

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## 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.

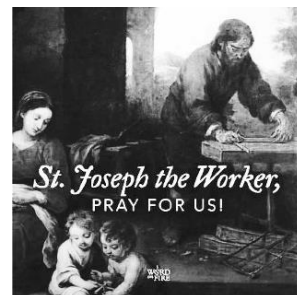
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 27 October 2024

Jeremiah gives us an image of the Lord guiding the blind in such a way that they do not stumble, bringing them safely to a place with streams of living water. In the Gospel Our Lord cures the blindness of a man, Bartimaeus. Christ fulfils the prophecies and desires of the Old Testament, and in ways more spectacular than was ever imagined. It is Christ alone who brings healing and contentment. Bartimaeus is a symbol to us, and our times, of the spiritual blindness that can prevent us from seeing the salvation that is Christ; but it also shows us that all things are possible with God. Not even our own spiritual blindness can separate us from God if we truly desire to be with him. So many of those who receive healings from Lord go their own way. Instead, after his cure, Bartimaeus was utterly changed interiorly too. We are told our he followed Our Lord along the road. In other words, he became a disciple. It was not just his sight that was restored, so too was his insight into who Christ truly is. Our suffering, or blindness too, can serve as the means for an encounter with Christ. It enables us to follow Him with more humility so that we may draw closer to Him. With this simple faith we make our way along life's journey, ever trustful in the promises of the Lord.

## Newsletter Layout

Welcome to the newly laid out newsletter! The newsletter will now be produced and printed in the parish office. Any items for inclusion can be sent to Ngozi. A huge thank you to Ian Restall who, for many years, put a lot of time and effort into producing our parish newsletter.

## Save the Day: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Parish family Christmas social - after the Saturday evening Mass. Come and join us for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

## Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 18 countries it works in. You will find envelopes at the back of the church today. Please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins/notes in it. Then bring your envelope back into church next weekend. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support. "We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

## Holy Souls and the November Dead List

November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to praying for the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have nobody to pray for them. If you like a loved to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you might wish to make) in the November envelopes. We will pray for them especially throughout the month of November in our devotions and our Masses.

## Lunchtime PIANO Recital.

Please do join us next Wednesday 30 October at 1pm for an enjoyable Lunchtime PIANO Recital to be given by Stephen King. As you know Stephen has been Organist of Brentwood Cathedral for over 30 years having studied at Trinity College of Music - we much look forward to his Recital which will include popular piano favourites including music by Schubert and Debussy. On this special occasion, would you be able to ask as many people to come as possible and to spread the word. As this Recital falls also in the Half Term week, it is a good opportunity to bring children or grandchildren!

Refreshments will be provided in the Song School afterwards.

## World Youth Sunday 2024

Theme: 'Your Kingdom Come'

Friday 22 November 2024 - World Youth FUNday

Livestream

Sunday 24 November 2024 - Feast of Christ the King

We are excited to announce the 2024 theme for World Youth Sunday in England and Wales is, "Let Your Kingdom Come." This year's celebration is particularly meaningful as it aligns with the ongoing Year of Prayer, a time of preparation for the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025: "Pilgrims of Hope".

On Friday 22 November, we will celebrate World Youth FUNday—a lively and collaborative livestream event centred around this year's theme. This exciting day will feature prayer, reflection, inspiration, and uplifting praise and worship, all crafted to engage young people in a joyful expression of their faith. Last year, around 13,000 young people from across England and Wales participated!

To access these resources and register for the livestream, go to: [www.wys.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.wys.cymfed.org.uk) Registration for the FUNday livestream is now open and more information will be sent out soon to those who are registered!

## First Holy Communion Children

Please can the parents of First Holy Communion Children sign the weekly signing sheet after Mass today. Thanks in advance.

## Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year under the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

## St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge

St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

## Catechist Training and Resources Day

Saturday 9 November 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Queen's Road, Brentwood

We would like to invite anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, to join us for our annual Catechist Training and Resources Day run by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

## THIRTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 5.30 p.m.  
Mary Dillane  
(Anniversary)  
Sunday 27 10:30 a.m.  
Patrick Dooley

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28 9.15 a.m.  
Lucy Meehan  
(Intention)  
Tuesday 29 9.15 a.m.  
Chika Elizabeth Okoro  
(Intention -healing)  
Wednesday 30 9.15 a.m.  
Priest's Private Intention

### NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 1 9.15 a.m. All Saints  
Priest's private intention  
7.30 p.m.  
Priest's Private Intention  
Saturday 2 9.15 a.m. All Souls  
10.30-115 Adoration  
12.00 p.m. (Latin)

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

5.30 p.m.  
(Jack and Mary Connaughton)  
Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.  
Ann Edwards R.I.P.

## Anniversaries

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

Anniversaries: Mary Dillane

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.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 19 October 6.00 p.m.: 77  
Sunday 20 October 10.30 a.m.: 61

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

This includes, but is not limited to, all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy.

We would particularly like to welcome any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

During the day we will be joined by national charities and organisations, hear from guest speakers, share exciting opportunities, have resources and information available to take away with you, as well as a chance to meet and share with fellow catechists and youth leaders.

For more information, including a proposed timetable for the day, please visit [www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024)

To reserve your place for this FREE event, please email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org)

### 200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club.

All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first, second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

### The Champion School

The Champion School are seeking generous donors to contribute to the cost (£695) of their new lectionaries - which every Catholic Church and Chapel need to purchase as the scripture translation used in Mass changes. These donors may have a connection to the school and/or may wish to give in memory of a loved one. Please help us to proclaim the Word of God to future generations of Catholic students! If you are able to help, please contact the school directly ([contact@thecampionschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@thecampionschool.org.uk)) or via your parish priest.

### York Pilgrimage Weekend - October 2024

During the weekend of the 26-27 October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill - the oldest Church in York. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26 - 27 October, 2024

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. Applications are now open, and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

### Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve

at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways.

There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

### God's presence

When a family gathers together for a meal, say grace, i.e. Bless Lord our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children and in the silence experience the stillness and presence of Jesus. When you pass any Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to recognize the presence of Jesus, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

### Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

### Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you would like to set up a standing order, this form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves. You can find you can find Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms on the parish website:

[www.stjosephshutton](http://www.stjosephshutton). Alternatively, it can be done online using our details

Account Name: Catholic Church Hutton and Shenfield St Joseph The Worker  
Sort Code: 40-13-22  
Account number: 61018884

If you use this method, please put your surname and initial as a reference. If you are part of our gift aid scheme, then please add your gift aid number.

By entering this reference our gift aid organizer will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the gift aid regulations.

### Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website to register as a parishioner with us.

### Christmas Hamper

Please help us raise some much-needed funds for our parish while also giving you a chance of winning this magnificent hamper. Just pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write your name and contact number on the envelope, put a £5 note inside, and hand in the completed envelope. That's all you need to do! The draw will be made on Sunday 22 December after the 10.30 Mass. Good luck!

### Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator

To assist the Safeguarding Coordinator with effectively managing the safeguarding duties for the Diocese.

Hours: 21 hours per week - based in Cathedral House

Start date: ASAP

Salary: dependable on skills and experience

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) [HR@brcdt.org](mailto:HR@brcdt.org)

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2024

Job description: Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 26 October 5.30 p.m.

Ian Restall

Sunday 27 October 10.30 a.m.

Blane McKie

### Readers

Saturday 26 October 5.30 p.m.

Mark Brennan

Sunday 27 October 10.30 a.m.

Peter Sander

### Pope On Social Media

Let us Pray Together that the Church may continue to sustain a synodal approach as a sign of shared responsibility. May we promote the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and lay people.

May we ask God for the gift of peace for martyred Ukraine, for Palestine and Israel, for Sudan, Myanmar, and all lands wounded by war.

It is with sorrow and great concern that I continue to follow the spread and escalation of the conflict in Lebanon. Let us pray for the victims, for their families, and for peace.

We celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees today, which bears the theme, "God walks with His people." I renew my appeal to Europe and the international community to consider migration as an opportunity to grow together in fraternity.

### Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 27 October the Plate Collection totalled - £230.00

World Mission Sunday Collection - £225

Thank you and God Bless

### Finance News - 2

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking. Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex  
Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker  
Sort code: 40-13-22  
Account Number: 61018884  
Thank you.

### Word Search

See if you can find the following words....

Child/Kingdom/Marriage/Brothers/Soil/Hebrews

With the rain pouring down and leaves about to fall, it's time for a few Autumn one liners!.....

### AUTUMN VERSION

What do farmers wear under their shirts when they're cold?

A har-vest!

### Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

### Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

### Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.