

Dioceses of Brentwood, Westminster & Southwark



Mass for Migrants



In honour of
St Joseph the
Worker

Saturday
2nd May
2020

Celebrating the
wonderful
contribution of
Migrants - especially
the frontline heroes
in the Covid-19
Pandemic



10.30am

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Stream

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Order of Service

**Welcome the Migrants' Mass, Live Streamed on
Instagram and YouTube
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Before Mass starts, find yourself a comfortable place where you can concentrate for the Mass. Perhaps consider lighting a candle or crucifix to focus on, however big or small.

You are welcome to add any prayer intentions in the comments sections on the Live Stream.

Gathering Hymn: Set a Fire, by Will Reagan

Set a fire down in my soul
That I can't contain and I can't control
'Cause I want more of you, God
I want more of you, God

No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
Than here in Your love, here in Your love

Opening Hymn: City of God, sung by St Antony's School Choir

*Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day!*

God is light; in him there is no darkness
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all

We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us has brightened our way

O comfort My people; make gentle your words
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth

Gloria:

*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading, from the Book of Micah (6:8)

This is what the Lord asks of you:

only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm: On Eagles Wings, sung by Art Wangcharoensab

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (2:13-15)

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:
I called my son out of Egypt.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by Nora of the Latin American Community (Spanish)

For Pope Francis and all of the leaders in the Church – lay leaders, deacons, priests, and bishops. We pray for all those who lead us in prayer, service and catechesis, and in a particular way we pray for Ethnic Chaplains and all who minister to migrant communities. We ask the Lord to bless them in their work.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Read by Fr Joseph of the Chinese Community:

For the London Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, so enriched and uplifted by the migrant communities that are part of each Diocese. In this time of pandemic, we pray for the millions who live in and depend on London, and we ask the Lord to bring courage and hope where it is needed today.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Read by Susan of the Iraqi Chaldean Catholic Community (Arabic)

For migrants working on the front line – NHS nurses, doctors, cleaners, porters and support staff, as well as staff in care homes, transport staff, delivery drivers, supermarket workers, and the emergency services. We give thanks for their dedication, hard work, energy and kindness, and we pray that they remain safe and well.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Nikem of the Nigerian Community

For Caritas, CitizensUK, the Justice and Peace groups, and so many charities, organisations and individuals, often led and staffed by migrants, who are seeking to bring relief in such troubled times. We pray that their generosity of spirit may be an example to all.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Angelika of the Polish Community

For St John Paul II, who would have been 100 years old today. We give thanks for his time as Pope, in which he constantly told us, “Do not be afraid” and where he modelled for us joy and hope, even in a time of great suffering.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Imelda of the Filipino Community (Tagalog)

For migrants who work for long shifts, in tough conditions, for less than the real living wage, causing great hardship to their families. We pray that we may all learn to see the dignity that comes from earning a real living wage, and we give thanks for the many employers who offer fair pay and conditions to those who work for them.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Anton and Tracy of the Tamil Community

For migrants who feel unwelcome or excluded in the UK. We pray that the time of pandemic may be a time of fresh discovery of the dignity of every human person, made in the image and likeness of God.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Mary of the Indian Community (Malayalam)

For those who are ill, in hospital, at home, in care homes, or on the streets. We pray that they are consoled by the tender care and love of those who look after them, as a model of the love of Christ for each one of us.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Read by Sarah of the Irish Community (Gaelic)

For those who have died, especially migrants who have become ill during the course of their work and service to others. We pray for grieving families, and especially those who grieve family members, friends and relatives who are many thousands of miles away. For those who have died, we pray: **Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual life shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.**

Fr Dominic We join our prayers with the Intercession of Mary, as we pray: **Hail Mary ...**

Fr Dominic Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers; those spoken by representatives of different chaplaincies, those offered through the screen, and those made in the silence of our hearts. We make our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Amazing Grace, sung by Felishia

Communion Hymn: How Great is Our God, sung by St Antony's School Choir

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

Then sings my soul
My saviour God to thee
How great thou art?
How great thou art?

Recessional Hymn: Christ be Our Light, written and recorded by Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us Your living voice

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come

Post-Recessional Hymn: Alleluia, sung by St Antony's School Choir

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation

Spread the good news o'ver all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is delighted to work in partnership with the Archdioceses of Westminster and Southwark in the preparation of this Mass, most especially with the Caritas and Justice and Peace representatives, and the Ethnic Chaplains.

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