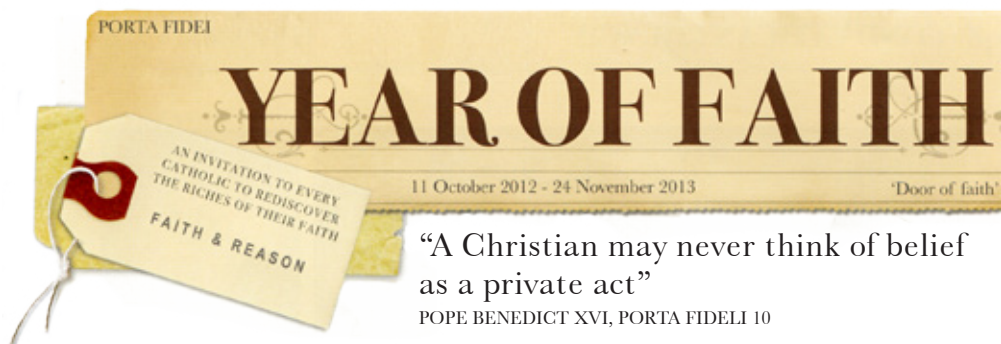


# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS 2 SEPTEMBER 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.



“A Christian may never think of belief as a private act”

POPE BENEDICT XVI, PORTA FIDEI 10

### A NEW JOURNEY

In October 2011, Pope Benedict XVI announced a “Year of Faith” inviting Catholics to rediscover the gift of faith and to seek new ways of proclaiming it. The Year of Faith will begin on 11 October 2012, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Everyone is invited to participate in this Year of celebration and mission, mindful that faith is not meant to be private, but professed and shared. Please do support it and get involved as you can.

Over the next four weeks we will publish a series of articles on the four pillars of the Year of Faith – Catechism, Conversion, Charity and New Evangelisation.

### CATECHISM

“In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a precious and indispensable tool”.

#### PORTA FIDEI I I

Twenty years ago Blessed Pope John Paul II published the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He wrote at the time: “...this catechism will make a very important contribution to that work of renewing the whole life of the Church ... I declare it to be a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith.” *Fidei Depositum I, IV*

During the Year of Faith every baptised person is invited to re-read the Catechism to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the most important gift that they’ve been given - their faith. The Catechism helps everyone to learn about the content of the faith as received and safeguarded by the Church during the past 2000 years.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in his Apostolic Letter announcing the Year: “From Sacred Scripture to the Fathers of the Church, from theological masters to the saints across the centuries, the Catechism provides a permanent record of the many ways in which the Church has meditated on the faith and made progress in doctrine so as to offer certitude to believers in their lives of faith.” *Porta Fidei II*

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### 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**

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 1	6.00 p.m. Peter Anderson R.I.P.	J and M Anderson
Sunday 2	8.30 a.m. People of the parish	
	10.30 a.m. Karen Field R.I.P.	P and M Barlow
	6.30 p.m. Evensong at St Mary's	

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT**

Monday 3	9.15 a.m. Phyllis Allum R.I.P.	F Mass
Tuesday 4	9.15 a.m. Rita Gibbons INT	Upminster
Wednesday 5	8.30 a.m. Seamus R.I.P.	Upminster
Thursday 6	9.15 a.m. Maud Barry R. I. P.	Wright family
Friday 7	9.15 a.m. Karen Field R.I.P.	D Looney

**THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY**

Saturday 8 9.15 a.m.

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 8	6.00 p.m. Thomas Morris R.I.P.	June Howitt
Sunday 9	8.30 a.m. People of the parish	
	10.30 a.m. Maud Barry R.I.P.	P and M Barlow

**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 whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Kathleen Ostermeyer, Philip Burton, Daniel Burns, Mark Kotulski, William Kirby, Gordon Hill, and Elizabeth Eagle; Priests of our Diocese Canon Cyril Shepherd (1938), and Father Frank Cavanagh (2001). For these and all faithfully departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory and grace.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE**

Father, Eternal Shepherd of your people,  
You never cease to lead your Church with unfailing providence and to guide and nourish your flock.  
In your goodness grant to your Church of Brentwood a holy Shepherd under whose watchful care we may grow in love and grace.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FR. LESLIE WRITES (2)**

A big thank you to everyone who made my 40th anniversary so memorable. It was truly a wonderful event for the whole parish. The Committee did a magnificent job and even the weather played its part. So much work was done behind the scenes to make it all happen and trying to keep it all as a surprise.

As I walked down the aisle led by the piper and my fellow priests, deacons and altar servers I cannot begin to explain the extent of emotion that overtook me.

When I stood at the altar surrounded by so many family, friends and parishioners, I truly contemplated the words "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God in the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all". I was filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and love. I enjoyed the reception after and the very many cards, gifts and messages of good wishes. I have very much to be thankful to the Lord "for all his goodness he has shown me" in his service. I am a priest not for myself but for Him. Even the following day was filled with love and happiness for the whole parish.

I am so blessed to be a part of this community. May God bless you for your continued kindness to me. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! again to everyone. Peace and love.



Fr. Leslie writes

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

Welcome to our parish of St Joseph the worker. Today our Scripture readings return to Mark. In the Gospel, Jesus chastises the Pharisees. It is not because of their fidelity to religious observances and ritual tradition, because Jesus also did this as part of his upbringing, but it had to be lived according to our hearts also not just in words and actions. It was to demonstrate our love for God that bears fruit in charity. In his teaching Jesus highlights a problem with the practice of faith by telling them to look into their hearts and not just the externals. Today's Responsorial Psalm promises that all who "do justice" will live in the Lord's presence. Let us come into God's presence renewing our resolve to become a more just and faithful people, a people holy to the Lord.

This month we begin shortly our children's preparation for Holy Communion. This wonderful gift of Jesus which we have all heard in the past few weeks of John's Gospel on the theme of the bread of life. All Catholics, as we grow from our earliest years into a personal relationship with Jesus, are drawn into the community of the family of God as we celebrate his presence in our lives and are fed with his body and blood day by day. Each day we are challenged to follow the road that leads us to Eternal Life by taking up our cross every day and following Jesus



**Celebrating the presence of God in the family**



**FINANCE MATTERS**

Last week you gave £396.00 of which £125.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you



We have celebrated the Olympics where many athletes won medals. This was only achieved by hard discipline and training and foregoing the pleasures of life that would distract them from achieving their goal of a medal. So too we are called to live the discipline of Jesus and forego those things which may hinder our goal of Eternal life.

St. Paul taught that we should run in such a way as to win the prize. He meant that there were comparisons between being an athlete and living the Christian life. Let us reflect on the challenge not just to be physically fit but spiritually healthy and fit as well.

Thank you and God Bless

FR Leslie

Year of Faith from front page

He adds: "In its very structure, the Catechism of the Catholic Church follows the development of the faith right up to the great themes of daily life. On page after page, we find that what is presented here is no theory, but an encounter with a Person who lives within the Church. The profession of faith is followed by an account of sacramental life, in which Christ is present, operative and continues to build his Church. Without the liturgy and the sacraments, the profession of faith would lack efficacy, because it would lack the grace which supports Christian witness. By the same criterion, the teaching of the Catechism on the moral life acquires its full meaning if placed in relationship with faith, liturgy and prayer." Porta Fidei II

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is offered as an indispensable tool to support growth in faith. Some parishes already have groups that meet at intervals to read and study this text. During the Year of Faith you may choose to start such a group and/or commit to reading a paragraph daily as a way of deepening your appreciation of the Church's teaching

NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

The Principal, staff and students of New Hall School, Chelmsford, are delighted to invite you and your family to an Open Morning on Saturday 29 September 2012, from 9.00am-12.00noon. Presentations from the Principal and current students will take place at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am. New Hall, founded in 1642, is one of the top performing Catholic co-educational independent schools in the UK. Each year we offer 11+ and 13+ scholarships specifically for Catholic students coming from both maintained and independent schools, with priority given to weekly and full boarders. Please visit newhallschool.co.uk if you would like to register to attend our Open Morning

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CHURCHES TOGETHER

We begin after the summer break to join Christians of other faiths for Evensong at St Mary's, Hall Lane, Shenfield at 6.30 p.m. Please give us your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2012/13

The parish First Holy Communion programme will begin in September for years three and above. There will be a welcome evening and introduction to the course on Wednesday 12 September at 8.00 p.m. The first session with the children will be on 29/30 September in the parish hall 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Application forms are available from the back of the church. It is imperative that parents and children attend their respective meetings for all sessions. Completed forms must be handed in by 12 September as no will be accepted after that date.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY - A LETTER FROM BISHOP KIERAN CONROY

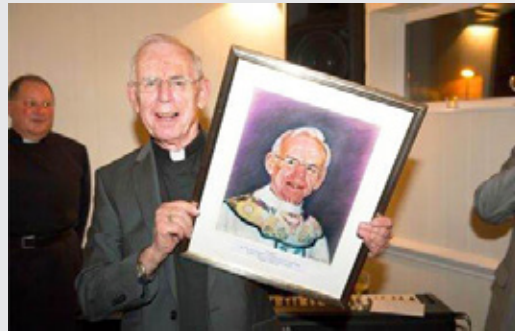
Home Mission Sunday takes place on 16 September 2012 and is a day when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

This year's theme is 'Confident in Faith' and is intimately connected to the opening of the Year of Faith which will happen just over three weeks after Home Mission Sunday on 11 October. One of the purposes of the Year is to invite the baptised to rediscover and be more confident in their faith. This is what St. Peter demonstrates so powerfully in the Gospel for Home Mission Sunday, proclaiming "You are the Christ" (Mark 8: 27 - 35). The more confidence we have in Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Saviour, the more ready and equipped we are to share the treasure of our Catholic Faith.

The second collection that parishes are invited to have on Home Mission Sunday directly supports the work of the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with an important instrument being the Home Mission Desk.

FR. LESLIE 40TH ANNIVERSARY - PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that all the photos taken by Arthur Edwards at Fr. Leslie's 40th Anniversary Mass and celebration afterwards are available on the Parish Website [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org).



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Please help me to have a heart full of love and kindness, Jesus. Help me to remember that what is in my heart is the most important part of me. Help me to love you and all the people I meet. Amen.

EAT OUT AT STRADA

Strada in Billericay are offering all our parishioners 20% off the bill. All you need to do is bring a copy of the newsletter with you, then have a great evening. All food is freshly bought and cooked by very high class chefs. Do give it a try



Jesus' disciples did not follow the all the traditions of the religious leaders. This made some people unhappy. The religious leaders had lots of rules because they wanted to please God. Jesus says, however, that these rules are not important. What is important is what is inside our hearts.





### 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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