

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)
CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

1. On the level of the Universal Church
1. The main ecclesial event at the beginning of the Year of Faith will be the XIII General Assembly of the Ordinary Synod of Bishops, convoked by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2012, dedicated to The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith. During this Synod, on 11 October 2012, there will be a solemn celebration of the beginning of the Year of Faith, in remembrance of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.
2. In the Year of Faith pilgrimages of the faithful to the See of Peter are to be encouraged, to profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in unity with him who today is called to confirm his brothers and sisters in the faith. It is also important to promote pilgrimages to the Holy Land, the place which first saw the presence of Jesus, the Saviour, and Mary, his Mother.
3. During this Year, it will be helpful to invite the faithful to turn with particular devotion to Mary, model of the Church, who "shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues." Therefore, every initiative that helps the faithful to recognize the special role of Mary in the mystery of salvation, love her and follow her as a model of faith and virtue is to be encouraged. To this end it would be proper to organize pilgrimages, celebrations and gatherings at the major Marian shrines.
4. The next World Youth Day, in Rio de Janeiro in July 2013, will offer a special occasion for the young to experience the joy which comes from faith in the Lord Jesus and communion with the Holy Father, in the greater family of the Church.
5. It is hoped that many symposia, conferences and large gatherings will be held, even at the international level, to encourage encounters with authentic witness to the faith and to promote understanding of the contents of Catholic doctrine. Noting how, still today, the Word of God continues to grow and spread, it will be important to give witness that "all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfilment" in Christ Jesus and that faith "becomes a new criterion of understanding and action that changes the whole of man's life." Some conferences should be particularly dedicated to the rediscovery of the teachings of Vatican Council II.



YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

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
- For Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, please remember your dress code when you are proclaiming the word of God to the faithful or distributing the body and blood of the Lord Jesus.



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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4	6.00 p.m.	Peter Harper RIP	V Harper and family
Sunday 5	8.30 a.m.	Jan and Jim Jarvis 25 th Wedding Anniversary	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong at St. Mary's, Hall Lane	
Monday 6	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 7	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 8	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Thursday 9	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Friday 10	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday 11	9.15 a.m.		

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Sunday 12	8.30 a.m.	Bruna Stevens RIP	C Giles
	10.30 a.m.		

THE ROSARY IS RECITED 15 MINUTES BEFORE MORNING MASS DURING THE WEEK SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAYS FROM 9.45 A.M.- 10.15 A.M. WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES

6.00 P.M.	8.30 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
Ann Howarth	Pat Green	Dom D'Albequerque
Marian Anderson	Jan Jarvis	Willa Jackson
Pat Creavin	Lyn Birnie	Pat Burton

READERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES

Ian Restall	Kevin Jackson	Marina Moffat
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT TODAY'S MASSES

Sally
Jo

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (11/12 MAY)

Ian Restall	Mary Allum	Jen Grimes
Stella Walker	Michael Wild	Tony Grimes
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Marina Moffat

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (11/12 MAY)

Pat Creavin	Margaret Bailey	Jessica Barber
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (12 MAY)

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, Mano Subryan and Kathleen Green. 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; Thomas Boniface, Bill Smith, Vera Lyden, Agnes Houser, Rosanna Law, and Eileen Curley. Priests of our Diocese Canon Patrick Palmer (1948), Canon Basil Booker (1954), Fr. John Callaghan (2003), Canon Brian Grady (1998), Fr. Augustine Davidson (1946), Mgr Canon John Howell (1976), Fr. John Boyle (1983) and Fr. Stanley Joynes (1987). For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

JAN AND JIM JARVIS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jan and Jim have provided croissants and coffee in the hall after 8.30 a.m. Mass. Do come in and join them to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

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. **Five places left.**

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.

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

RCIA

If your spouse is a Catholic and you would like to know more about the Catholic faith with the possibility you might want to become a Catholic or to discuss the probability of such a step, please contact Father Leslie.

The programme begins in September. At present we have one candidate.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Please be careful around the votive lights when lighting and removing a used casket. The carpet, as you will see, it's getting stained by candle wax and becomes unsightly. Please do be careful!!



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parishioners, visitors and new parishioners. I hope you all had a good week. The wonderful Easter season seems to be passing quickly and we will soon have the First Holy Communion of our

children. This is always a truly wonderful day for the parish and our families. Also the month of May is almost upon us. It is the month of Mary. I want to encourage you, as a family, to pray the rosary or at least one decade each day.

Today's liturgy teaches us that the two significant fruits of being a disciple of Jesus are peace and courage. We can know these two blessings in our lives in a real and tangible way. This must be true because Jesus taught and promised: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid".

When we examine our lives, so often we find turmoil instead of peace. We seem to have a fear of life instead of courage. Our faith is precisely faith. The key is the Holy Spirit whom the "Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and remind you of all that I have said".

To understand this we need to reflect on the scriptures and to pray the words that we read. At Mass we receive the peace of Christ which we as the body of Christ extend to one another. This should be given with a sincere desire to give Christ's peace to each other. It is the moment before we come to receive Jesus, the Prince of Peace, into our hearts and lives. It is such a gift. Let us receive it with grateful and open hearts.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

FLK

The Gospels challenge asked to respond to the call to personal holiness first and foremost each day



POPE ON TWITTER



1. At this time of crisis it is important not to become closed in on oneself, but rather to be open and attentive towards others.
2. Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!
3. How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!



FINANCE NEWS

For the week ending 27/28 April you gave £348.51 of which £61.00 was Gift Aided.

Thank you and God bless

MY JOURNEY OF FAITH by Nikki Da Costa-Smith

Some people say everything happens for a reason, others say it is fate and if you are Catholic you believe it is the Holy Spirit that guides you through life, this is my interpretation of my experiences and beliefs and how they have changed through my journey of faith. I first started attending church two years ago when my eldest daughter asked to be baptised. Both of my children attended a Catholic school but as a family we were not religious so I hadn't personally had much exposure to the religion. At the time my life was going along quite nicely and I no reason to think the church would bring anything into my life that I didn't have.

I had always been bought up with good ethics with strong morals with my parents instilling the importance of good manners and respect for others so I loved the fact the Catholic ethos of the school was firmly built on these beliefs but I hadn't ever really looked at the religion too closely. So when my daughter asked to be baptised I wanted to find out more so that I could fully support her.

When I first spoke to Father Leslie about signing up for the RCIA he was very supportive but stressed that I had to do it for me and not for my daughter and that becoming a Catholic is something that you cannot do for someone else. At the time I didn't really understand what he meant but I do now as the benefits that I have received are personal to me, as is my relationship with God.

At first my attendance on the RCIA course was simply a fact finding mission. In fact both Lisa and Katie have commented on my attitude when I started and subsequently how it changed over the months. I think it is fair to say that I asked more questions than anyone else on the course and was probably quite challenging to start with, but Gabrielle the rcia leader was amazing and encouraged all questions and debates. Gabrielle accepted me as I was, answering everything honestly and didn't try to force any views onto me. I found this very refreshing as I had always been lead to believe through various forms of media that the Catholic Religion was there to be followed with no questions asked, which is simply not the case at all.

My sponsor Alison has been a constant source of support throughout the course happy to listen to me whenever I needed an ear to listen. In fact, everyone who I have met through the church and its local community has been so welcoming which has strengthened my belief further that above all else God is love.

I'm not sure at what point things changed but there was a definite shift from learning the facts to wanting to know as much as I could and taking comfort from what the religion brought to my life. During this period I and my family have had to face various challenges that have caused a great deal of stress and upset but because of my faith I now believe that God will look after us. Because of my faith I now concentrate on all of the things I am thankful for, my supportive family, my loving husband Craig, my two beautiful children Isabella and Lucia, our health and Gods love. I do not think I would have been able to do this if it hadn't been for learning and understanding what the Catholic faith focuses on.

Without my daughter wanting to become a Catholic when she did I would have never have found the comfort that religion brought me when I was going through a difficult time in my life, and it gives me great joy to think that my children will grow up with the Catholic faith to support and guide them through life also.

So if you were to ask me now whether I believe that everything happens for a reason, or were it fate or the Holy Spirit that guides you, I can say with honesty that I now believe it is the Holy Spirit and Gods Love that guides and will see us through life's journey.

CONGRATULATIONS

As you know from previous newsletters, Nikki Da Costa-Smith, Katie Kent and Lisa Thompson were all received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This very nice picture shows Fr. Leslie with (left to right) Lisa Thompson, Nikki de Costa-Smith, and Katie Kent. Each of them has shared their thoughts with us about what becoming a Catholic means to them

This week is the turn of Nikki Da Costa-Smith.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

(MARY AND THE YEAR OF FAITH) on Saturday 25 May 2013, led by The Bishop of Brentwood Programme for the day:

- 12.00 noon Mass (Chapel of Reconciliation)
- 1.15 p.m Lunch (In the grounds of the Chapel)
- 2.15 p.m. Procession to Elmham House Gardens
- 3.15 p.m. Vespers and Benediction at the Church of the Annunciation - adjacent to Elmham House Gardens
- 4.15 p.m. Pilgrimage ends.

KEN EADY CONCERT

Ken and friends invite you to a concert of music and songs at St Joseph's on 17 May at 7.30 p.m. Please put this date in your diary. There will be a retiring collection for the church. This is always a wonderful pleasant evening so do please come and support it. There will be refreshments at the interval.

REMINDER

For Eucharistic ministers and Readers, please remember your dress code when you are proclaiming the word of God to the faithful or distributing the body and blood of the Lord Jesus.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

Our prayerful sympathy and support to Frank and Monica Dodson on the recent death of Frank's brother, Leo, who recently died. May he Rest in Peace.

JOB! - A 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



The Knights of St. Columba Council 428, Hadleigh, In Aid of the Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society, Present JOB!, a 25th Anniversary Concert. A Cantata by Michael Stephens, based on the Old Testament Book of Job, performed by The Holy Family Catholic Choir and Friends and Arcade Studio Orchestra at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 28 September 2013 at Brentwood Cathedral. Tickets are £10.00 – Seniors only £7.00. and are available from 07908 886513. This will be great!!



YEAR OF FAITH

Become what you hear; become what you receive. Speaker Mgr David Manson VG on Monday 13 May 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Cathedral conference centre.

TALK ONE: The Eucharist. Monday 20 May 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

TALK TWO: Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (co-ordinator Sister Nuala Gannon BVM). I really would like to encourage you to consider going to these talks or at least one of them –to help your understand and grow into a deeper relationship with the Lord. More information from the Adult Religious Education office on (01277) 265 255

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a second collection next Sunday, 12 May, to support Patrick Mouchel when he goes to Bolivia to work in an orphanage and help to build shelters for "street children" in La Paz.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

ANNUAL FORUM AND UNITED SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUNDAY 12th MAY at HUTTON FREE CHURCH

- Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton
- 5.30pm Tea
- 6.00 pm Forum Meeting
- 6.30 pm Service in Church
- DO JOIN US!

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Father God, thank you for the peace which knowing you brings to us. Help us not to worry about silly things, but to put our trust in you. Amen

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells his friends that he is going away to be with his Father, but will be coming back and will leave them with the gift of his own peace, which only he can give, so they can set their troubles aside and try not to be afraid.



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
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