

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.

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Lord give me the gift of a generous heart to follow your will as I journey the path of life. You set before me the vocation of priesthood, religious life, single life and marriage. Grant me the grace and generosity I need to answer your call. Amen.

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 23 November 2014

Upcoming masses

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday 22	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 23	8.30 a.m. Winnie Spinks RIP 10.30 a.m. Francis Xavier RIP

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS

Monday 24	9.15 a.m. Deceased relatives and friends of Michael Wild
Tuesday 25	9.15 a.m. Int. Susan Jones-Nicholina
Wednesday 26	8.30 a.m. Ruth Harris RIP
Thursday 27	9.15 a.m. Nicholas Fillipini
Friday 28	9.15 a.m. Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP

SEASON OF ADVENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29	6.00 p.m. Deceased relatives and friends of McCready family
Sunday 30	8.30 a.m. Irene Bentley RIP Spinks family 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday between 9.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which follows Morning Mass.

Coffee/Tea On Thursdays

Please note that after the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Thursdays, there is coffee/tea in the parish room (off the Sacristy)



GRAND CHRISTMAS HAMPER PRIZE DRAW

Three great prizes this year:

First Prize:

Inside a white wicker basket there's a range of delicious Christmas delights.



Second prize:

A gardener's trug full of Winter in Venice toiletries



Third prize: A magnificent Christmas candle



All you need to do to enter is to write your name and phone number on an envelope, put £5 inside, and hand it to Fr. Leslie. That gets you one ticket in the raffle, which will be drawn at the St. Joseph the Worker Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 29 November. Two envelopes (with £5 in each) gets you two tickets, and so on.

Eucharistic Minister and Readers

This week

Eucharistic Ministers at today's Masses

18.00	Stella Walker Marian Anderson Paul Bolton
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis Lyn Birnie Ken Eady
10.30 a.m.	Mary Brooks Chris Brooks Willia Jackson

Readers at today's Masses

18.00	Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	Margaret Bailey
10.30 a.m.	Jessica Barber

Next week

Eucharistic Ministers at Masses 29/30 November

18.00	Carol Turnbull Pat Creavin Maurice Roche
8.30	Michael Wild Carol Giles Jan Jarvis
10.30	Chris Brooks Dom. D'Albuquerque Marina Moffatt

Readers at Masses 29/30 November

18.00	Frank Dodson
8.30	David Holt
10.30	Sheila Jones

Anniversaries

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

George Steptoe, Teresa Bolton, Pat Mills, Sally Cannon, Anthony O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rice, and John Draper.

Priests of our Diocese:

Mgr. Edward Watson (1929), Canon Michael Hancock (1993), Fr. Anthony Robson (1985), Fr. John Aydon (1973), Fr. Patrick Bennett (2001) and Fr. Francis Branney (1975).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish: Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio, Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Mary Boyer, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Beryl de Prazer, Mary Sheehan and Irene Wilson.

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



We welcome you today to the parish of St Joseph the Worker.

Today we celebrate the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ the King as our Liturgical year draws to a close. Today is National Youth Sunday. We are asked to make a point of welcoming, encouraging and celebrating the young people around us. The theme for this year poses the question "how happy are you". It is intended to enable a reflection on how we can find true and lasting happiness. Postcards will be given to young people to respond to this question, inspired by the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel. As a parish, I ask you to pray for our wonderful young people and especially pray for those who are finding it difficult to live their faith in today's modern culture. Also I would ask you all

to reflect on how much we value our young people. We need also to reflect on whether as families and as a parish we set them an example of welcoming and love. There will be a second collection today for the work done with our young people.

Next Sunday begins the Season of Advent. In the midst of our hectic Christmas preparations, let's not forget to prepare spiritually for not only for the birth of our Saviour, but his coming again in glory. Suggestions elsewhere in the newsletter this week give us ways in which we can prepare. One of the most important ways is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Today's Liturgy focuses our attention on the coming of Jesus in Glory. When Christ comes again, he will judge us on whether or not we have kept the Ten Commandments, that is our obedience to God's law. He will also judge us on whether or not we have followed his commandment of love of our neighbour. Matthew lists some practical ways of loving others; feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison. Fundamentally, loving others is taking care of them and securing their needs. Perhaps we can reflect on the many ways that God shows his love for you. Let his love fill your heart, then let his love overflow to others.

Thank you and have a great Sunday and a good and Holy week. 

Our relationship with God and of the Blessed Mother must be sustained and deepened with prayer, the Eucharist, with adoration and with the rosary.

Save the Date

St. Joseph's welcomes back the Question of Faith team on 21 January 2015. It will be a second chance to explore and ask questions about our Faith. More details will follow early in the New Year.

Red Box Holders

Your calendars from Missio are available for you to collect from the table in the Narthex.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Tree of Angels

In remembrance of a loved one, bccs invites you to dedicate a symbolic angel on their Christmas Tree of Angels. This will remain a symbol of remembrance throughout this holy season of joy. The name of each person remembered will be entered into a Book of Remembrance, which will be professionally bound and placed on display in the Chapel at Childcare House.

We would be delighted if you could join us at Our Tree of Angel Service which will be held at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Rayleigh on Sunday 7th December at 4pm.

For further information or to make a dedication, please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/jabbott@bccs.org. ukAdult Education

St. Joseph's Friendship Club

We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month in the Parish Hall between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Please do call in for a chat, all ages welcome.

Adult Religious Education and Formation For Ministry

"Willing To Serve"

Rather than duplicating courses for different groups, we consider it more effective, at all levels, to include the following parishioners who wish to deepen their knowledge and develop their skills for lay ministry. It would also serve to update those already involved in the parish in the following areas but not exclusively.

Parish Pastoral teams; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Ministers of the Word; Catechists; Choir members/musicians; Finance Committees; Ministry of Welcome; Leaders of Bible Study groups.

Co-ordinators of Faith Formation - An Overview of the Course

Theology of Ministry; Growth in self-awareness; Spiritual Formation; Liturgical Formation; Pastoral Formation e.g.- skills listening/communication, facilitation, dealing with conflict/assertiveness, confidentiality/boundaries.

Catechesis; Bereavement; Basic theological foundation in Church & Sacraments.

Documents of Vatican Two; Scripture - Looking anew at the Bible Introduction to the Old and New Testament.

The Gift of Scripture; Dei Verbum; Verbum Domini.

If there is anyone in the Parish who would like to go on this course to benefit themselves and the Parish, then please see Fr. Leslie. Applications must be in by 10 December.

An Excellent Christmas Present!

Instead of sending cards to parishioners, why not wish them your Christmas Blessings through our newsletter?

Donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Send your Christmas wishes to ia.restell@design-portfolio.co.uk or hand them to Fr. Leslie, with your donation.

Thanks in advance, and a Happy and Holy Christmas to you all.

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair

There will be a Mass to celebrate the 89th Anniversary of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair's death on Monday 24 November at 8.00 p.m. in the Marillac Chapel, Eagle Way Warley. Devotions to Margaret Sinclair will be at 7.45 p.m. The theme will be Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and Beatification of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

Adult Education

An Advent "day of reflection" in an atmosphere of prayerful reflection and silence. Saturday 29 November 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre. No cost, just a donation. Bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee provided); to book your space contact 01277 265 255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

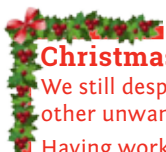
There will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between Sunday 26 and Friday 31 July 2015. Please see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church, plus there are some brochures at the back also. Come as individuals, families and/or small groups of friends. More details from Cathy O'Connor www.brentwoodlourdes.org or Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 and ask for Rosemarie.

Cafod - Just One World

Jesus Divine - Music for Christmas at Brentwood Cathedral with choir director Andrew Wright. Tickets £5.00 each.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us in commemorating all those who have touched our lives and made the world a better place. Tuesday 25 November at 10.15 a.m. a Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John McGrath at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay. Everyone welcome. Tea and coffee will be served after Mass. Please contact brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 0208 502 9722 to include a loved one in our Book of Remembrance.



Christmas Fair Saturday 29 November 11:30 a.m. To 2.00 p.m.

We still desperately need BOTTLES of alcohol for the tombola and are still accepting any other unwanted new gifts.

Having worked hard all year organising we now need YOUR HELP. Can you spare some time to help run a stall, be in the kitchen or to set up on the Friday from 4.30 p.m. and Saturday Morning?

If so please contact:

Amanda Spinks tel: 261137 email spinksyj@hotmail.co.uk.

Dominique Atling tel: 214128 email dominiqueatling@btinternet.com

Lucy Farrimond: tel 214128 email: lucyfarimond@yahoo.com

Stella Walker: tel 07803 141077 email: stellamwalker@yahoo.com



Parish Outreach

Lord you are kind and forgiving, rich in faithful love for all who call upon you. Father, hear my prayer, listen to the sound of my pleading. In my day of distress I call upon you, because you answer me Psalm 86: 5-7

SOS Prayer Line

Because nothing is impossible to God.

Tel: 020 7434 9211

Seven days a week, 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Here to pray for you

Preparing for Christmas Through the Advent Season

Amid the frenetic preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, let us make time spiritually to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives.

- ♦ Morning Mass is celebrated each morning here at St Joseph's. In the city you may be near a church which has midday Mass.
- ♦ Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament can be celebrated in any church of your choosing or here at St Joseph's on Saturday mornings after morning Mass.
- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every morning except Wednesday before morning Mass. Parents, on your way to school do call in for a few moments with your children.
- ♦ You are invited to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer. Besides the celebration of the Eucharist, you could purchase "Walk with Me" Advent reflection, easily put into your pocket.
- ♦ "Bible Alive" can also help you explore the wonderful Advent readings each day through God's word.
- ♦ The Rosary - a prayer to Mary on the life of her Son. Perhaps the intention can be for "the Conversion of England"
- ♦ Advent talks with other faiths - see notice board at the back of the church.

Whichever way you choose to celebrate the Season of Advent, we pray that we may draw ever closer in mind and heart to Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. So that on Christmas Day our gift to Jesus is our unending love.

Finance matters

For the week ending 15/16 November 2014 you gave by way of the Plate £415.62 of which £90.50 was Gift Aided.

Standing orders for the period 6 October - 5 November = £1,763.00

Thank you and God bless

Other points.

May I remind new parishioners that we ask you to sign a Gift Aid form if you are a UK taxpayer

Our 200 club will cost you £2.00 a month (£24 per year) and by participating you could win a monthly cash prize.

These are two ways to help our parish funds, perhaps you have some more ideas?



Pope Francis

@pontifex



There is so much noise in the world!
May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.

A Christian brings peace to others. Not only peace, but also love, kindness, faithfulness and joy

War destroys, kills, impoverishes. Lord, give us your peace.

Your Journey of Faith

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic or want to know about the Catholic Faith?

St Joseph the Worker
Parish Room
Mondays 8.00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME



In The Gospel Today

The king will separate people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep on his right will be invited into his kingdom: when he was hungry they had given him food; they had given him a drink when he was thirsty; welcomed him when he was a stranger and visited him when he was lonely and sick. These good people did not know when they had helped the king. He said, "When you helped the least important person in the world you helped me." Unfortunately the goats on his left did not receive the reward of entering the kingdom. They had ignored the least important people and so had ignored the king.

A Prayer to Say

Dear Jesus, help me to keep my eyes and ears open for good opportunities to help others. Amen.

Each week we ask parents to say this prayer with your children. Please make sure you pick up a copy.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. And thank you for all your help and support throughout the year.

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy Christmas and we hope you all have a great time with your families and friends at this very special time.



Newsletter continued

bccs Ladies Christmas Lunch

Why not get together with friends and join us for Ladies' Christmas Luncheon! Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust, will be holding an exclusive ladies-only, luncheon at The Rayleigh Club, Rayleigh (formally Lords Golf & Country Club) on Friday 5 December 2014.

Guests will be treated to a delicious two course Christmas luncheon with tea, coffee & minced pies served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club.

Ticket's cost £20.00 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

Places are limited to 80 so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Anita Czaprynski

Anita Czaprynski- a parishioner for 50 years - recently moved to be near her family. This is her address and I am sure she would like to hear from her many friends at St. Joseph so do please get in touch with her.

Anita Czaprynski, Flat 22, St Monica Court, Cote Lane, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 3TL

Women's World Day Of Prayer

Would anyone be willing to take over as our parish representative on this lively and cheerful committee? Only about four meetings a year. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 for more information.

Churches in Hutton and Shenfield

- ◆ Pre-Advent Discussion Group 2014 at St Mary's, Hall Lane, Shenfield between 10.30 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. on Mondays 10, 17, 24 November and Monday 1 December. If you would like to take part please sign the list on the table at the back of the church.
- ◆ Peace Service this Sunday at 6.30 p.m. at St Mary's, Hall Lane, Shenfield. May I encourage you to give St. Joseph's a significant presence with the other faiths as we pray and intercede to God for peace in our world.
- ◆ Christmas Carol Service for the Churches Together on Saturday 20 December. 11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Shenfield.
- ◆ Please help to deliver the Christmas Service leaflets to our brothers and sisters when they appear at the back of the church shortly. Thank you on behalf of Churches Together.

Altar Servers

Thank you to those who have asked to become Altar Servers. The training begins on Saturdays from 8 November for about 30 minutes each Saturday for about three or four weeks.

There is still an opening for more to come and join us. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church. St John Paul II encouraged young people to get involved in the various ministries of the church. If you would like to join the choir or readers please see Father Leslie.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If any young person age 14+ wishes to make their Confirmation next year (2015) could they please give in their name and address to Fr. Leslie at the earliest opportunity.

This Sacrament is for you to ask God to give you the fullness of the Holy Spirit in order to help you to live out your commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church. Therefore to help you consider this Sacrament you need to ask yourself;

- ◆ Do I attend Mass either Saturday evening or Sunday morning?
- ◆ Do I pray at home and in the church as part of my daily life?
- ◆ Will I regularly attend the monthly preparation course which are normally held on Sundays from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.?
- ◆ Will I take on the Catholic way of life to love God and my neighbour?

Welcomers Wanted

We need some additional help since Pat Burton moved and Peter Boyer is unable to welcome anymore as he needs to support his wife Mary. Sincere thanks to both Pat and Peter for their dedication to the Ministry of Welcome in our Parish.

So we urgently need more parishioners for the 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass Welcomers' Rota. Therefore if you can help please either speak to Father Leslie or contact Marion Barlow on 01277 217606, mobile 07726 575 802 or email marlow28@talktalk.net. Alternatively please speak to Jacintha Ariya or Willa Jackson before or after the 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Thank you in advance.