

MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5	6.00 p.m.	Gerald Feeney RIP	
Sunday 6	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Nora O'Brien	
Monday 7	9.15 a.m.	Irene Dooley	B Dooley
Tuesday 8	9.15 a.m.	Margaret Cronin RIP	C Turnbull
Wednesday 9	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Thursday 10	9.15 a.m.	Nora O'Brien	Ann Benjamin
Friday 11	9.15 a.m.	John Keane RIP	Doreen Looney
Saturday 12	9.15 a.m.		

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m.	Achille Dagerty RIP	Spinks family
Sunday 13	8.30 a.m.	Stephen Killeen RIP	G Sarah
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

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 George Scott, Dr. Clive Sexton, William Ostermeyer, George Manning, Lillian Goddard, Gillian Brazier, Catherine Start, Patrick Payne, Mrs Bunn, Freddie Foster, Jean Vowles, Eric Smith, Florence Cronin, Gwendoline Thomas, Antoinette Vassey, James Tobin, and Frederick Slaughter.

Priests of our Diocese Canon John Byrne (1982), Fr. Brian Reeves (1962), Canon Patrick McKenna (1949), Fr. Francis Heenan (1967), Canon John Bloomfield (1932) and Canon Francis Dobson (1991)

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

The Diocesan Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Centre at 8.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Please do take part. If you are going to be a volunteer for one of our parish groups, (i.e. Childrens Liturgy, Holy Communion that involves children and vulnerable adults, then you must obtain a CRB form from the Presbytery. If you are an existing volunteer without a Diocesan CRB then please obtain a form from Father Leslie.

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation has launched www.whatgoodnews.org - a new website designed for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith and particularly those involved in parish ministries and evangelisation. On it you will find reflections on gospel passages, articles and talks relating to evangelisation, recordings of our Ecumenical Study Days and much more.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Bishop will visit our parish on Sunday 3 November 2013. If any young person aged 14+ would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask in writing to Fr. Leslie. We have two candidates at the moment. The programme will start early in January/February 2013. Please give this prayerful thought.

NEW READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTAS

Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for January to March will shortly be prepared. Please email or call Willa Jackson with any unavailable dates or changes to your details willa.jackson789@btinternet.com or 01277215846. Thank you.

RAISE MONEY FOR CAFOD WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE

Do you do any shopping on the internet? Gifts? Books? At no extra cost to you or to CAFOD, you can raise money to support CAFOD's work by doing your online shopping with a simple tool called Give as you live. It's really simple. Go to www.cafod.org.uk/giveasyoulive to find out more and sign up. With Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to start using this handy tool.

PS. It's not too late to get your loved ones a CAFOD World Gift for Christmas. It makes a world of difference to people in some of the world's poorest communities. Last order date for Christmas is 14 December! www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 29/30 December you gave £270.59 of which £50.60 was Gift Aided. Donation from 200 Club - £400.00. Thank you very much.



Fr. Leslie writes

Since this is the first newsletter of the New Year, I wish to thank you all very much for the many good wishes and the gifts you also gave to me. Thank you also for the Christmas offering which is always a major source of income for your priests.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Most of us are so familiar with the Nativity picture as displayed in the crib scenes in our churches and homes that it is easy to miss the significance of the various parts. From the first chapter of Isaiah we have the Ox and the Ass – which in their original context offer a challenge to those who fail to recognise the God who is present to them. Luke gives us the stable and shepherds, with the Old Testament echo of David the Shepherd King and pointing to the promise that God will be the Shepherd of his people. Matthew gives us the Star and the Wise Men associated with today's feast. The Magi are the pagans who come from the ends of the earth, they come with lavish gifts having great significance. They put the birth in context and talk of King of the Jews. The presence of the Star makes the scene greater, for the cosmos itself and acknowledges this birth as unique.

The Magi had a revelation – without any previous understanding they recognise who it is they are seeking. The irony is that those who have the long tradition of revelation and understanding – the priests and scribes in Jerusalem – and who know precisely where to look, our content to stay where they are and so miss the greatest event in history.

As we gather here today, let us pray for the wisdom and courage that we need to help evangelise the world.

Again I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

Fr Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



VALENTINES GALA DINNER

Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society are holding a Valentines Gala Dinner 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, this is an event not to be missed! Places are limited and booking early is recommended in order to secure your tickets. Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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CHURCHES TOGETHER

Thank you to all the kind people who helped to deliver the Christmas Service leaflets.



Everyone is invited to.....

A United Service to celebrate The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's Church, Shenfield at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 20 January 2013.

LETTER FROM ELEANOR NEWLAND, HONORARY SECRETARY, ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE (ACAT)

Thank you very much indeed for the cheque for £167.85 - donations at the card event you held at St. Joseph the Worker at Hutton. I am amazed at how much you raised - this is a fantastic amount. You must be quite overwhelmed. Will you thank the congregation for their wonderful generosity. I enclose a receipt. Thank you again this year for running the event at your church and for all your support of ACAT - it is greatly appreciated. With best wishes, Eleanor.



ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Saturday 19 January 2013. Venue - main school hall. 7.30 p.m. start. 5 per head, or family 2adults/2 children/ 15. Tickets available on the door. Bring your own drinks/snacks.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Help me, Jesus, to keep looking for you all my life. Help me to show your love to the world by the way I treat the people I meet.

Amen.

WELCOMERS ROTA

I will be preparing the new Welcomers' Rota for the 10.30 Sunday Mass for the beginning of January to the end of June 2013 shortly, therefore please let me know if there are any dates that you will not be available or any changes to your contacts details. If any Parishioner would like to become a Welcomer please speak to Father Leslie or Marion Barlow on marlow28@talktalk.net or 01277 217606.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Garden furniture - one table +4 chairs with cushions (unused cushions). Will have to collect.

IRENE YARROW INSPIRATIONAL CANCER WEBSITE

If you have been touched or affected by cancer or its treatments or know someone who has, please visit this website, as you may gain some comfort or inspiration from it. www.ireneyarrowinspirationalcancerjourney.com

EVENSONG

Today 6 January we are invited to join our brothers and sisters of St. Mary's, Hall Lane Shenfield for Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Please do give this your support.

STATEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS AND ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH ON THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE CONSULTATION

The meaning of marriage matters. It derives that meaning from its function as the foundation of the family. The union of one man and one woman for love and mutual support and open to procreation has over the centuries formed a stable unit we call the family. Marriage is the enduring public recognition of this commitment and has been rightly recognised as unique and worthy of legal protection.

The government has chosen to ignore the views of over 600,000 people who signed a petition calling for the current definition of marriage to stay, and we are told legislation to change the definition of marriage will now come to Parliament.

We strongly oppose such a Bill. Furthermore, the process by which this has happened can only be described as shambolic. There was no electoral mandate in any manifesto; no mention in the Queen's speech; no serious or thorough consultation through a Green or White paper, and a constant shifting of policy before even the Government response to the consultation was published today.

We urge everyone who cares about upholding the meaning of marriage in civil law to make their views known to their MPs clearly, calmly and forcefully, and without impugning the motives of others. We urge all parties to ensure their Members have a free vote. It is not too late to stop this Bill.

11th December 2012

WAITROSE HAMPER

Was won by Ron Vowles. Congratulations Ron - we hope you enjoy! Thank you to all who supported the hamper raffle - for the parish we made a profit of £730.00. Thank you again.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY FOR PETE HEREN

We pray for Pete's wife and family at this time. May Pete Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

200 CLUB - WINNERS

October:

- 1st G. Sarah
- 2nd B. Conville
- 3rd P. Bolton

November

- 1st M. Alcock
- 2nd C. Bray
- 3rd E. Kania

December

- 1st J. Hay
- 2nd C. Brooks
- 3rd B. Richards

200 CLUB

Members who pay their annual subscriptions in January by cash/cheque are kindly asked to leave their payments with Fr. Leslie.

Thank you for your support in 2012 and we hope you have a Happy New Year.

New members are most welcome. To join please complete a standing order form for £2.00 per month - you could be a lucky winner in 2013!

Our parish has received £400 from the 200 Club. Thank you very much.



Three wise men were looking for the baby Jesus.

They followed a star and travelled for a long time. King Herod couldn't help them find Jesus, but the star did. They followed it until it stopped

where Jesus was. They knelt down and gave Jesus their gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.



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
Tel: 020 8458 3316. e-mail: info@comehomeforchristmas.co.uk



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We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website (www.stjosephshutton.org). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under "communication".

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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.



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

POPE BENEDICT XVI, PORTA FIDEI 10

APOSTOLIC LETTER “MOTU PROPRIO DATA”

PORTA FIDEI OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI

FOR THE INDICATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

The “door of faith” (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism (cf. Rom 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. Jn 17:22). To profess faith in the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8): the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord’s glorious return.

Ever since the start of my ministry as Successor of Peter, I have spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ. During the homily at the Mass marking the inauguration of my pontificate I said: “The Church as a whole and all her Pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance.” It often happens that Christians are more concerned for the social, cultural and political consequences of their commitment, continuing to think of the faith as a self-evident presupposition for life in society. In reality, not only can this presupposition no longer be taken for granted, but it is often openly denied. Whereas in the past it was possible to recognize a unitary cultural matrix, broadly accepted in its appeal to the content of the faith and the values inspired by it, today this no longer seems to be the case in large swathes of society, because of a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people.

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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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

Spirit of Life,

which in the beginning hovered over the abyss,

Help humanity of our time to understand

that the exclusion of God leads to being lost in the desert of the world.

And that only where faith enters, do dignity and liberty flourish and the whole society is built on justice.

Spirit of Pentecost, which makes of the Church one Body, restore in the baptised an authentic experience of communion;

render yourself a living sign of the presence of the Risen One in the world, a community of saints that lives in the service of charity. Holy

Spirit, which trains to the mission, make us recognise that, also in our time, so many persons are in search of the truth about their existence and the world.

Make us collaborators of their joy with

the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

grain of the wheat of God, which renders good the terrain of life and assures the abundance of the harvest. *Amen.*