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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 9 July 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8 6.00 p.m.  
Odette Roy RIP  
Sunday 9 10.30 a.m.  
Jim Jarvis RIP  
Jan Jarvis  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

#### FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT

Tuesday 11 9.00 a.m.  
For Our Parishioners  
Wednesday 12 7.30 p.m.  
Anastasia Jackson RIP  
Jackson Family  
Thursday 13 9.00 a.m.  
Friday 14 9.00 a.m.  
John & Nora Dillane RIP  
Saturday 15 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 6.00 p.m.  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
J.Greenfield  
Sunday 16 10.30 a.m.  
Bernadette Rossiter  
St Joseph's Governors  
For her service and devotion  
to our school as she retires  
after 30 years.  
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.

### Church Cleaners are always welcome

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

### 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 good practice as it attracts insects etc. – Please help us!



A warm welcome to all our families and to our children and visitors. After Mass there are refreshments in the hall. Do please go in and mingle with one another and look out for new parishioners so that they are not on their own. God is always doing something new and exciting in our midst. He is always calling us to think with the Spirit and to be open to his work among us. Perhaps the Spirit is calling us to a deeper love for Jesus? Maybe He is calling us to revive the disciplines of fasting and praying for the Lord's return? What is important is that we fast in the Spirit and not under the law or by the power of the flesh. For when we live by the law or the flesh, our works are often done so that others can see them, and then we run the risk of losing our reward. Jesus tells us "when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast". Lord open our minds and heart to the ways the Spirit works in my life, the lives of others, the Church and the world.

Bless Lord our families and our school with your love and peace.

*Fr. Leslie*

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 8 July 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 9 July 10.30 a.m.  
Mary Allum  
Lyn Birnie  
Saturday 15 July 6.00 p.m.  
Carol Turnbull  
Stella Walker  
Sunday 16 July 10.30 a.m.  
Sharon Ruffles  
Sarah Barber

### Readers

Saturday 8 July 6.00 p.m.  
Sophie Newbould  
Sunday 9 July 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue  
Saturday 15 July 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 16 July 10.30 a.m.  
Willa Jackson

### Friday Obligation

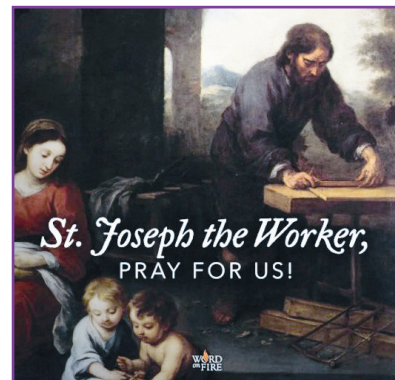
A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

### Sea Sunday – 9 July. TODAY!

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9 July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

### BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with the potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading [freading@bccs.org.uk](mailto:freading@bccs.org.uk)



## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

Today's Gospel reveals a wonderful truth about God, expressed in a way that no mere human mind could express, which emphasizes that these words of Jesus come straight from God's own heart. It's as if he's speaking to them directly into our own hearts. We can divide these five verses into three categories: the Father's delight, the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the grace of revelation.

Jesus teaches us that God the Father delights in pouring out a gift of revelation upon his children. 'Revelation' in this context is all about us having the grace to enter more deeply into the mystery of God. In the Christian faith there are no new truths, simply the ancient revelation of Scripture, the Creed and the teaching of the Church, and it's in these truths that we immerse our minds and hearts. As we do so, the Holy Spirit opens up our minds and hearts to see hidden depths, new meaning and fresh interpretations, all of which touch us deeply and move us to love and worship God. This is a birthright which we all received at our baptism, and we're therefore a people who receive light and revelation from God.

## Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening.

Operating three days a week from 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

## March for Life

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2 September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

## Registration for First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024

For those children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2024), registration will begin from 10/11 June 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.

## Feast of St. Benedict

St. Benedict was a monk and an abbot born on March 2 480 AD in Umbria, Italy. He died on March 21 547 AD at the age of 67 years in Monte Cassino, Italy. His feast day is celebrated on July 11.

## Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life – NEXT SATURDAY

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! At present, he has not had any applications for anyone to attend this Mass.

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## Music at Mass

A whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music, in the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass. Are you able to help?

## From Bishop Thomas (Parish Outing)

Bishop Thomas Emeritus has suggested a day out at our Cathedral – now that it is listed Grade II. He would like to do this with proposed 'link' parishes. The proposed schedule would be as follows:

**Date: Saturday 16 September** – Arrive at Cathedral 12 noon. Introductory talk by Fr. Martin or Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture and liturgical layout of the cathedral and its artefacts, then time for questions and tour. Picnic lunch in the hall (each are invited to bring their own lunch).

Concelebrated mass in the Cathedral. It would be great for a positive number from our parish as Bishop Thomas Emeritus has offered us this opportunity to learn about our Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

## 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](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support, Clare Barton

## Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.



## Pope on Twitter



A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others, a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters, someone who helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit, to understand God's plans and correspond to them

This is Christian prophecy: responding to evil with good, to hatred with love, to division with reconciliation. Faith transforms reality from within.

## 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.

## Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Michael Thompson, Jim Jarvis, Richard Guilfoyle, Joan Parker, Mary Wynne, Mary McKenna, Leslie Stone, and Kathleen Cast.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Francis Gilbert (1952), Fr. Walter Walsh (1965), and Fr. John Watson (1966)

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.

## 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.

**Light Laughter**

I bought the world's worst Thesaurus yesterday.

Not only is it terrible, it's terrible!

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