

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

28 June 2020



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Hello everyone I hope you are all well. Keep safe when you begin to move around again.

In today's Gospel, Jesus summarises both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Jesus said to his apostles "whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you, receives me; whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink will surely not lose his reward".

The gospel may seem hard. Yet they underline for us a truth - choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. Today's gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Have a great weekend. Every blessing on you all.

Thought for today. We cry "where is God?" But from the very beginning God has lovingly asked "where are you". (Genesis 3:9).

URGENT

We need ten people to cover the three Masses to act as stewards and fifteen people to clean down the benches after the three Masses. We also need a rota of people to cover the weekdays while the church is open for private prayer. Without this help we will not be able to open for Masses. Please help if you can. Please contact Fr. Leslie or email Mary Lockwood our Parish Administrator on

hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Dominic Howarth Mass at Abbotswick

If you want to follow Dominic's Mass at Abbotswick, it is on at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday and can be readily and easily viewed on Instagram or YouTube using the BCYS website.

LIVE STREAM Masses – daily Mass via Instagram and YouTube 10.30 a.m. each day (8.00 p.m. on Wednesdays) or directly using the link below.

<https://bcys.net/events>

In times when we cannot gather together for prayer, we can nonetheless be Christ's hands, reaching out across our towns and communities, and this daily Mass can be a wonderful oasis in your morning.

For students, it might be what gets you out of bed each day; for everyone in solitude, it will be a little moment of structure, hope and connection, every day.

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: tyroneeq@yahoo.co.uk

Virtual celebrations

Online Mass every Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m. www.wickfordcatholic.com