

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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.

FAITH AND THE SEARCH FOR GOD

FAITH AND THEOLOGY

CHAPTER THREE - continued

I DELIVERED TO YOU WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED (cf. 1 Cor 15:3)

The sacraments and the transmission of faith

42. What are the elements of baptism which introduce us into this new "standard of teaching"? First, the name of the Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — is invoked upon the catechumen. Thus, from the outset, a synthesis of the journey of faith is provided. The God who called Abraham and wished to be called his God, the God who revealed his name to Moses, the God who, in giving us his Son, revealed fully the mystery of his Name, now bestows upon the baptized a new filial identity. This is clearly seen in the act of baptism itself: immersion in water. Water is at once a symbol of death, inviting us to pass through self-conversion to a new and greater identity, and a symbol of life, of a womb in which we are reborn by following Christ in his new life. In this way, through immersion in water, baptism speaks to us of the incarnational structure of faith. Christ's work penetrates the depths of our being and transforms us radically, making us adopted children of God and sharers in the divine nature. It thus modifies all our relationships, our place in this world and in the universe, and opens them to God's own life of communion. This change which takes place in baptism helps us to appreciate the singular importance of the catechumenate — whereby growing numbers of adults, even in societies with ancient Christian roots, now approach the sacrament of baptism — for the new evangelization. It is the road of preparation for baptism, for the transformation of our whole life in Christ.

To appreciate this link between baptism and faith, we can recall a text of the prophet Isaiah, which was associated with baptism in early Christian literature: "Their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks... their water assured" (Is 33:16).[37] The baptized, rescued from the waters of death, were now set on a "fortress of rock" because they had found a firm and reliable foundation. The waters of death were thus transformed into waters of life. The Greek text, in speaking of that water which is "assured", uses the word *pistós*, "faithful". The waters of baptism are indeed faithful and trustworthy, for they flow with the power of Christ's love, the source of our assurance in the journey of life.



BCCS CHARITY GOLF DAY MONDAY 23 JUNE 2014

The Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Monday 23rd June 2014.

Tickets are priced at £45 per person and include:

- Bacon rolls, tea/coffee on arrival;
- 18 Hole Stableford Competition;
- Nearest the pin;
- Longest Drive;
- Golfers Lunch;

Places are limited to 80 players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 31	6.00 p.m.	Euan O'Regan	O'Regan Family
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m.	Monica White RIP	Liz Kent
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 2	9.15 a.m.	Jo Stackerd RIP	
Tuesday 3	9.15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday 4	8.30 a.m.	Pamela Child RIP	
FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE			
Thursday 5	9.15 a.m.	Ints Margaret and Ken Maskey	
Friday 6	9.15 a.m.	Andrew D'Agata RIP	Stella Walker
PENTECOST SUNDAY			
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY			
Saturday 7	6.00 p.m.	Beverly Clarke RIP	
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Ray Buckland RIP	P and M Barlow

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THIS WEEK'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ann Howarth	Jan Jarvis	Dom. D'Alberquerque
Marian Anderson	Lyn Birnie	Marina Moffat
Paul Bolton	Ken Eady	Chris Brooks

READERS AT THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Marian Anderson	Kevin Jackson	Jessica Barber
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT NEXT WEEK'S MASSES (7/8 JUNE)

Pat Creavin	Michael Wild	Mary Brooks
Carol Turnbull	Margaret Bailey	Chris Brooks
Maurice Roche	Jan Jarvis	Percy Sam

READERS AT NEXT WEEK'S MASSES (7/8 JUNE)

Frank Dodson	Carol Giles	Sheila Jones
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ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for all those whose anniversary whose anniversary occurs at this time, and all our relatives and friends, especially:

Jack O'Regan, Gerald Worster, Margaret Green, John Looney, Bernadette Morris, Lillian Gilchrist, Alfred Duffett, John Gordon, Aubrey Texeira, Ann Draper, and Eithne Webster. Priests of our Diocese:

Bp John Petit – one time Priest of the Diocese - (1973), Canon Eric Goldingay (1978), Fr. Donald Clover (1995), Canon Jerome Deady (1937), and Blessed Pope John XXIII (1963). May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN OUR PARISH

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio, Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Brian Green, Beryl de Prazer, and Mary Sheehan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH DINNER – MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

The St. Joseph Parish Dinner will be held this year at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Hutton, on Friday 17 October. Full details to follow. Please book this date in your diary.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

I am looking for to parishioners to represent our community on the committee of Churches Together. The involvement will involve attending a meeting once a month. Please give this some thought and prayer for this important Ministry.

BRENTWOOD DEANERY MASS FRIDAY 20 JUNE

You are warmly invited to the Annual Deanery Mass at the Most Holy Redeemer, Laidon Road, Billericay CM12 9LL at 7.30 p.m. We hope as many as possible will attend this celebration for the parishes of the Deanery. For catering purposes please put your name on the list at the back of the church. *Thank you.* **PLEASE GIVE THIS BIG SUPPORT**

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba would like thank all those who supported their recent charity Buffet Supper Dance. We have now sent £225.00 to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and £225.00 to Mary's Meals (KSC national charity).

WELCOME

We welcome into our parish community Joseph and Elizabeth Timm through the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. Please keep them and their parents Robert and Sarah in your prayers that they may be faithful to their promises.



Fr. Leslie writes

We welcome you to St Joseph the worker. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. We have been asked to take up a retiring collection for the work of the

Catholic media. This collection helps us to engage with the local and national media in a professional way and if you can help with this request that will be a good thing. Please pick up a prayer card as you leave church today.

The feast of the ascension of Jesus is a mystery of faith but this does not mean that we cannot grasp it, enter into it, and understand it anew each year. Faith invites this deeper journeying into the deeper truths of our faith. The Ascension points to a further truth; the return of the King in glory. Since the Ascension we have been living in the age of the church, the last times. We do not know when it will happen. It could be tomorrow or it could be in 10,000 years' time. But it is the Spirit of God that creates in us a deep longing for his return. We do not always appreciate it, but at the heart of every celebration of the Eucharist is the prayer Maranatha - our Lord come. Until then we have been given our mission to go out and spread the gospel. Let us pray at Mass today for guidance and strength as we discern what that mission is for each one of us, and resolve to do God's will in our lives.

Have a great Sunday and thank you.

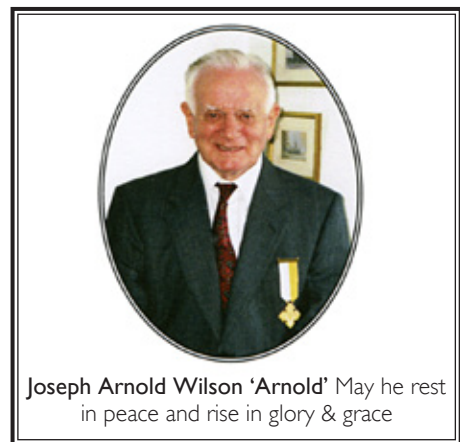
Fr Leslie

RED BOX HOLDERS

Please take your copy of the summer edition of "Mission Today" available on the table in the Church Narthex. *Thank you.* God bless and thanks Margaret

FLK

Pray to the Holy Spirit to help us to pray and to guide our actions in our daily lives.



Joseph Arnold Wilson 'Arnold' May he rest in peace and rise in glory & grace

FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 24/25 May you gave £335.70 of which £148.00 was Gift Aided. *Thank you*



ABOUT BCCS - PART 3 OF 4

An inclusive model of working

- Close working with school personnel to support work with child/young person
- Liaison with other agencies to refer on where appropriate and/or develop additional resources
- Work with parent(s)/carer(s) to address difficulties and sustain improvement
- Focus on the child/young person & their behaviour, feelings, responses and circumstances

Added Value of bccs

- All our workers hold either a social work or counselling professional qualification
- They all receive regular support and supervision from a qualified professional supervisor
- All workers receive regular training and professional development in all aspects of their work.
- As a non-statutory agency, we are able to respond quickly and flexibly to referrals
- We work to complement the pastoral care team in the school
- We are available for consultation and advice to teaching staff
- We can provide training for teaching staff
- We address issues of poverty and social disadvantage
- Support out of term time is available to children/young people and families, where this is necessary

OUR POPE ON TWITTER

1. We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God.
2. To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult moments.
3. Dear friends, please pray for me during my pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Thank you, Jesus, for always being with me. Help me to spread the good news about you. Help me to share your message of love.

Amen.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

An eight week course on living life in the power of the Holy Spirit will take place between 8 May and 26 June. The course will be held on Thursday evenings from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. at the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. Donations will be taken during the course to help cover costs. Register online at allegra.muntanda@hotmail.com

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8 JUNE

On Pentecost Sunday 8 June at the 10.30 a.m. Mass our new Altar Servers will receive their St. Stephen's medal – the patron Saint of altar servers.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2014

"The media can help us to feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family which can in turn inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all."
 Pope Francis, World Communications Day Message 2014
 (www.catholicnews.org.uk)

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) is the media office for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The CCN provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries and plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church.

Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as World Communications Sunday when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund the work of the CCN. Donations can also be made online, please visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations

Thank you for your kind generosity towards this important work of communicating the Joy of the Gospel.

World Communications Day Prayer

O God, whose word is truth, and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image. Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

200 CLUB

Thank you to those who have recently joined our 200 Club. If you still have the forms you took away from the church a few weeks ago, it would be good if you are able to subscribe to this club where 50% of the fundraising goes to the church and 50% to the winner each month.



Father Leslie with the First Holy Communion children on Saturday 24 May.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS!!

- The service will close with little drops of water. One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Pastor is on holiday. Massages can be given to church secretary.

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus gives his friends a very important job. He asks them to go and tell everyone all over the world about him. Jesus wants his friends to tell the whole world to follow him. Jesus promises he will always be with them.

CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

Contact: "Coming Home", CEO, 114 West Heath Road, London NW3 7TX
Tel: 020 8458 3316. e-mail: info@comehomeforchristmas.co.uk



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Are you feeling generally low in mood and unhappy or struggling with a particular concern or worry? Are you suffering in silence, unable to share your anxieties, fears or worries?

I may be able to help.

All matters of our psychological wellbeing, including unconscious processes may be better understood and worked through with therapy.

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