

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

PARISH NEWS 6 MAY 2012

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.



Well the weather last Saturday was pretty poor but that didn't stop the Parish coming together to support Brentwood Catholic Children's Society in the annual walk to the Cathedral in Brentwood. There were 32 parishioners in attendance, plus Duke the Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel (who ended up getting very wet – he couldn't manage an umbrella!) and a good time was had by all on our gentle stroll into town. In all 21 parishes were involved in the Sponsored Walk, although not all of them walk to the Cathedral – some prefer a circular walk around their own parish. We were beaten to the Cathedral by Most Holy Redeemer parish, Harold Hill and St. Dominic's, Harold Hill, who were tucking in to their free lunch when we arrived, but happily there was more than enough left for us, and for the later arrivals, who included Billericay, Ilford, Chelmsford, Basildon, Benfleet and Laindon. The Second Collection at St Joseph two weeks ago in aid of the walk raised £261.59 and a cheque for that amount has been sent to BCCS. Also some £256.00 has also been sent in respect of sponsorship monies, and I know there is quite a bit more to come in. If there are any outstanding sponsorship monies that you know about, then please let Ian or Father know. Thank you so much to everyone who took part, and thank you to all sponsors and donors. Your generosity will make a huge difference.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5	6.00 p.m.	Peter Anderson R.I.P.	J and M Anderson
Sunday 6	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Tom and Kylie Smith	G O'Regan
Monday 7	9.15 a.m.	Sean Witney R.I.P.	via Wanstead
Tuesday 8	9.15 a.m.	Margaret Smith R.I.P.	G O'Regan
Wednesday 9	8.30 a.m.	George Charles Harper & Harriet Harper	
Thursday 10	9.15 a.m.	June Kettyles R.I.P.	via Wanstead
Friday 11	9.15 a.m.	Steve Delaney R.I.P.	D Looney

FEAST OF ST JOHN HOUGHTON

Saturday 12	9.15 a.m.	June Kettyles R.I.P.	via Wanstead
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m.	Muriel Timms R.I.P.	G O'Regan
Sunday 13	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	John Wright R.I.P.	Wright family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ann Howarth	Ken Eady	Dominic D'Alberquerque
Bill O'Regan	Margaret Bailey	Chris Brooks
Gaye O'Regan	Pat Green	John Tobin
		Nicky
		Sally

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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, Mary McKenna, Mary Ward, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths and Gerry Worster. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who for some reason are unable to receive Holy Communion I offer this prayer: 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Thomas Boniface, Bill Smith, Agnes Houser, Rossana Law, Eileen Curley, and David Atling. Priests of our Diocese Fr. 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 our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish desperately needs young people to come forward to train to serve Jesus, through your priest. We encourage our young people to train for other things and team sports, which is good. However, we all need to ask the Lord what can I do, what am I called to do in my parish to thank God for all the blessings he has given to me, and how can I help to draw closer in holiness through an active part in our liturgy. This goes for all ministries, Readers, Choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Welcomers, Ushers – ALL these and more are ways of being unselfish in our lives. Pope John Paul II said that involvement in the life of the Church would keep young people close to Jesus. I ask you the parents to discuss this with your children and young people. Thank you.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Are holding a Charity Golf Day on Monday 25 June – see poster in porch. For further details please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or 07912 277 413.

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM ALISON LAW FOLLOWING HER BAPTISM

"I came from a Catholic background; my father is Catholic but my mother Church of England. Both my parents wanted me to make my own choice when I saw fit, but all the while I was growing up with a very strong supportive Catholic family taking me to Mass as a child, and looking back I am very thankful for my Nana and the way that Jesus worked through her mapped out my future!
 "It is very hard to put into words the joy and elation I am feeling after my baptism. It has been a long journey, not always easy, but very enjoyable. I have made many friends on the RCIA course and within the parish, and I have had some very special opportunities, especially presenting the oil of Baptism to the Bishop! The power of the Holy Spirit with me is very strong and I am feeling very excited about my new life and new family in the parish and, of course, with Jesus Christ and God the Father."
 Alison Law



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

In the Acts of the Apostles, the church's former "Chief Persecutor" gets off to a shaky start - all the disciples fear him; none accept his conversion as authentic. Barnabas takes this unwelcome convert under his wing, securing Paul's acceptance first by the Apostles, then by a community amazed by Paul's bold witnessing to Jesus and willingness to face death for the faith he once tried to exterminate.

The point for us: now as then, the community grows in the measure and to the extent that we dare to receive, accept and even welcome as gifts from the spirit all those - especially the most unexpected and unlikely - who are drawn to Jesus, the Lord of new beginnings and second chances. A wise and wonderful confessor counselled his penitents: "Always make it easy for someone to say "I'm sorry!" After all, look how easy Jesus has made it for us!

First John confirms the Acts of the Apostles message and points towards today's Gospel. For disciples, love dare not be "word or speech" only, but "deed and truth". The key to moving past a guilty conscience is keeping God's Commandments. In other words doing what pleases him, specially, having faith, (believing in the name of his Son) and doing faith (love one another).

When Jesus saw two of John's disciples following him, he asked the same question the Church asks people presenting themselves or their children for baptism. "What are you looking for?" They answer - "Where are you?" Jesus responds - "Come and see!" Jesus tells the disciples at the Last Supper "Remain in me". It is remaining in me that gives us true peace.

Therefore in today's celebration of the Eucharist we pray that we may glorify God by bearing much fruit and becoming more faithful disciples of the Risen Lord.

Thank you. God Bless everyone.

Fr Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family

CATECHISTS

Our parish does urgently need parishioners who would like to take on this important ministry especially with the Year of Faith coming up. We have a great number of parishioners who do not share our Catholic faith but faithfully and regularly they come with their families to our Sunday Mass. Sooner or later, they will receive in their hearts the movement of the Holy Spirit to come forward and ask to know more about our Catholic Faith. Already I have had two enquiries. Gaye O'Regan does now need help. If you come forward for this ministry, Sister Nuala will come and tell you what is involved, after which you can make your decision.

By putting your name down at this stage you will NOT be committed. Please just come along and find out some more information. Thank you.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2012 at 10.30 a.m. at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, London SW1. Come and join fellow migrants for a morning of reflection and celebration. The Principal Celebrant will be Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood.

EAT OUT AT STRADA AND GET 20% OFF YOUR BILL

Strada have very kindly offered 20% off your bill if you produce the parish newsletter. May I highlight that if you choose Ozle e Vongioie, which is fresh mussels and clams steamed with garlic, onions, white wine and butter, finished with parsley and served with ciabatta at £11.95, Strada will donate 25p to Marie Curie.

GLASS SCREEN

The Glass Screen around the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a health and safety issue. It is a 60s construction which has no safety glass. It is now very fragile and if someone fell or knocked it, it would probably give way, with dangerous consequences. The bill for removal will be £635.00.

THE VATICAN PAST AND PRESENT

A quarterly magazine from the publishers of The Universe Catholic Weekly and The Catholic Times. Issue 9 – May/July 2012 is on sale now. Features include: Vatican Secret Archives marks 400th anniversary with exhibition.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DESOND O'REILLY:

On Tuesday 15 May Desmond's body will be received into the church at 5.00 p.m. There will be a Mass for him at 7.30 p.m. that evening.

The Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 16 May at 11.30 a.m., and the Internment will be at Herongate.

FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will be on Tuesday 12 June 8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in the Parish Rooms. We do hope you will be able to come along. We had an amazing response to our CAFOD Lenten collections which totalled over £800. With the matched funding from the UK Government this means our Parish has raised over £1,600 for people in the greatest need. We have some other fund raising ideas planned for the summer so please do try and come along to find out more and see how you can help make a difference to those living in poverty. Cathy, Carol and Clare.



DESMOND O'REILLY – AN INSPIRATIONAL AND COURAGEOUS GENTLEMAN

Desmond was an exceptional gentleman, loved and respected in equal measures by all those whose lives he touched. His generosity with his time and talents proved invaluable in our Parish over the many years that he and the lovely Kathleen lived and worked amongst us. He was a founder member of the Parochial Parish Council, courteously but firmly keeping us all in line. Desmond created and maintained the Parish Booklet and used his communication skills, both personal and professional, to initiate our website.



He had time for everyone, and even during his debilitating illness he and Kath remembered birthdays and anniversaries, delivering specially designed hand-made cards with an elegant flourish.

He worked tirelessly for the "Little Sisters of the Poor" for many years, and, in his spare time (!) supported and cooked for visiting priests. Kath and Desmond hosted the Parish "Rosary Group" for fifteen years, providing a spiritual focus and, of course, Kath's inimitable cakes.

Desmond remained positive during his illness, believing absolutely in "The Power of Prayer", a belief which sustained him and Kath throughout.

"He was a veray, parfit, gentil knight"

The Knight from Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales'

YEAR OF FAITH

As part of our Year of Faith which begins in October 2012, you will find in the basket cards entitled "Service" which contain what we are called to do as a Catholic. Also to remind you to contact a priest in an emergency. Please carry this card in your purse or wallet.

DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA DANCE - AN AFTERNOON OF SONG AND DANCE

Sunday 27 May 2012 between 4.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite Mount Avenue, Shenfield CM13 2NS. Tickets are £15 (to include traditional cream tea).

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH WALK

Approximately 4 miles on Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May 2012

Starting from St. Joseph's at 9.45 a.m. straight after morning mass, driving to the Bakers Arms Pub in Stock for prompt 10.10 a.m. start. We hope to place lunch orders before walking. Please put all names and numbers walking plus phone numbers on SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Anyone going straight to the Pub needs to be there by 10.00 a.m. People requiring a lift or offering lifts please state on the list. We are hoping to return to the pub for lunch at 12.15 p.m.

Be sure to wear suitable clothes and footwear for a country walk according to the weather on the day. There are a few stiles on the route. We look forward to seeing you.

Jean Dunne and Liz Kent. 218376 and 220254

ANNUAL FORUM AND UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 13 May at Hutton and Shenfield Union church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton Mount Timings: 5.30 p.m. Tea; 6.00 p.m. AGM; 6.30 p.m. Service. ALL INVITED – COME AND JOIN US

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Tuesday 3 July 2012 – 8.00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, Upminster. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon. Could our welcomers please try to join those at Upminster? Champion Road, RM14 2SY.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, DUBLIN - 10 TO 17 JUNE 2012.

The Final Diocesan Meeting in preparation for the Congress will be held on Tuesday 22 May in the Cathedral Conference at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The Facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – A SPECIAL EVENT

Please make note of the following event and do pass on details to friends and family. Ladies Supper to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Thursday 31 May from 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Dinner in the Barn at Crondon Park Golf Club, Stock village. Tickets are £39.50 each. Tables of 10 are available. There will be a Guest Speaker and an item of diamond jewellery to auction/raffle on the night. It should be a fun evening so please mention it to Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Sisters, Friends etc. Please contact Sarah at Brentwood Catholic Children's Society on 01268 784544 if you want to reserve tickets.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Aid to the Church in Need. Save the saveable. Make a Donation to help provide a Christian Education for a Child in Sudan. Use your mobile phone to text your donation. Text KOSC75 followed by £5 to 70070. Thank you.

EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S SHENFIELD

As a new ecumenical venture we will join with the community at St. Mary's for Evensong on the First Sunday of the Month beginning Sunday 6 May at 6.30 p.m. Please do come and celebrate Evensong (Prayer of the Church) with one another.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Father in heaven, help us to stay close to Jesus, so that we can grow more like him every day.

Amen.



Jesus says we are all joined to him and to each other as closely as a vine is joined to its branches. He says he is the vine and we are the branches.



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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