



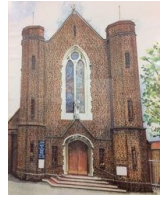
St Joseph's Catholic Church

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) - Mass Book Pg 32

(Job 38:1.8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41)

Today's gospel teaches us about faith: faith which enables us to place our trust in the one we have come to know as the Son of the Living God. Pope Francis began a message for young people earlier this year with the words "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive". This is the message we hold on to in our hearts and which we are called to share with all people.

This month and next we are holding a series of evening Masses to celebrate different areas of service in our parish community. This coming Thursday is focused on those involved with the formation of the young. This includes our teams of catechists dedicated to preparing parents for the baptism of their children, children for first reconciliation and first holy communion, and young people for confirmation. It includes the catechists who help our younger children enter into the liturgy of the word each Sunday. It also includes those who work in or support our parish schools and other schools where our children and young people are given so much more than academic learning: formed to live out the values of the gospel.

The task of a catechist is not simply to teach the content of our Catholic faith. It is to pass on that key message - "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive" – and so to help our children and young people to know, love and serve the Lord. It is a vital task, as we hope our young people will grow into mature disciples who will hold on to and pass on that message, and give themselves generously to whatever path in life God is calling them. It is, though, not just a task for our catechists, but for the whole community.

You may have heard the expression 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Parents are the first educators of their children; the first to show them what love looks like, and to open their eyes to the wonders of creation and the God who made us and loves us. But this is not done in isolation. If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a church to raise a Christian. All of us can play a part in this by praying for the young people in our midst, and by striving never to be judgemental but always patient and understanding of the particular challenges parents may face in bringing their families to Church.

Let us pray for and give thanks for our catechists and all involved in Catholic education. Let us pray for all the families in our parish community, and let us pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the one who is alive and wants us to be alive, may grow ever more deeper.

Finally, I am grateful to those who have responded to my request for feedback regarding the liturgy and especially music. There are some common themes emerging and I will share those with you once I have been able to reflect on them with our musicians (whose generous service will be acknowledged in a couple of weeks). I have endeavoured to respond individually, especially where an email address or phone number was included. One thing that does bother me a little is that, despite my saying from the very beginning that I wanted people always to share their concerns with me freely, I've heard that some people have not felt able to do so until now (and perhaps not even now) – I would like to reiterate the message that I am always open to views on any aspect of parish life, as it is *our* parish, not just mine!

God bless, Fr Matthew

CELEBRATIONS OF SERVICE: During the months of June and July we have a series of special Masses to celebrate the different forms of service within our parish community. This Thursday (27th) it is for those who help who help form the young including Baptism, Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, and the staff and governors of our schools. Mass at 7.30pm, followed by social time in the club. All welcome. Next week (Thursday 4th July) is the turn of those who are involved with the various groups and organisations in our parish engaged in outreach, fellowship, hospitality and charitable activities.

MASS 'PRO POPULO': Every parish priest is obliged to offer one Mass for the intentions of the people of the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, or as soon as possible if this has been missed. As there was no Mass for the people of the parish last weekend due to an oversight, an extra Mass will be offered for this intention while Fr Matthew is in Lourdes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This takes place during the 9am Mass each Sunday during term time – children can be taken to the Social Centre on your way to Mass, or handed over to one of the catechists in the porch just before Mass begins. We would like to recruit some more helpers - If you would like to join the children's liturgy team, please contact the parish office or speak to one of the team at the 9am Mass.

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend we welcome religious sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, who will speak at Mass and make an appeal on behalf of their order's missionary work. Please support this appeal as generously as you can, and pray for their work.

RIP JAN CAVALLIER: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeannette (Jan) Cavalier who died recently. Jan's funeral will be held here at St Joseph's on Monday 1st July at 10.15am. The family extend a warm welcome to Jeanette & Derek's friends. May Jan rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

CARAID HILL— MEMORIAL SERVICE: Caraid's funeral has taken place in Ireland; a memorial service will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 26th June at 11.00am.

NEW EDITION OF THE SUNDAY MISSAL: The Missals are now available for pre-order from the repository at £19.95. Payment with order please.

SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE: Please note that there will be a second collection after all masses next weekend 29th / 30th June in aid of Peters Pence.

DOM'S ITALIAN SUPPER NIGHT 13 JUL 2024 AT 8PM IN THE SOCIAL CLUB - If you wish to attend please place cash or a cheque in an envelope with names listed on the front and marked ITALIAN SUPPER. £10 a head. Drinks are available for purchase at the bar which operates a card only payment system.

CDOT: Voices presents its Summer Concert at St. Peter's: Saturday 6th July in aid of two homeless charities: 'The Passage' and 'Only A Pavement Away' as part of our Live Simply campaign to support those in need. Once again we will be joined by the choir from St. Joseph's Primary School. Adult tickets - £10/Children - £1/ under 5s free. Choir family tickets from St. Joseph's school. Other tickets from Bernadette in the Repository or 07825235717.

YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 4th July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral: Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S, UPMINSTER - RECEPTION CLASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: There are currently vacancies in the Reception Class starting this coming September 2024. If you know of any families looking for a Reception space for September, please advise them to contact the school office. Some families who are not practising, may have chosen not to apply as they could not complete the Catholic Practice certificate. They would be very welcome to apply. Call 01708220277 for any information or for help with applying.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CLUB: Please consider joining or renewing your membership via: <https://membermojo.co.uk/stjosephscc/> Please email any questions regarding online membership to: stjosephs.cc.upminster@gmail.com We will be showing England's 3 group stage football matches - please book free tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stjosephscatholicclubupminster/>

THE CATENIAN BURSARY FUND: The Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards totalling over £150,000 to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan Pilgrimages. Make a difference and apply online to catenianbursary.com or contact Local Youth Lead, Peter Dowse peterdowse69@gmail.com

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: "We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead." The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: We would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Wednesday 26th June from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5.00 p.m. and repeated at 6.30 pm. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 22nd June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	SS JOHN FISHER, BP AND THOMAS MORE, MM ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Margaret Pain RIP (Pain Family)
Sun 23rd June 9.00am 11.00am	TWELTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR People of the parish James Shanahan & Andrew Shanahan RIP B'Day. (Marion)
Mon 24th June 9.15am	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Fr John Taylor RIP B'Day (St Joseph Conf. Catechists)
Tues 25th June 9.15am	Dan Coakley RIP Anniv. (Family) (With our Year 5 children)
Wed 26th June 9.15am 12 noon—1pm	Joyce Jones RIP B'Day (Carter / Jones) ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thur 27th June 9.15am	Siobhan Maguire's Intentions (Family)
Frid 28th June 9.15am	ST IRENAEUS, BP, D, M Sean Mitchel RIP
Sat 29th June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Paul & Valerie Bemand RIP (Bemand-Qureshi)
Sun 30th June 9.00am 11.00am	SS PETER & PAUL APP (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) People of the parish Patsy Fowley RIP Anniv. (Bridget)

USEFUL INFORMATION

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening 5.30-6.15pm and Wednesday 12 noon-1pm. Confessions also available on request when Fr Matthew is available or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm (except Wednesdays).

Fr Matthew (emergencies—voice only): 020 3332 0486

St Joseph's School - School office 01708-220277

Sacred Heart of Mary School - School office 01708-222660

Baptisms & weddings - please speak to Fr Matthew after Mass

Repository: Saturdays before & after Mass, and Sundays after the 9am Mass until 10.55am

Queen's Hospital: If someone staying in the hospital would like Holy Communion, please contact the lay chaplaincy coordinator Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. In an emergency ask the ward staff to request the on-call Catholic priest via switchboard.

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EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH, AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL
MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SILENCED BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS**