



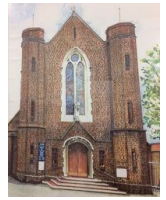
St Joseph's Catholic Church

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

8TH / 9TH JUNE 2024

TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) - Mass Book Pg 28

(Genesis 3:9-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35)

After the highs of Eastertide and the great feasts of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, we settle into the longest 'season' of the year, Ordinary Time, with the first green Sunday since before Lent. The colour green might prompt us to see this as a time of growth, focused on getting to know Christ better through the gospels so that we might follow him more closely. Recently I spoke about the great commission at the end of St Matthew's gospel: make disciples! This is the first task of the church, and it requires us to become more fully formed as disciples ourselves so that we might share what we have received: the invitation for all to become fully alive in Jesus Christ.

How we go about making disciples depends on our own context. The primary vocation of the baptised people of God is to serve him in the world, leading others to Christ by the witness of our words and deeds. As a parish community, this work of evangelising includes forms of outreach, and also the welcome we offer to those who come through our doors, searching for something they may not be able to articulate.

This summer we have a series of Masses to celebrate different areas of service and ministry within our parish community. Although I am contacting the coordinators of each ministry to pass on invitations, the Masses are not private or exclusive: anyone is welcome to come along, perhaps as a gesture of appreciation to those engaged in this service or to find out more about getting involved. Please come along if you have shared in a particular ministry in the past and have since 'retired', and if you can't make 'your' Mass, feel free to come to a different one. The first Mass, this Thursday, is for those who make our church a place of welcome. This includes the ministry of welcome at our weekend Masses, as well as those who help make our church building a clean and attractive (and safe) place to visit. It includes unglamorous tasks such as cleaning the toilets, which are kept open so that the church may be welcoming to those who pop in during the day – even those who just come into the porch to use the loo! And with welcome being central to what we are about, those who administer our financial resources at the service of our parish mission are also involved in this.

Welcome is not just a task for a few volunteers, however. We all have a part to play. I recently heard someone pose the question, do those attending Mass see themselves as guests or hosts? In one sense we are all guests at the wedding feast of Jesus Christ. However, those who are already part of this parish community are also in the position of being hosts to those who visit us, those joining us as new parishioners,

and those who come out of curiosity or are beginning to explore questions of faith. Being hosts does not mean being over-bearing like Basil Fawly, but doing what we can to put others at ease. It may seem trivial, but we cannot overestimate the value of a warm greeting and friendly smile.

People often say that we are a pretty friendly and welcoming parish, which is great. However we shouldn't be complacent. We may not always get it right, but we should strive to do our best. If there are any ways in which you think we can do more or do better, please let me know. One thing I think we do need to restart is the ministry of contacting and befriending newly-registered parishioners, so I would be glad to hear of anyone who might volunteer for this.

Thank you for all those who are actively involved in making this church a place of welcome, and I hope to see you on Thursday.

God bless, Fr Matthew

CELEBRATIONS OF SERVICE: During the months of June and July there will be a series of special Masses to celebrate the different forms of service within our parish community. This Thursday it is for all those who make the church a place of welcome and support this behind the scenes: welcomers, cleaners, flower arrangers and those involved with maintenance, counting, finance and administration. Mass at 7.30pm, followed by social time in the club. All welcome. Next week (Thursday 20th) is the turn of those who help us encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament (i.e. readers and extraordinary ministers).

MUSIC AT MASS: If you have any feedback regarding music at Mass, including the choice of hymns (or any favourites you would like), the mass setting, or the amount of singing, please do contact Fr Matthew or the parish office.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Martin Nott, priest of this diocese, Caraid Hill of this parish, Daphne Dickens and for those who mourn them. Daphne's funeral will be here at St Joseph's on Monday 10th June at 11am.

SECOND COLLECTION DAY FOR LIFE: Please note that we will be holding a second collection after all masses next weekend 15th / 16th June is aid of Day for Life. Please use your special collection envelopes if you are a registered gift aider.

ST JOSEPH'S KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP: Please note that our next meeting due to take place on Monday 10th June has been cancelled due to a funeral in the club. Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th July.

DOM'S ITALIAN SUPPER NIGHT SAT 13 JULY 2024 AT 8PM: Date for you diary. Further details including how to book to follow. Profit from supper donated to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. £10 a ticket.

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.

MARANATHA: The next Maranatha event of Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 20th June at 7pm. All welcome.

“REVIVE. DISCOVER. EMPOWER.” RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS, 22ND – 23RD JUNE AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to **revive, discover** and **empower** you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30. All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS, 31ST AUGUST AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK: We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

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

ST ALBAN'S PARISH MISSION: This week St Alban's Elm Park are holding a parish mission led by the Redemptorists. Please see their newsletter online at <https://stalbanrchurch.uk/> for more information.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **14-16 June 2024**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: The Campion School 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 p.m. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5.00 p.m. and repeated at 6.30 p.m. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (**Friday 19 – Friday 26 July**). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at Lourdes@brcdt.org

THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 8th June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Private Special Intentions
Sun 9th June 9.00am 11.00am	TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR People of the parish Moya Armstrong RIP Anniv. (Goldfinch)
Mon 10th June 9.15am 11am	Len Williams RIP Requiem Mass—Daphne Dickens
Tues 11th June 9.15am	ST BARNABAS, AP Michael Brady RIP (Green) (With our Year 6 Children)
Wed 12th June 9.15am 12 noon—1pm	Graeme Hollinshead RIP (Armstrong) ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thur 13th June 9.15am	ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, PR, D Eileen Collier's Intentions (Manning)
Frid 14th June 9.15am	Sarah & Jack RIP Anniv. (McGowan Family)
Sat 15th June 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Fr John Taylor RIP (Pauline Sheridan)
Sun 16th June 9.00am 11.00am	ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Ronald Robinson's Intentions (Christine) Henry Christopher Nye RIP B'Day (Family)

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