

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.

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)

In this Year, then, the Catechism of the Catholic Church will serve as a tool providing real support for the faith, especially for those concerned with the formation of Christians, so crucial in our cultural context. To this end, I have invited the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, by agreement with the competent Dicasteries of the Holy See, to draw up a Note, providing the Church and individual believers with some guidelines on how to live this Year of Faith in the most effective and appropriate ways, at the service of belief and evangelization.

To a greater extent than in the past, faith is now being subjected to a series of questions arising from a changed mentality which, especially today, limits the field of rational certainties to that of scientific and technological discoveries. Nevertheless, the Church has never been afraid of demonstrating that there cannot be any conflict between faith and genuine science, because both, albeit via different routes, tend towards the truth.

One thing that will be of decisive importance in this Year is retracing the history of our faith, marked as it is by the unfathomable mystery of the interweaving of holiness and sin. While the former highlights the great contribution that men and women have made to the growth and development of the community through the witness of their lives, the latter must provoke in each person a sincere and continuing work of conversion in order to experience the mercy of the Father which is held out to everyone.

During this time we will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12:2): in him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfilment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received and the victory of life over the emptiness of death: all this finds fulfilment in the mystery of his Incarnation, in his becoming man, in his sharing our human weakness so as to transform it by the power of his resurrection. In him who died and rose again for our salvation, the examples of faith that have marked these two thousand years of our salvation history are brought into the fullness of light.

By faith, Mary accepted the Angel's word and believed the message that she was to become the Mother of God in the obedience of her devotion. Visiting Elizabeth, she raised her hymn of praise to the Most High for the marvels he worked in those who trust him. With joy and trepidation she gave birth to her only son, keeping her virginity intact. Trusting in Joseph, her husband, she took Jesus to Egypt to save him from Herod's persecution. With the same faith, she followed the Lord in his preaching and remained with him all the way to Golgotha. By faith, Mary tasted the fruits of Jesus' resurrection, and treasuring every memory in her heart, she passed them on to the Twelve assembled with her in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit.

By faith, the Apostles left everything to follow their Master (cf. Mk 10:28). They believed the words with which he proclaimed the Kingdom of God present and fulfilled in his person. They lived in communion of life with Jesus who instructed them with his teaching, leaving them a new rule of life, by which they would be recognized as his disciples after his death. By faith, they went out to the whole world, following the command to bring the Gospel to all creation and they fearlessly proclaimed to all the joy of the resurrection, of which they were faithful witnesses.

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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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2 6.00 p.m. Frances Turner RIP
Sunday 3 8.30 a.m. Hilda and Patrick Kelly RIP M & L O'Donovan
10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday 4 9.15 a.m. John and Bridget Curran RIP,
Rita Curran RIP and Carmel Curran RIP

Tuesday 5 9.15 a.m. Daniel O'Neill RIP
Wednesday 6 8.30 a.m. Steve Carroll RIP
7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday 7 9.15 a.m. Brian Webber RIP
Friday 8 9.15 a.m. Ted Parker RIP J and S Parker
7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
Saturday 9 6.00 p.m. Monica Florence RIP J Greenfield
Sunday 10 8.30 a.m. People of the Parish
10.30 a.m. Pat Burton and family

DURING LENT – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 9.10 A.M. EXCEPT WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 7.30 P.M. – OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS AS A COMMUNITY

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

18 MARCH 7.30 P.M. OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, WICKFORD
19 MARCH 7.30 P.M. HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, BILLERICAY
25 MARCH 7.30 P.M. CATHEDRAL, BRENTWOOD

SEASON OF LENT

During lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Blessing Sacrament Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before weekday masses from 8.30 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. except on Wednesdays.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 P.M.	8.30 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
Ann Howarth	Jan Jarvis	Tony Grimes
Marian Anderson	Michael Wild	Jen Grimes
Ian Restall	Mary Allum	Mary Brooks

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

Stella Walker	Pat Green	Chris Brooks
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Willa Jackson
Pat Creavin	Ken Eady	John Tobin

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Paul Bolton	Carol Giles	Peter Sanders
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READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (9/10 MARCH)

Ian Restall	Alan Bailey	Marina Moffat
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WELCOMERS THIS WEEKEND

Tim Murphy
Willa Jackson

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND (9/10 MARCH)

Tim Murphy
A Law

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Jo
Hector

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (9/10 MARCH)

Nicky
Mary

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.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Parish – I hope you enjoy our Sunday Mass. We provide coffee and tea after the Sunday morning Masses so why not come and join us?

During the next three Sundays, we will introduce you at various masses to those preparing for the Easter sacraments. I invite you to keep them in your prayers.

The Church puts before us during Lent praying, fasting and charity. Prayer is making that special time to be alone with Jesus – to enter the desert of our heart to find God. Fasting is to deny ourselves some bodily pleasure so that we will not allow ourselves to be mastered by sin. Charity, as our Holy Father Pope Benedict says, is to evangelise - to introduce others to Jesus through the word of God and by living our Christian lives as Jesus wishes us to do. This Lent is special because it falls during this Year of Faith. During this year we want to grow in faith, to mature and deepen our knowledge and understanding of the truths of our faith. The greatest truth of course is God's love, and God revealed his love for us by sending his one and only Son to die on the cross. Always look at the crucifix and learn "by this we know love, and he laid down his life for us". John 1:3

Perhaps during life our love gets cold or at best lukewarm. We can become bitter, cynical in the way we approach our faith. St. John the Baptist preached the baptism of repentance. During this time pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to his sacrament of repentance. In this sacrament the prayer of the Holy Spirit will restore us to the joy of our salvation and pour out upon us the blessing and grace of God this Lent.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

Fr Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



FINANCE MATTERS

Week ending 23/24 February you gave £285.57 of which £35.00 was Gift Aided. Family Fast Day (CAFOD) you gave £304.92
Thank you and God Bless.



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His commandment is "that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love another". This commandment summarises all the others, and expresses his entire will. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2822)



SPEED GOLF

Calling all golfers in the Parish. Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding a Speed Golf Challenge on 7 July at Crondon Park Golf Club. The event will start at 4.00 p.m., and will be followed by a BBQ. Wouldn't it be great if the Parish could muster a team of 15 golfers! All abilities can participate. This is the most fun you will ever have a golf course. Watch this space for full details of how you can enter. Open to individuals and families.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

INVITE YOU TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK OF WITNESS, ON GOOD FRIDAY at 9.10 a.m. from Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, to Shenfield Library. There will be a short service in front of the library at 9.30, followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Union Church.

DO JOIN US IF YOU CAN

CEILI AT ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA

There will be a Ceili at St. John Payne School PTA on Saturday 27th April 2013. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., and dancing starts at 8.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. At Upper Hall, St. John Payne school, Patching Hall Lane, CM1 4BS. Price: £6 adults, £3 children. To purchase tickets contact: Elaine Finn Davies on 07837 773 886 or Rose Keely on 07570 131 365.

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Will be celebrated on Sunday 3 November when our Bishop makes a visitation to our parish. The following have asked to be confirmed; Charlie Neal, Andrew Martin, Joseph Gil, Rachel Strickland, Lily Thompson-Ayres, Simon Spinks, Kaitlyn Farimond, Louise Walker, Sophia Da Silva and Kevin Barber. If I have missed someone out or if anyone else would like to be confirmed please ask in writing to Father Leslie. Shortly a meeting will be arranged to introduce you to the programme, and meet the Catechists Sarah and James Barber, to whom I am very grateful

Joke Corner

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Cash.
Cash who?

I knew you were nuts!

Joke provided by Alex Thomas, First Holy Communion Group 2013



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, you told us that because God loves us, God will always give us another chance to follow him if we fail. May I remember if things are too difficult for me that it doesn't matter at all to God, I am still loved and special.

Amen.

REMINDERS



- Coffee and tea will be served after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Masses
- Please prepare for the Mass quietly
- If you are a new parishioner, pick up a census form at the back of the church
- Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch for your collection for standing order forms
- 200 Club entry forms are also available
- Stations of the Cross Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m.



ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Raymond Bolt, Frederick Rackshaw, Henry Smith, Edward Parker, John Allum, Leslie Denton and Maura Davies. Priests of our Diocese Mgr. Canon Patrick O'Donnell (1981), Fr. Brian Galvin (1994), Fr. Francis Hastings (2003), Fr. Malachy Kelly (1976), Canon Joseph Whitfield (1961), Fr. Thomas Lawton (1946) and Fr. John Gordon (1992).

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Knights of St. Columba will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays in Lent commencing 20 February until 20 March. Fr. Leslie will lead on Fridays. (7.30 p.m.)

COACH HOLIDAY

Coach holiday available from Monday 2 September 2013 for 5 days. Staying at the Queens Hotel, Paignton, Devon. Full details from 01277 655424

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 Gruffy
- 8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips
- 12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

Lent Discussion Groups begin the week commencing 18 February. They are always friendly and interesting. This year's topic is: GLIMPSES OF GOD - hope for today's world. Please sign up in the narthex.



PILGRIMS HALL CHRISTIAN CENTRE SEMINAR ON CHERISHING OUR CHILDREN

The Pilgrims Hall Christian Centre will be running a one day Seminar Cherishing our Children. The day will provide an opportunity for Sunday school leaders, youth workers and anyone else involved with the lives of the children in the church to meet together. An important part of the day will involve giving information and training on the safeguarding of these young lives - a topic high on the agenda in light of recent news events. It would be great if each church were to send at least one representative on their behalf. The day is on Saturday 9 March and the cost is 15. Fr. Leslie has agreed that the Parish will fund the cost of 15.00 if any parishioner would like to attend.

ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We would very much appreciate some new members, why not call in for a chat, all ages welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 13th May Bognor Regis
- 31st May Mary's House and lunch in Heybridge Basin
- 12th July Summer lunch at Michaels

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

CAKE SALE - TIN LEFT BEHIND

There is a cake tin in the Narthex belonging to someone who asked for the return of a tin at the last cake sale. Thank you for the cake by the way!

CAFOD LENT LUNCH

Thanks to the 15 people that came we managed to raise £100. Great result for such a few.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are unable to come to a weekday masses, you may find this prayer helpful; "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 Amen.



Jesus explains that there is no link between how much difficulty we have in life and how much God loves us. He tells a story about a tree which doesn't grow any fruit. The gardener will give the tree another chance, this time looking after it well, to see if it can grow some fruit next year.



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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