

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS 4 MARCH 2012

### VOCATION PRAYER

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.

### CONTINUING POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER ON CHARITY AND TRUTH

#### THE BIBLE'S INTRINSIC UNITY

In the passage from letter to spirit, we also learn, within the Church's great tradition, to see the unity of all Scripture, grounded in the unity of God's word, which challenges our life and constantly calls us to conversion. Here the words of Hugh of Saint Victor remain a sure guide: "All divine Scripture is one book, and this one book is Christ, speaks of Christ and finds its fulfilment in Christ". Viewed in purely historical or literary terms, of course, the Bible is not a single book, but a collection of literary texts composed over the course of a thousand years or more, and its individual books are not easily seen to possess an interior unity; instead, we see clear inconsistencies between them. This was already the case with the Bible of Israel, which we Christians call the Old Testament. It is all the more so when, as Christians, we relate the New Testament and its writings as a kind of hermeneutical key to Israel's Bible, thus interpreting the latter as a path to Christ. The New Testament generally does not employ the term "Scripture" (cf. *Rom* 4:3; *1 Pet* 2:6), but rather "the Scriptures" (cf. *Mt* 21:43; *Jn* 5:39; *Rom* 1:2; *2 Pet* 3:16), which nonetheless are seen in their entirety as the one word of God addressed to us. This makes it clear that the person of Christ gives unity to all the "Scriptures" in relation to the one "Word". In this way we can understand the words of Number 12 of the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, which point to the internal unity of the entire Bible as a decisive criterion for a correct hermeneutic of faith.

### 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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## MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

|             |            |                           |                       |
|-------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday 3  | 6.00 p.m.  | Peter Anderson R.I.P.     | J and M Anderson      |
| Sunday 4    | 8.30 a.m.  | People of the Parish      |                       |
|             | 10.30 a.m. | Mary Ellen Tuffin R.I.P.  | Carol Smith           |
| Monday 5    | 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls                | Via Leigh-on-Sea      |
| Tuesday 6   | 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls                | Via Leigh-on-Sea      |
| Wednesday 7 | 8.30 a.m.  | Holy Souls                | Via Leigh-on-Sea      |
| Thursday 8  | 9.15 a.m.  | Ted Parker R.I.P.         | Joan and Simon Parker |
| Friday 9    | 9.15 a.m.  | Holy Souls                | Via Leigh-on-Sea      |
| Saturday 10 | 9.15 a.m.  | Fr. Robert Whitney R.I.P. | PACT Mass             |

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday 10 | 6.00 p.m.  | PT Thomas R.I.P.     | Sheenan Abraham     |
| Sunday 11   | 8.30 a.m.  | Michael Kent R.I.P.  | Liz Kent and family |
|             | 10.30 a.m. | People of the Parish |                     |

FRIDAY 2 MARCH WAS WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. CAFOD FAST DAY. THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TODAY. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. During this time we are called to prayer, penance and Almsgiving.

The Brentwood Deanery is offering you the following Services of Reconciliation in several parishes:

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 28 March at 7.30 p.m. | Catholic Church in Billericay |
| Thursday 29 March at 7.30 p.m.  | Catholic Church in Wickford   |
| Monday 2 April at 7.30 p.m.     | Brentwood Cathedral           |

There will be several priests available at each of the Services for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph's on Saturday mornings from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Do Remember** Lent is a time to return to God with our whole heart. It is a time of grace.

**A Lenten Prayer:** Father open up my heart to the grace of this Holy Season of Lent. Create in me a new and softened heart which weeps more readily for my sin but also rejoices in my salvation. Amen.

## ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Frederick Rackshaw, Henry Smith, Edward Parker, John Allum, Leslie Denton, Maura Davis, and Frederick Pinfold. Priests of our diocese Fr. Brian Galvin (1994), Fr. Francis Hastings (2003), Fr. Malachy Kelly (1976), Mgr Canon Patrick O'Donnell (1981), Canon Joseph Whitfield (1961), Fr. Thomas Lawton (1946), Fr. John Gordon (1992), Fr. Edward Meyer (1921) and Fr. Maurice Roche (1989). For these and all our deceased, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN OUR PARISH

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio (aged 16), Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Mick O'Dowd, Bernard Gordon, Annie Baker, Mary McKenna, Mary Ward, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Eamonn Brennan and Diane Griffiths. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who for some reason are unable to receive Holy Communion I offer this prayer: O Jesus, I turn toward the Holy Tabernacle where you live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come nevertheless and visit me with your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it, sanctify it, render it like unto your own.

## SCHOOL CAPITATION

Parishioners and parents may not be aware that parishes have to pay an annual capitation fee of £10.00 for every Catholic student from a parish attending a Catholic Secondary School.

## 200 CLUB

A good way to help your parish and you benefit from it too! For a small outlay of £2.00 per month you could win a money prize in the monthly draw. Please see Fr. Leslie. Also if you are a tax payer please do GIFT AID your giving to the Parish, be it by Standing Order or envelope.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CLUB

Every first Friday in the month, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Do call in, all ages welcome.

## CATHOLIC MAGAZINES

We have "Catholic Life" and "Vatican Past and Present" at £3.50 each. Learn more about your church through these magazines.

## URGENT HELP REQUIRED

Help is needed to make tea and coffee after the 10.30 mass on Sundays. Could you spare an hour once every five or so weeks? If you think you can help please call Teresa on 01277 233540.

## FINANCE MATTERS

Last Sunday you gave £374.87p of which £54.00 was Gift Aided.

Thank you and God Bless



Fr. Leslie writes

### Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Today's Gospel recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. It was such an experience for Peter, James and John that they wanted to stay for ever with Jesus.

In the Bible, God often chose the mountain top to reveal himself. On Mount Sinai he gave the commandments to Moses and on Horeb, Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze. Jesus taught the Beatitudes on the Mount, and often withdrew to the mountain to pray. It was on Mount Calvary that Jesus was crucified, and from Mount Olive he ascended into heaven.

Today Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Moses, the giver of the law and Elijah, the great prophet are also present conversing with Jesus about his approaching death. Jesus is the one who came to bring to completion the law and the prophets. In their presence the voice of the Father is heard – "This is my Son the Beloved, listen to Him".

These words were spoken also by the Father at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, an affirmation of his Father's love. Jesus has to descend the mountain and take the road to Gethsemane and finally to his crucifixion and death. This experience of the transfiguration was a foretaste of his glory and strengthened him to endure rejection and the death of a criminal. The voice of the Father on Tabor is an invitation for us to be attentive to God's word now.

"We too long for the experience of transfiguration, to stand on Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John and to see God revealed in Jesus Christ. We want to be like Moses and catch a glimpse of his glory. We want, like Elijah, to hear God in the sound of stillness. But the magnificence of the Son of God transfigured on Tabor is to be found veiled in Gethsemane and on Calvary. The glory of God, not now seen directly by human eyes, is just as real and present when Christ experiences agony in the garden. In this agony of the Son of Man all mankind was involved. The passion of Jesus Christ is for all time and all people".

(Cardinal Basil Hume)

Thank you and God Bless everyone.

Fr Leslie



May the gift that is Jesus live in your home and in your heart throughout the year



**A MESSAGE FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**



CAFOD Lent fast day  
Friday 2 March 2012.  
This Lent CAFOD invites us to help people living without one of God's most precious resources - clean water. A child under five dies every 20 seconds because of diarrhoea caused by dirty water. For this Lent only the UK Government will match pound for pound every donation given to CAFOD, giving us the chance to help thousands more people gain access to water and other vital services like health and education. Please give as much as you can. A collection will be taken after all masses on 3 and 4 March.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Mary Young would like a car lift on one or two days during the week and on Sundays to get to Mass. Her address is Flat 12, Roseberry Court, Rayleigh Road, Hutton. Tel 01277 525 863. She would be most grateful for your support.

**LENTEN LUNCH**

Friday 16 March at 1.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Only £3.50 including tea and coffee. Raffle - all proceeds to CAFOD.



**GOODBYE AND THANK YOU**

Kathleen Townsend is moving to Surrey this weekend. On your behalf I have thanked her and her late husband David for all she has done for our parish, for her loyalty, and generosity. We wish her every blessing and happiness in her new home which will be near her family. Thank you Kathleen – God go with you.

**APF/RED BOX HOLDERS**

The Spring edition of "Mission Today" is available for you to collect from the table in the Narthex. I would like to draw your attention to the article on page 12 "Mission martyrs: Lives of faith". It makes sobering reading.

**MARRIAGE IS UNIQUE AND THERE IS NO NEED TO REDEFINE**

If you agree there is an on-line petition you can sign at [www.c4m.org.uk](http://www.c4m.org.uk)

This link is for the petition for the definition of marriage to remain the same, as discussed recently by Archbishop Carey. Over 60,000 people have signed so far.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Are holding a Charity Golf Day on Monday 25 June – see poster in porch.

For further details please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or 07912 277 413.

**GAP YEAR? VOLUNTARY WORK?**

The Catenian Bursary Fund is set up to help young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 to take part in community-based projects, at home or abroad, which have a clear benefit for others as well as the participants. The Bursary Fund is a charitable fund administered on behalf of the Catenian Association in order to help fulfil one of the Association's original core aims, namely to advance the interest of young Catholics and to assist them in their choice of pursuit of their career.

Grants from the fund are made as part of, or in conjunction with, other funding but never as a sole source of covering the total cost. Grants are made to an individual only to assist in meeting the travel and living costs that may be necessary when taking part in a voluntary project. They are not made for any other purpose.

The Trustees have no preferred voluntary projects. All applicants will be individually considered, each on its merit. For an application form and for more information, please contact Peter Dowse on 01277 373968 or apply on line to [www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com).

**CEF STUDY DAY**

The twelfth Study Day organized by CEF will be on 10 March 2012. It will be given by Dom Henry Wansborough and the subject is The Acts of the Apostles. He has just completed a study of The Acts in the Take and Read series. Entry is free and lunch is provided but donations are always welcome. The Study Days are well worth attending but places are limited and are going fast. For further information please contact Margaret Bailey.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA – 1**

**The Knights of St. Columba are holding a 60's Buffet and Dance** to raise funds for The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and Aid to the Church in Need on 3 March 2012 at the Cathedral Hall. Buffet is hot or cold. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £17.50 available from any member of the Knights of St. Columba or Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA – 2**

**Promoting Our Faith in Today's World:** A conference lead by John Vaughan Neil at the Marillac Hospital Chapel on the 10 March 2012. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church. More information and to reserve your place from Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2ND MARCH 2012**

On this day millions of women and men from many countries and islands will pause to pray. This year the theme is "Let Justice Prevail". There are two services: 10.00 a.m. at Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Hutton Mount and 8.00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Claughton Way, Hutton. Refreshments after both services. All are welcome. Please come and support. Next year we will hosting the event. Jan Jarvis - Parish Representative.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD - LENT PROGRAMME**

A series of talks conducted by local clergy will be held on Tuesday evenings at Hutton Free Church, Hanging Hill Lane beginning 28 February at 8.00 p.m. They are free of charge and will be followed by refreshments. The theme is "PLACES OF THE SPIRIT".

**Further details in the Narthex.**

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS WILL BE HELD IN THE AREA STARTING WITH : "A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY?" **Please sign up in the Narthex where further details can be found.** Jen Grimes

**NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH**

Will be held between 10 and 18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the Church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet (which has recently been updated) to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, please write to Fr. Denis Treacy MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, Suite 7 Queensgate House, 18 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 8AJ, or email [novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com). With every good wish, Fr Denis Treacy MHM, Novena Director

**REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION FOR LENT**

We are offering a reflection and discussion time for Lent through to Easter to parents of Primary School children entitled "You, Your Children and their Catholic Faith". The sessions will be held in the School Quiet Room at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary each Friday for seven weeks, beginning Friday 20 February, from 2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Parents are very welcome to come to all or some of these sessions, details of which are displayed in the School Entrance area. For further details or enquiries please telephone 223460. Gabrielle O'Regan/Lynda Norton/Amelia Baker

**50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS. 10-17 JUNE 2012 IN IRELAND**

Diocesan preparation – THE THEME OF THE LECTURE WILL BE "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another".

Tuesday 20 March 2012 from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon IBVM (Our Diocesan Delegate). For further information please contact Sr. Nuala on 01277 265219 or email [srnuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:srnuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Knights of St. Columba will lead Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Lent starting 29 February 2012.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Once again we, as a Parish, will be taking part in this Deanery-wide sponsored walk and fund raiser for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The 20th anniversary annual sponsored walk for us will be from Saint Joseph the Worker to Brentwood Cathedral. We will meet at 11.45 a.m. to leave at 12.00 for a gentle stroll, led by Fr. Leslie, to the Brentwood Cathedral Social Centre. Refreshments and a light snack will be provided when we reach the Cathedral, along with a "well done" certificate.

If you will be joining us, please contact Ian Restall on 01277 223078 or email [ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk). Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the Church.

**FLAME CONGRESS, WEMBLEY ARENA, 24 MARCH 2012**

**A national event to inspire young people.**

Thousands of young Catholics will gather to reflect, celebrate and pray, as some of the best speakers in Britain share insights about faith and sport, including witness from Catholic Olympians and Paralympians. Flame Congress is the first event of its kind in England and Wales, and will link Olympic values and faith experience in dynamic and powerful ways. CYMFed – the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation – is running the event, offering the wisdom of specialists in youth ministry from Dioceses, Organisations, Movements and Religious Congregations.

Full details are at [www.cymfed.org/flame](http://www.cymfed.org/flame) including programme details and speaker biographies. Tickets are £18.00. Over 3,000 tickets have already been sold so early booking is advisable.

*Give it up!* **for water**  
this Fast Day!

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a child dies from  
**DIRTY WATER**

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**Lent Fast Day 2 March 2012**

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