.

Peace, Goodwill and happiness for you all at Christmas and always .
Jan Jarvis.



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