

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.

CONTINUING THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS THE ECCLESIAL FORM OF FAITH

CHAPTER TWO

UNLESS YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND

31. It was only in this way, by taking flesh, by sharing our humanity, that the knowledge proper to love could come to full fruition. For the light of love is born when our hearts are touched and we open ourselves to the interior presence of the beloved, who enables us to recognize his mystery. Thus we can understand why, together with hearing and seeing, Saint John can speak of faith as touch, as he says in his First Letter: "What we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). By his taking flesh and coming among us, Jesus has touched us, and through the sacraments he continues to touch us even today; transforming our hearts, he unceasingly enables us to acknowledge and acclaim him as the Son of God. In faith, we can touch him and receive the power of his grace. Saint Augustine, commenting on the account of the woman suffering from haemorrhages who touched Jesus and was cured (cf. Lk 8:45-46), says: "To touch him with our hearts: that is what it means to believe". The crowd presses in on Jesus, but they do not reach him with the personal touch of faith, which apprehends the mystery that he is the Son who reveals the Father. Only when we are configured to Jesus do we receive the eyes needed to see him.

THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN FAITH AND REASON

32. Christian faith, inasmuch as it proclaims the truth of God's total love and opens us to the power of that love, penetrates to the core of our human experience. Each of us comes to the light because of love, and each of us is called to love in order to remain in the light. Desirous of illumining all reality with the love of God made manifest in Jesus, and seeking to love others with that same love, the first Christians found in the Greek world, with its thirst for truth, an ideal partner in dialogue. The encounter of the Gospel message with the philosophical culture of the ancient world proved a decisive step in the evangelization of all peoples, and stimulated a fruitful interaction between faith and reason which has continued down the centuries to our own times. Blessed John Paul II, in his Encyclical Letter *Fides et Ratio*, showed how faith and reason each strengthen the other. Once we discover the full light of Christ's love, we realize that each of the loves in our own lives had always contained a ray of that light, and we understand its ultimate destination. That fact that our human loves contain that ray of light also helps us to see how all love is meant to share in the complete self-gift of the Son of God for our sake. In this circular movement, the light of faith illumines all our human relationships, which can then be lived in union with the gentle love of Christ.

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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Journey to the Cross

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5	6.00 p.m.	Mary Ward RIP	M Sheehan
Sunday 6	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Mick O'Dowd RIP	M Alcock
Monday 7	9.15 a.m.	Ann Christmas RIP	B Rossiter
Tuesday 8	9.15 a.m.	Jane Femis and family	L Kent
Wednesday 9	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday 10	9.15 a.m.	Thomas and Neville Crossin RIP	B Rossiter
Friday 11	9.15 a.m.	John Jarvis RIP	J and J Jarvis
Saturday 12	9.15 a.m.		

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m.	Int. Vin Denson
Sunday 13	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Peter Harper RIP Val Harper and family

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

17 April		
Holy Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
18 April		
Good Friday	3.00 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
19 April		
Holy Saturday	8.00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil
20 April		
FIRST MASS OF EASTER		
Easter Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Easter Mass of Resurrection
	10.30 a.m.	Easter Mass of Resurrection

EVERY SATURDAY AFTER MORNING MASS WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FROM 9.45 A.M. TO 10.15 A.M. DURING LENT

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Lent there will be Exposition of the Blessed sacrament before Morning Mass from 8.30 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. during Lent. This will be followed by Confession.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for all those whose anniversary whose anniversary occurs at this time, and all our relatives and friends, especially:

Thomas Boniface, Bill Smith, Vera Lyden, Agnes Houser, Rosanna Law, and Eileen Curley.

Priests of our Diocese: Deacon Geoffrey Piper (2007), Fr. Thomas Adkins (1937),

Fr Anthony Lawson (2003), and Fr. Patrick Donohoue (1985).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN OUR PARISH

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio, Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Brian Green, Beryl de Prazer, and Mary Sheehan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA SPRING BALL

St John Payne School will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a Spring Ball on Saturday 10 May 2014 at Furze Hill Hotel, Margarettng. Tickets are £39 each and includes drinks on arrival, three course meal, 1/3 bottle wine and tea/coffee There will be raffles and auctions, and Carriages at 12.00 p.m. Contact sc.may@talktalk.net or text 07890312492

ST. JOSEPH PARISH DINNER

The St. Joseph Parish Dinner will be held this year at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Hutton, on Friday 17 October. Full details to follow. Please book this date in your diary.

VACANCY AT BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society is recruiting a senior Social Worker to be their new part time (19 hours) Head of Professional Services to practice manage a strong existing team and to work with the existing Deputy Director who is moving to a part time role. Application Pack from Steven Webb (Director) on swebb@bccs.org.uk or 01268 784544

FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 29/30 March you gave £277.12 of which £90.00 was Gift Aided. From the 200 Club we received the sum of £800.00. Thank you very much to all those who are in the 200 Club. If you are new to the parish, please see Father Leslie about how you can join the 200 Club. For an outlay of £24 per year you could win a monthly cash prize and also help the parish.



Fr. Leslie writes

We welcome you to St. Joseph the Worker. Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Mass texts are on the leaflets. Please do remember to pick up your

Easter offering envelope from the back of the church. Note also the box on the table for any standing order forms for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Please also take note of the times of the Holy Week services.

Wherever you are over the next week or two please celebrate the Holy Week services. It is the celebration of our salvation. In today's liturgy John presents us with a very moving story. Here we find the humanity and human love of Jesus illustrated more than ever; his concern for his friends in their grief; his response to the emotional and sensitive Mary; his words of encouragement to the more practical Martha. What is truly touching is that the love that Jesus felt for this small family group, within which he must have felt so much at home. In this story Jesus reveals to us the true meaning of life and death. We can take the opportunity in these last few weeks of Lent to examine our faith in terms of suffering, and our hope in the face of death. We are asked to look beyond the signs, however wonderful they may be. The signs point to Jesus, the son of God. Our faith is in him. If we reflect on this we shall prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

Thank you and have a good Sunday.

Fr Leslie



OUR POPE ON TWITTER

We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps fight against our faults.



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Prayer is to spend time and listen. Listen to him speaking in your heart. Go somewhere quiet and be still. Feel the rhythm of your heartbeat, steady your breathing and just repeat the word "Jesus" quietly, without rush or anxiety stop let him fill the emptiness. You don't need any other words – his name is sufficient.



CONFIRMATION GROUP



We've waited some time for this photo to come through, but better late than never! Fr Leslie took the confirmation group out to Strada in Billericay on Sunday 1 December. Sarah and James Barber were also in attendance!!!

TOM O'DRISCOLL RIP

Please pray for Tom, who recently died, and his family.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A meeting has been arranged for those travelling to Lourdes, for Sunday 27 April at 3.30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. This is to enable us to make the final arrangements for the pilgrimage. While we are in Lourdes we will be praying for the intentions of The Parish, and Parishioners, their families, and friends. Please will you pray for the success of the pilgrimage while we are in Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your Easter offering envelope. This collection forms a major part of your Priest's income. Thank you and God Bless

SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY - ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

This year the Society of Saint Gregory is holding its Annual Residential Summer School at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 28 July to 1 August. The theme of this year's Summer School is – "A sure compass by which to take our bearings, exploring how Vatican II is a sure compass for liturgical practice and the life of the church". Leaders include Director of Music - Frances Novillo; Director of Liturgy -Kathryn Turner; and Keynote Speaker - Rev Fr Kevin McGinnell, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation of the Diocese of Northampton and Chair of the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain.

The Summer School includes a programme of talks and workshops, in which to practice and develop all liturgical and musical skills, as well as opportunities for rest, recollection and socialising.

Following on from last year's success the society is offering 15 free places to any 18-35 year old interested in attending the Summer School. If interested please visit the Society of Saint Gregory website:- www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school for full details or contact:- T J Campbell the Diocesan Representative for SSG in Brentwood. Email: timothv.campbell@ntlworld.com

PARISH LENT GROUP - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CAFÉ

"KNOWING GOD BETTER" a DVD series by David Payne will be shown at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall from 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. every Wednesday in Lent. Everyone is welcome; the sessions will include refreshments and time for discussion. A creche will also be available.

NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

The Principal, staff and students of New Hall School, Chelmsford, are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Morning on Bank Holiday Monday 5 May 2014, from 9.00am-12.00 noon. New Hall, founded in 1642, is one of the top performing Catholic coeducational independent day and boarding schools in the UK. We welcome students from ages 3 - 18 years and each year we offer 11+ and 13+ scholarships specifically for Catholic students coming from both maintained and independent schools. Please visit newhallschool.co.uk or call 01245 467 588 to book your place at Open Morning.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to our church cleaners who clean the church every Friday after morning mass will stop they are all volunteers. If you would like to help to keep God's house clean please do come along – you would be most welcome.

RETIRING COLLECTION.

There will be a retiring collection today to help towards parish maintenance. Thank you

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET

There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00 p.m. on 17 April. If you did it last year – maybe you could volunteer again! I need at least seven men. Please come and volunteer in this important action of Jesus at the Last Supper when he washed the feet of his disciples. Thank you

200 CLUB - WINNERS

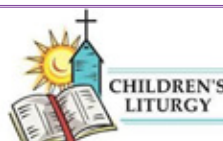
November 2013	January 2014	March 2014
1st J Greenfield	1st C Giles	1st A C Bailey
2nd E Norman	2nd M Simpson	2nd M Connaughton
3rd K and W Jackson	3rd J Dunne	3rd M Foster
December 2013	February 2014	
1st S Morris	1st N Falco	
2nd C and H Fitzpatrick	2nd B Richards	
3rd J McCready	3rd A Thomas	

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, Mary and Martha asked you to come to their home when their brother, Lazarus, became sick. I also ask you to visit people who are sick and suffering today. Give them and their families comfort and peace. Bless also the doctors and nurses who take care of them.

Amen.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The St Joseph the Worker Children's Liturgy group gives the children of our parish the opportunity to hear the Word of God in a friendly and child oriented environment. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the group, which takes place during 10.30am Mass on Sundays (term time only). No experience is necessary and training and materials will be provided. We operate on a rota basis so participation is generally limited to a couple of Sundays each half term.

For more details please contact: Nicky (nicky.morris@acegroup.com), Hector (nestea40@hotmail.com) or Mary (at pre-school), or any of the group in person after Mass.



Jesus' friend Lazarus becomes sick. By the time Jesus goes to visit him, Lazarus has died. Jesus becomes very sad and cries. However, Jesus prays to God and Lazarus comes back to life again.

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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