

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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 4 July 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

##### JULY : FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1	6.00 p.m. Margaret Tynan RIP A.Turvey
Sunday 2	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)

Tuesday 4	9.00 a.m. Katherine Marrinam RIP JGM Anderson
Wednesday 5	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 6	9.15 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Friday 7	9.00 a.m.
Saturday 8	10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

#### 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 Jan Jarvis 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.

### Bible Alive

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

### 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 as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

### Friday Obligation

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



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors (which is always great to see!) on this most Holy Day of our week. I would suggest that when you come to Sunday Mass, please come early and not when Our Sacred Liturgy has begun, nor should you leave church before the priest has left the Sanctuary. This is all good manners and reverence to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. In the secular world we would not turn up at airports, railway stations or visit friends for a meal late etc. The Mass is the heart and centre of our faith and the banquet of Eternal life. Please think about it!

In today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus teaches us about love. The fourth commandment is "To honour your Father and Mother" and children to be respectful and like Our Blessed Lady, to be obedient to our parents and family. Jesus came to fulfil the law not to abolish it. Today's secular world is destroying God's law and many of us are going along with it. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to give us a grace of revelation. Our parents are God's wonderful gift to us, as we are to them. Jesus is the One who came to reconcile us with the Father. When we fall into sin we come humbly to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. We are all called to be Saints through growing in holiness. "Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord" Psalm 89:15.

God bless your families and May God's love shine on you all.

"I will sing forever of your love, O Lord"

*Fr. Leslie*

### Eucharistic Ministers

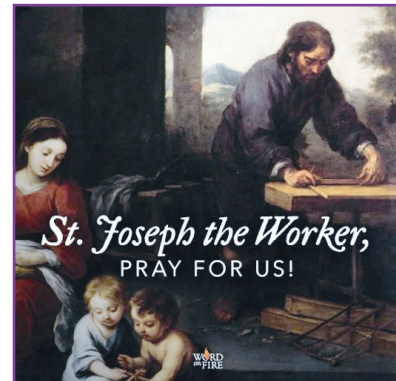
Saturday 1 July	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Marian Anderson
Sunday 2 July	10.30 a.m. Percy Sam Jan Jarvis
Saturday 8 July	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Marian Anderson
Sunday 9 July	10.30 a.m. Mary Allum Lyn Birnie

### Readers

Saturday 1 July	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 2 July	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Saturday 8 July	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 9 July	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

### Mass Attendance

Saturday 24 July:	47
Sunday 25 July:	52



### Please Welcome Our New Parishioners!



## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins. The more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins – that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church.

Familial relationships are the deepest human relationships. The love we have for our parents, children and spouses is sacrosanct and profound. Everyone understands this, and this is why Jesus' teaching today can make us uncomfortable and uneasy: 'Anyone who loves their father or mother.... Son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me'. Indeed, honouring our parents is so cherished and revered that it is the fourth of the Ten Commandments.

Jesus came to fulfil the law not abolish it, so what can this mean? We need to dig more deeply and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, to give us a grace of revelation. Our parents are God's wonderful gift to us, as we are to them, but they're not the ones who can 'put us right with God'. Jesus is the One who came to reconcile us with the Father. Our parents gave us life but only Jesus can give us eternal life. When Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate at his trial, he made it clear that his 'kingdom is not of this world'. This didn't mean that his kingdom was not in this world! It certainly is, but it's a kingdom that the world hasn't known before.

## Sea Sunday – 9 July

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.

## 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.

## 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?

## Lunchtime Recitals

We hope you can join us for a rather special double Lunchtime Music Recital on Wednesday 5 July at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. This exciting Recital will also feature some more contemporary music together with traditional Composers such as Franz Liszt and Cesar Franck. Matthew West from the Royal College of London will be playing the Organ followed by Stefan Weidner Pianist who is from Trinity Laban. Each performance will last approximately twenty minutes.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Song School.

## 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.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

## Baptism

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



## Pope on Twitter



God looks with joy upon all those who serve the needy. This is how goodness grows: in the simplicity of hands and hearts stretched out to others and in the courage of the small steps that approach those who are most vulnerable in the name of Jesus.

Let us put a stop to the horror of torture! It is essential that the international community put the dignity of the person above all else and dedicate itself without delay to abolish torture and provide support to the victims.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 25 June you gave £170.00 of which £19.00 was via Gift Aid. *Many Thanks 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.

## 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:** Ursula Wing, Ann Davies, William Philbin, Mary Williamson, Joe Nelson, and Hannah Day.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. James Littleton (1948), Fr. Patrick Curran (1973), Fr. Patrick Carthy (1968), Canon Thomas Barrett (1980), and Fr. Peter Brady (1947).

**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.

Light

# Laughter

Dad, did you get a haircut?  
No, I got them all cut!