

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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### VOCAATION 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.

### APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"

### PORTA FIDEI OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI - FOR THE INDICTION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

CONTINUATION OF "PORTA FIDEI" (DOOR OF FAITH)

"Caritas Christi urget nos" (2 Cor 5:14): it is the love of Christ that fills our hearts and impels us to evangelize. Today as in the past, he sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth (cf. Mt 28:19). Through his love, Jesus Christ attracts to himself the people of every generation: in every age he convokes the Church, entrusting her with the proclamation of the Gospel by a mandate that is ever new. Today too, there is a need for stronger ecclesial commitment to new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith. In rediscovering his love day by day, the missionary commitment of believers attains force and vigour that can never fade away. Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord's invitation to adhere to his word and become his disciples. Believers, so Saint Augustine tells us, "strengthen themselves by believing". The saintly Bishop of Hippo had good reason to express himself in this way. As we know, his life was a continual search for the beauty of the faith until such time as his heart would find rest in God. His extensive writings, in which he explains the importance of believing and the truth of the faith, continue even now to form a heritage of incomparable riches, and they still help many people in search of God to find the right path towards the "door of faith".

Only through believing, then, does faith grow and become stronger; there is no other possibility for possessing certitude with regard to one's life apart from self-abandonment, in a continuous crescendo, into the hands of a love that seems to grow constantly because it has its origin in God.

On this happy occasion, I wish to invite my brother bishops from all over the world to join the Successor of Peter, during this time of spiritual grace that the Lord offers us, in recalling the precious gift of faith. We want to celebrate this Year in a worthy and fruitful manner. Reflection on the faith will have to be intensified, so as to help all believers in Christ to acquire a more conscious and vigorous adherence to the Gospel, especially at a time of profound change such as humanity is currently experiencing. We will have the opportunity to profess our faith in the Risen Lord in our cathedrals and in the churches of the whole world; in our homes and among our families, so that everyone may feel a strong need to know better and to transmit to future generations the faith of all times. Religious communities as well as parish communities, and all ecclesial bodies old and new, are to find a way, during this Year, to make a public profession of the Credo.

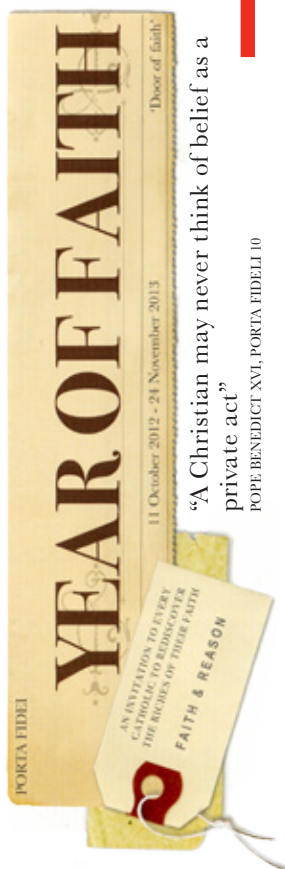
### MISSION STATEMENT

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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m.	
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Vince Ma RIP
Monday 4	9.15 a.m.	Joseph Murphy RIP

FATHER LESLIE WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY UNTIL FRIDAY MID-DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM TUESDAY UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING.

Friday 8	7.30 p.m.	NOTE EVENING MASS
Saturday 9	9.15 a.m.	Denis La Croix RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m.	Deceased relatives and friends of the McCreedy family
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Refer family and friends

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES. IT IS ALSO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9.45 A.M. TO 10.15 A.M., DURING WHICH TIME WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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

<b>6.00 PM.</b>	<b>8.30 A.M.</b>	<b>10.30 A.M.</b>
Ann Howarth	Pat Green	Dom D'Albuquerque
Marian Anderson	Jan Jarvis	Willa Jackson
Pat Creavin	Lyn Birnie	Pat Burton

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (9/10 FEBRUARY)**

Ian Restall	Mary Allum	Jen Grimes
Stella Walker	Margaret Bailey	Tony Grimes
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Marina Moffat

**READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Ian Restall	Carol Giles	Marina Moffat
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**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (9/10 FEBRUARY)**

Ann and Steve Howarth	Alan Bailey	Jessica Barber
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**WELCOMERS THIS WEEKEND**

Tim Murphy  
Jacinta Ariya

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND (9/10 FEBRUARY)**

Tim Murphy  
Marion Barlow

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND**

Mary  
Sally

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND (9/10 FEBRUARY)**

Hector  
Cathy

**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, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Diane Griffiths, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer and Mano Subryan. 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 Florence Scannel, Agnes Young, Mary Tuffin, and Sarah Postoj.

Priests of our Diocese Fr. Eric Bindloss-Smith (1981), Fr. Francis Richardson (1937), Fr. Alan Wilcox (1988) and Canon Bernard Manning (1986).

For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

**NEW READERS WANTED**

Would you be willing to read at Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning? We desperately need more readers at all masses to share in delivering the Word of God. Coaching and practice can be given. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are interested.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners. Today is the fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We hear today of St Paul's beautiful hymn of love. In the context of a wedding, the passage speaks of

the mutual love and commitment that the couple express through the sacrament. Each one of us can use the words of Paul to discover how fully, or otherwise, they live up to the demands of love. "When I was a child" is also a challenge, for it asks each of us to acknowledge that love is about maturity, and something that you deliberately choose – not simply some emotion that happens to you. In the end love is about choosing to live as Jesus lived.

The reaction to Jeremiah and to Jesus in the other two readings offer a clear indication of just how challenging it can be to take God's love seriously and allow it to guide our lives. Many who hear these words will know the cost of love in various aspects of life. But perhaps all who hear these passages need to acknowledge that "without love, then I am nothing".

Let us take time today to praise our loving God for this opportunity to come to know more deeply the love of Christ. Then let us pray for a way to respond by showing that love by showing that love in our own lives.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

Fr Leslie

*Celebrating the presence of God in the family*



**POPE ON TWITTER**

What does Sunday, the day of the Lord, mean for us? It is a day for rest and for family, but first of all a day for Him.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

Week ending 26/27 Jan you gave £322.89 of which £35.50 was Gift Aided. Thank you

There are available at the church porch Gift Aid forms, and also 200 Club forms.

Maybe you would like to Gift Aid your giving or update it, if you or your spouse are a taxpayer.

200 club forms - this is a marvellous idea. Just £24 per year (and you can pay monthly by Standing Order), and you will participate in the monthly draw.

Both ways help our parish to meet its commitments.



**FLK**

The Holy Spirit first united God's son with Mary from whom he received his humanity. Now the Spirit unites us through Christ, with Mary, our Mother (Lumen Gentium)



**VALENTINES GALA DINNER**

Thank you so much for your support of the Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society Valentines Gala Dinner. Just to recap, it will be held on Thursday 14 February 2013, at the exclusive Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. Tickets are priced at 50 per person to include a drinks reception, fabulous gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment & much more. Through the Parish we have managed to fill 4 tables so far, and we are nearly there with filling a fourth. Just a couple of spaces left so please call Jan Jarvis on 200278 to claim your space. This is truly an event not to be missed! What a night it promises to be!

**LOOKING AFRESH AT WORSHIP**

The Diocese of Brentwood Liturgy Commission & Department of Adult Religious Education presents a Seminar titled "Looking Afresh at Worship - what happened at Vatican Two" on Saturday 16 February 2013 at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Arrivals/Registration at 10.00 a.m., Start 10.30 a.m., Finish 1.00 p.m. The Speaker is Mgr. David Manson, VG. A Donation of £5.00 per person is suggested. ALL ARE WELCOME. For booking, please contact the Liturgy Office on 01277 265287 or the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255. Email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org or liturgy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**SPEAK OUT FOR MARRIAGE POSTCARDS**

If you haven't completed and posted your postcard to your Member of Parliament regarding the Marriage (Same-sex couples) Bill then please do so without delay. If you weren't at church last Sunday and didn't get a postcard, there are still plenty at the back of the church. Please do complete these and send them off to your MP. All it needs is your name, address and a stamp. God Bless and thank you.

**THE BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON MARRIAGE**

On Thursday 7 February at the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood, there will be a discussion led by Father Martin Boland from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Thank you very much to all those that helped with church cleaning on Friday. The end result is a tribute to everyones hard work. Church cleaning is on Fridays after 9.15 a.m. Mass for one hour. Again thank you.

**LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY**

Remember that the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 13 February. Now is the time to look at how best we can celebrate this season in preparation for Easter. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 9.15 a.m. with our children and 7.30

**Joke Corner**

Why can't a car play football?  
What is the best thing to take into the desert?  
Who was the first underwater spy?

*Because it only has one boot!  
A thirst aid kit!  
James Pond!*

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Our Bishop will make a pastoral visitation to our parish on Sunday, 3 November 2013. On this occasion he will confirm some of our young parishioners. If you wish to be confirmed you must be 14+. Please notify in writing to father Leslie. Currently we have Andrew Martin, Joseph Gill, Charlie Neal and Louise Walker who want to be confirmed. Father Leslie must have your names by the end of January

**THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

"The precept of the church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation the faithful are bound to participate at Mass....The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practices. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

The Knights will be holding a Buffet and Dance at the Cathedral Hall on Saturday 2 March 2013 commencing at 7.30 p.m. Dancing to 60's music with DEANO. Tickets at 17.50 available from Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460 or any member of the KSC. Profits go to various charities including The Brentwood Children's Society and Aid to the Church in Need (KSC National Charity). Bring your own liquid refreshment.

**WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM OUR CHILDREN**

As part of the First Holy Communion programme that a number of our young people are undertaking at the moment, they are encouraged to ensure they have a quiet period each and every day and say a prayer. The suggested prayer is Lord God, each one of us is precious in your eyes. That is wonderful! Thank you. We love you. We want to live in your love. Please help us. We praise and thank you. Amen.

Maybe we could all find a quiet moment each day in our busy lives for such a lovely prayer?

**NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

10 - 18 March at St. Josephs 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 Gods blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the church, as well as for the intentions of all who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Denis Treacy MHM, St. Josephs Missionary Society, Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com

**LITURGICAL FORMATION**

"One with Christ in Service and Prayer". The Liturgy in the spirit of Vatican Two. Will be held on Saturday 16 February between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. at The Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The Speaker will be Mgr. David Manson VG

**TALKS FOR YEAR OF FAITH**

There are a number of these during this most important year. All the talks take place in the Conference Hall at Cathedral House from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

9 March "Vatican II and the Bible" by Father Adrian Graffy

8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips

12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

**EWTN CATHOLIC NETWORK CHANNEL**

You can find EWTN if you are a side sky subscriber on Channel 589.

If you are not you can ask a local installer to provide you with your own disk (ask for 80 cm size) and receiver. The total cost for the equipment including installation would normally be between 175.00 and 225.00. There would be no monthly cost at all

In this year of faith you will get lots of information about your faith, videos to buy, prayers, liturgy faith discussions, youth programs etc. Why not give it a try?

A viewers comment I am a widow of 90 years and would not be without EWTN because I acquired it shortly after my husbands death after almost 63 happy years together and simply could not imagine life without it. Many thanks. C. F. Harrow.

**DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY THE HEALING MINISTRY CHURCH TODAY**

Saturday 23 March 2013 at The Cathedral Conference Centre, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 10.00 per person and bring a packed lunch.

**CAKE SALE - TODAY TODAY - TODAY**

Please do try and contribute a cake for the stall in the hall after Mass, we did so well last time !

Our costs for church maintenance are rising all the time and every little helps. Leave cakes on the Saturday or bring into the hall before Mass on Sunday morning. Thank you, any queries ring Jan on 200278.



**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

*Dear Jesus, you were very brave and always spoke the truth. Help me to be truthful too, even if it makes me unpopular.*

Amen.



*Jesus is very brave and speaks the truth even though it makes some people angry.*



### 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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