

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS | JULY 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 our anniversary theme, these are pictures from Fr. Leslie's 25th Anniversary when he was a priest at Springfield. We anticipate a slightly larger gathering for his 40th anniversary, which is now only 2 weeks away!! If you are coming and haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so now. See page 3 for details



### 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**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m.	Andrew D'Agata R.I.P.	S Walker
JULY 2012			
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	M&L O'Donovan
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 2	9.15 a.m.	Mary Ward R.I.P.	Eileen
FEAST OF ST. THOMAS			
Tuesday 3	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	Pat Mellin
Wednesday 4	8.30 a.m.	Tina Keating's Father	T. Keating
Thursday 5	9.15 a.m.	Bill Deegan R.I.P.	B. Wignall
Friday 6	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	J. Dunne
Saturday 7	9.15 a.m.	Maureen Hock and Family	Upminster

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m.	Peter Anderson R.I.P.	J&M Anderson
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m.	Margaret Cronin R.I.P.	Turnbull family
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

FR. LESLIE WILL BE AWAY ON HOLIDAY FROM 16 JULY UNTIL 17 AUGUST. DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.  
FR. PHILIP FROM THE MARILLAC AND FR. NOEL WILL CELEBRATE THE SUNDAY MASSES FOR YOU. JAN JARVIS WILL BE YOUR "GO TO" PERSON SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS. IF YOU CAN OFFER HER ANY HELP DURING THIS PERIOD, SHE WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU ON 01277 200278. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE TO JAN AND FR. PHILIP AND FR. NOEL FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I APOLOGISE TO YOU ALL FOR ANY DIFFICULTIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER DURING THE WEEKDAYS.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
Gaye O'Regan	Jan Jarvis	Mary Brooks
Bill O'Regan	Michael Wild	Chris Brooks
Ian Restall	John Spinks	Dominic D'Alberquerque

**READERS AT THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Paul Bolton	Ciara Tobin
Frank Dodson	Teresa Giles

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Sally  
Jo

**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, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Fred Shaw and Mary Dillane  
Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



**ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Ursula Wing, Ann Davies, William Philbin, Mary Williamson, and Joe Nelson. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Edward Littleton, Fr. Patrick Curran (1978), and Fr. Patrick Carthy (1968).  
For these and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

**PARISH ALTAR SERVERS - COME ON!!!!!! URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Our parish desperately needs young people to come forward to train to serve Jesus, through your priest. We encourage our young people to train for other things and team sports, which is good. However, we all need to ask the Lord what can I do, what am I called to do in my parish to thank God for all the blessings he has given to me, and how can I help to draw closer in holiness through an active part in our liturgy. This goes for all ministries, Readers, Choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Welcomers, Ushers – ALL these and more are ways of being unselfish in our lives. Pope John Paul II said that involvement in the life of the Church would keep young people close to Jesus. I ask you the parents to discuss this with your children and young people. *Thank you.*

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH**

Because the carpet in the church is a felt carpet, stains are hard, if not impossible, to get out. On wet days (and there have been plenty of those recently!) please do wipe your shoes. Please!

**ST JOSEPHS FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Please note that as from 18 May the meetings will now take place every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. All ages welcome.



Fr. Leslie writes

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

Throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the first reading from the Old Testament prepares us to hear the Gospel. Today the Book of Wisdom proclaims God's concern for our health and well being. Today's Gospel presents two healings of two "daughters". Jairus's daughter, and the nameless woman whom Jesus calls "daughter". By telling a story within a story, Mark reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark emphasises that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith; rather faith precedes healing.

In the case of the woman with the haemorrhage, Jesus does not consciously perform the healing. Though he is "aware at once that power has gone out from him" the healing has already happened. Moreover Jesus himself makes clear the initiative for this healing came from the woman's faith. This healing by faith surpasses human achievement i.e. the many doctors on whom she spent all that she had without getting better.

Mark returns to the other daughter, Jairus's child, who by now has died. In the face of such hopelessness, people tell Jairus not to bother Jesus. Despite the people's ridicule of Jesus' and Jairus' undaunted hope, Jesus takes the same three disciples who will see both his transfiguration and agony, and tells the child to arise.

We have basic choices. Like the woman with the haemorrhage, we may feel that after many years, why bother? But do we still believe we need only faith? In the face of what seems hopeless, will we choose faith over despair, despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise?

After bidding Jairus's daughter to rise, he commanded "that she should be given something to eat". So too are we invited to feast on Jesus' Eucharist sacrifice and banquet.

Thank you and God Bless

FR Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family



**FINANCE MATTERS**

Week ending 23/24 June you gave £277.17 of which £36.50 was Gift Aided. Thank you and God Bless.



**FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

Please visit the CAFOD area at the back of the church and have a look at our fund raising initiatives.



There is a collection box for Rwanda, a country we are linked to through the Connect2 scheme. Details about the scheme are on the CAFOD notice board. Please give any spare change you have.

If you have any old mobile phones, please donate them to CAFOD who can recycle them for cash. Just collect an envelope from the back of the church, pop in your old phone, and leave it there for me to collect.

If you want to give someone special a unique gift, then have a look through the CAFOD world gifts catalogue. Please contact me (07816 320996) if you want more information

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**CAFOD – AN UPDATE**

Dear Father

Given the exceptionally generous response of the Catholic community to CAFOD's Lent appeal I thought you and your parish would be interested in an initial update on how we are using the resources entrusted to us.

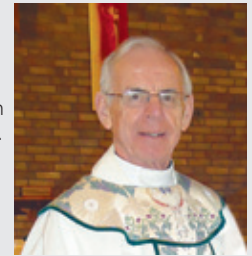
The total for the Lent appeal is now in excess of £9m (before we receive UK Aid Match Funding from the Government). We had been planning a £2m programme to ensure the provision of safe water for thousands of people. We are now significantly scaling up that programme which means that many thousands more people currently in dire need will be provided with sustainable water resources for the long term. This will have a huge and transforming impact on their lives. We will provide updates on progress in future issues of the CAFOD magazine ('Side by Side') and on our website. Once again thank you so much for the generosity that you and your community have shown towards those in greatest need.

**BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL**

Miss Vicky Squirell is retiring from her position as Headteacher of Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School in August 2012. In celebration of her life of service and dedication not only to Brentwood Ursuline but also to the education of young people in six schools over the past thirty-seven years, a special Mass of Thanksgiving is being celebrated on Thursday 19 July at 6.30 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall. The Governors would like to extend a warm invitation to all those who would like to share in this special evening.

**FR. LESLIE'S ORDINATION - 40TH ANNIVERSARY. FRIDAY 13 JULY.**

The parish will be hosting a Mass, followed by a party in the Parish Hall, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Leslie's Ordination. The Mass will commence at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 13 July, and, following the Mass, drinks and canapes will be served from 8.30 p.m. onwards. This will be a very joyful occasion as we gather to congratulate our much loved Shepherd. Please put the date in your diary. ALL ARE WELCOME. We are anxious to know how many of you will be attending the Mass, and/or the party, so please RSVP to Alan Bailey on 01277 219 155, or alternatively email Sheila Jones: Sheila.Jones@NIIT-Tech.com



**CAR PARKING**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN HIGHVIEW CRESCENT. Car parking in the car park will be difficult, if not impossible. If you can, please walk to Church. If you have to use your car, please car-share wherever possible, and use the car parking facilities at Hutton Poplars – the gate will be open so you will be able to cut through to the back of the Church. Please also see the website for further details – www.stjosephshutton.org

**GIFT FOR FR. LESLIE.**

The parish would also like to buy a gift for Fr. Leslie to mark the occasion. A second collection will be taken up after Masses this week and next. Please make any cheques payable to St. Joseph the Worker.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed 4 July Coach trip to Hastings and Rye now booked.  
Friday 27 July Garden Party with Fish & Chip lunch

**YEAR OF FAITH**

As part of our Year of Faith which begins in October 2012, you will find in the basket cards entitled Service which contain what we are called to do as a Catholic. Also to remind you to contact a priest in an emergency. Please carry this card in your purse or wallet.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

Aid to the Church in Need. Save the saveable. Make a Donation to help provide a Christian Education for a Child in Sudan. Use your mobile phone to text your donation. Text KOSCF75 followed by 5 to 70070. Thank you.

**BRENTWOOD URSULINE YEAR 7 SCHOOL ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2013 - MUSIC PLACES/SCHOLARSHIPS**

As you may be aware, the revised School Admission Code has introduced a requirement for selective schools to inform parents about the outcome of any selection test, before the closing date for secondary applications on 31 October each year. To meet this requirement we will be holding musical aptitude tests between 10 and 21 September 2012 for our Music Places and Scholarships. Parents wishing to apply for a Music Scholarship/Place for their daughter should submit an application form (available for download from the web-site www.buchs.co.uk or direct from the school). Completed forms must be received at the school by 20 July 2012. Please note that this only applies to Music Places/Scholarships. There is no change to the procedure for parents wishing to apply for a general place at the school.

**CATECHISTS**

Our parish does urgently need parishioners who would like to take on this important ministry especially with the Year of Faith coming up. We have a great number of parishioners who do not share our Catholic faith but faithfully and regularly they come with their families to our Sunday Mass. Sooner or later, they will receive in their hearts the movement of the Holy Spirit to come forward and ask to know more about our Catholic Faith. Already I have had two enquiries. Gaye O'Regan does now need help. If you come forward for this ministry, Sister Nuala will come and tell you what is involved, after which you can make your decision. By putting your name down at this stage you will NOT be committed. Please just come along and find out some more information. Thank you.

**MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY**

Tuesday 3 July 2012 8.00 p.m. at St. Josephs Parish, Upminster. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon. Could our welcomers please try to join those at Upminster? Champion Road, RM14 2SY. A PASTORAL MUSIC DAY WITH MARTY HAUGEN

This day is offered to those who are engaged in a variety of ministries. Catechists who are involved with sacramental preparation- Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation and RCIA teams; Teachers; Singers, Instrumentalists; School Chaplains; Pastoral Assistants and Readers.

Date/Venue: Saturday 30 June 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Cathedral Parish Hall, Brentwood.

Marty Haugen is an internationally renowned liturgical composer, workshop presenter and author from Minnesota, USA. Some of his much loved hymns are: Gather us in; All are welcome; Now in this Banquet; Shepherd me O God and We walk by faith.

Cost: 10 per person. Children 5.

For booking, please contact the Music office on 01277 26588 or the Adult RE office on 01277 265255. E-mail: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**EVENSONG CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Again we are invited to join the Congregation of St. Mary's Hall Lane Anglican Church for Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 1 July.

There was a great attendance the last time we gathered. I do hope you will be able to support this venture again on Sunday 1 July at 6.30 p.m.

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Dear Jesus, you are Lord of life. Fill us all with your life and love. Amen.  
Amen.



We hear how Jesus went around curing the sick people. He even brought a young girl back to life.



### 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.

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From our volunteers...

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The Marillac is a residential home for younger adults with physical and/or neurological disabilities. We are based in Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood opposite the Ford's building.

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