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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 11 June 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10 6.00 p.m.
Int David & Bridie Healy
Sunday 11 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 13 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 14 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 15 9.00 a.m.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday 16 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 17 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.
Derek Huxtable
Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.
Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 10 June 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Ian Restall
Sunday 11 June 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie
Mary Allum

Readers

Saturday 10 June 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Sunday 11 June 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Mass Attendance

Saturday 3 June: 46
Sunday 4 June: 62

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for June is available in the Narthex – may God's word guide our lives.



Welcome to our parish family and our visitors on this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our food for our journey to life with Our Father for eternity.
Pope St. Paul VI says "Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honoured with the worship of adoration". "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (CCC 1418 citing Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei* 66). According to St. John Paul II. "The church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (Dominicae Cenae)
Pope Francis says time spent in prayer and silent adoration to better come to know the Lord. Prayer makes you aware of the words of St. Paul "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loves me and gave his life for me". (Galatians 2:20) Only in the silence of adoration do we experience the whole truth of these words. We must recapture the sense of adoration. To adore, to adore God, to adore Jesus, to adore the Spirit. The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit: to adore. Bless our families and eternal happiness to all our faithful departed.

Fr. Leslie

Registration for First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024

For those children who are currently in school Year 3 or above (If your child will be entering school Year 3 in September, they will have to wait until they have entered school Year 4 in September 2024 before being able to join the First Holy Communion programme), who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2024) will begin from this weekend 10/11 June for the next four weekends until 01/02 July. In order to register, please pick up a form from Fr. Leslie after one of the weekend parish masses. Please return this form to Fr. Leslie by 3 July 2023 (No one will be accepted onto the course after this date). If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Leslie after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Priority for places will go to practising Catholic children. If you do not come to Mass regularly then it might be better to defer your child's application until you are ready to make this commitment.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a regular attender at Mass and would love to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and willing to take the blessed sacrament to our sick at home, please contact Fr. Leslie.



The Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

In the Eucharist, as we contemplate what Jesus has won for us by his death on the cross, we feed on Jesus. When we feed on Jesus, we draw on God's life. This life comes from the Father and this is what we receive when we celebrate the Eucharist. Today, we worship and adore Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. As Pope St. John Paul II taught, 'We have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends... Let our adoration never cease.'

In the Eucharist Jesus enters us and we enter him, we consume him, and he consumes us. The Eucharist is food, both for this life and the next. Unlike mountaineers who strive with every fibre of their being to reach the summit of towering peaks, we simply receive the Eucharist as a gift. We can't earn it and we don't deserve it, but it's God's greatest gift to us.

Bible Alive £3.00

Scripture, the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly every day, is printed in Bible Alive. We need to be familiar with God's word, in order to live our call to holiness and family prayer. Please purchase a copy each month.

In this month's edition, for example, we hear that 'Miracles do Happen.'

Every birth is a little miracle and Mary Anne Dowle, a parishioner from St. Thomas, Coventry shares her dramatic story of the birth of her son George proving that miracles do happen.

Synodal Pathway

Before COVID everyone in our diocese had the opportunity to listen to the Holy Spirit and to discuss the way forward. This was led by Mary Brooks, all suggestions were forwarded to our Bishop and his committee. Now after Covid the Synodal Pathway is being discussed in Rome by the Cardinals and Bishops chaired by Pope Francis. This second phase is about the Synodal Pathway and Evangelization; in fact both are two sides of the same coin. The main gathering of the cardinals and bishops will be held in October 2023 to discuss their findings. More information will be circulated when available. Please pray to the Holy Spirit to guide all concerned in this important work.

URGENT Appeal for Church Roof

Total so far for the roof £3,000.00. The total cost for the repair is £3,900.00. Please donate if you can help to keep God's house dry. I realise the financial difficulty we are all suffering now, but your generosity is a great blessing. There is a white box at the back of the church - (if you pay tax please use the pink envelopes in the Narthex) or you can donate into our account - details are in the newsletter. May God bless your kindness and generosity.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

Consultation for Sunday Morning Mass

The pastoral parish team would like to thank you all for your response to the above. We would still appreciate your opinions. We thank you for all the support and kindness you gave to our parish. The reason for the consultation is to try and get back our parishioners who have not returned since COVID. Your response so far is much appreciated.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

MISSIO

The Summer 2023 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries with supporters' donations in 2022. MISSIO is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

Thank you for your support,
Clare Barton

The Domestic Church

We who are the people of God make up the community of faith. My Story is that I was born into life. The theme is about considering people who love and care for us and remembering that God knows and loves everyone from the very beginning of their lives. In your home create a little prayer table where you and your family can gather together to pray and reflect on the love of Jesus for you and grateful for each day.

Campion School

The Campion School Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday 29 June 2023 from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

The Priests Charity Concert



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30 June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know!

Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 07561 894327 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- 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 there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 4 June you gave £165.00 of which £14.00 was via Gift Aid. Monies raised/donated for church roof repairs now total £3,103. Just one last push need as we hopefully close in on our target of £3,900.00 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: Constance Scannell, Antoinette Taylor, Joan Burgess, William Chester, Peter Lyden, Louis O'Donovan, Madge Nowak, Len Manning, and Gerald Worster

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Gallagher (2012), Fr. Robert Morimer-Aderson (2012), Fr. Thomas Carlin (1964), Fr. Gerald Hughes (2015), Fr. Ambrose O'Gorman (2014), and Fr. William Willenbrock (2022).

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.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Light
Laughter

"Poor old fool," thought the gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. He invited the old man inside for a drink. The gentleman asked, "So how many have you caught today?" "The old man replied, "You're the eighth!"