

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

Introduction

With the Apostolic Letter of 11 October 2011, Porta fidei, Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith. This year will begin on 11 October 2012, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council, and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.

This year will be a propitious occasion for the faithful to understand more profoundly that the foundation of Christian faith is "the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

Founded on the encounter with the Risen Christ, faith can be rediscovered in its wholeness and all its splendor. "In our days too faith is a gift to rediscover, to cultivate and to bear witness to" because the Lord "grants each one of us to live the beauty and joy of being Christians."

The beginning of the Year of Faith coincides with the anniversaries of two great events which have marked the life of the Church in our days: the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, called by Blessed Pope John XXIII (11 October 1962), and the twentieth of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, given to the Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II (11 October 1992).

The Council, according to Pope John XXIII, wanted "to transmit doctrine, pure and whole, without attenuations or misrepresentations," in such a way that "this sure and immutable teaching, which must be respected faithfully, is elaborated and presented in a way which corresponds to the needs of our time." In this regard, the opening words of the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium remain of primary importance: "Christ is the Light of nations. Because this is so, this Sacred Synod gathered together in the Holy Spirit eagerly desires, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, to bring the light of Christ to all men, a light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church". Beginning with the light of Christ, which purifies, illuminates and sanctifies in the celebration of the sacred liturgy and with His divine word, the Council wanted to elaborate on the intimate nature of the Church and its relationship with the contemporary world. Around these four Constitutions, the true pillars of the Council, are arranged the Declarations and Decrees which address some of the major challenges of the day.

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 FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 6	6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Sunday 7	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Irene Murphy RIP	Tim Murphy

FEAST OF THE ANUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Monday 8	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 9	9.15 a.m.	May Devlin RIP	
Wednesday 10	8.30 a.m.	Cynthia Watson RIP	

FEAST OF ST. STANISLAUS

Thursday 11	9.15 a.m.	Gerry Feeney RIP	
Friday 12	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday 13	9.15 a.m.	Fr. John Harris RIP	

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m.	Thomas Burke RIP	
Sunday 14	8.30 a.m.	Thomas Crossin RIP	B Rossiter
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAYS FROM 9.45 A.M.- 10.15 A.M. WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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; Arthur Stone, Florence Mileson, Kathleen Fehily, Mary Anderson, Kazimiecz Kotulski, Jean Manning, and Ethel Dragoni. Priests of our Diocese Deacon Geoffrey Piper (2007), Fr. Thomas Adkins (1937), Fr. Anthony Lawson (2003) and Fr. Patrick Donohoe (1985). For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

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

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

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.

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.

DOORWAY TO FAITH

Doorway to faith part three is available at the back of the church £2.50 money in paper box this is a journey of prayer through the catechism of the church for the year of faith.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our parish. We hope you were made very welcome. We also hope you all had a good Easter. Thank you very much for the generous Easter offering and all your cards and gifts. Today Luke gives us an ideal picture of the first Christian community. What Luke shows us is a picture of a community that reflects the Lord. In the power of the spirit the church of the Acts of the Apostles continues Jesus' work – and for us we would add, continues to do so in our day. This means that our community should be a clear reflection of Jesus' ministry in the working of the church. This is our challenge. The Gospel speaks of the faith of Thomas and his genuine doubt. He had to see the risen Lord before he would believe in his Resurrection. "My Lord and my God". We too often struggle with doubt. We cannot see that God has a plan for our lives and will take care of us. We are not convinced that God has the power to change certain areas of our life, especially in these areas where we have struggled for years. We, like Thomas, need Jesus to lead us from doubt to faith, from unbelief to belief. The truth of the Gospel is that God loves you because he is love.

I wish you all a very happy and safe week.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



POPE ON TWITTER

Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms.



FINANCE MATTERS

Thank you very much for your Easter offering. The collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday was £162.71.



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In this year of faith, filled with the joy and hope of Easter, may we deepen our love of prayer and of the holy Eucharist.



CAFOD - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5 April – Picnic and children's Treasure Trail at Hanningfield Reservoir.

Sunday 5 May – Take the plunge | 10ft Abseil down Harlow Water Tower.

Sunday 23 June – Pedal against Poverty at Lea Valley Park

For more information on all of the above contact Joanna Jarvis or Mary Matthews at CAFOD Brentwood on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk

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

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Nikki Da Costa-Smith, Katie Kent and Lisa Thomson who were received into the Catholic church at the Easter vigil. Our thanks to Gaye O'Regan and all the catechists for their meticulous preparation over the past nine months.

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR WHEN YOU ARE ALL TOGETHER

Family prayer - Before you begin this prayer make yourself still. Ask God to help you to pray.

Prayer

For all that our parents give to us, we give you thanks, O Lord, our God.

For the love and the care that many people show to us, we give you thanks, O Lord, our God.

For the smiling faces and the friendship of those who love us, we give you thanks, O Lord, our God.

For those who bring us close to you, we give you thanks, O Lord, our God.

Amen.

Joke Corner

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked "Why are some of your hairs white, Mummy"? Her mother replied, "Well every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white". The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said "Mummy, how come all of grandma's hairs are white!"



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Help me, Jesus, to believe that you are my Lord and God.

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

PARISH REGISTER.

Many, many thanks to Clare and Catherine who are taking on the enormous task of updating the parish register. A huge vote of thanks to them both for undertaking this crucial role which is clearly very important to the future of our parish. Once the register has been updated we will be in touch with all our parishioners asking them to complete a Census Form to ensure that the database is as good as it can be. Thanks in advance for your help.



ABSEIL FOR CAFOD

Abseil for CAFOD – on Sunday 5 May why not challenge yourself to abseiling | 10ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook.

NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

The Principal, staff and students of New Hall School, Chelmsford, are delighted to invite you and your family to an Open Morning on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2013, from 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. New Hall, founded in 1642, is one of the top performing Catholic co-educational independent day and boarding schools in the UK. We welcome students from ages 3 - 18 and each year we offer 11+ and 13+ scholarships specifically for Catholic students coming from both maintained and independent schools. Priority is given to weekly and full boarders. Visit newhallschool.co.uk/openmorning or call 01245 467 588 to book your place at Open Morning. New Hall has a strong ethos of pastoral care which complements its academic excellence. We are keen to welcome families to our Open Morning to experience New Hall first-hand.

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.



4TH HUTTON GUIDES

4th Hutton Guides are in the unusual position of having vacancies. We enjoy a range of activities from abseiling to zorbing, craft, cooking, camping, singing, dancing, first aid to mention just a few. We meet on Thursday 7-9pm, usually in the Parish Hall. If you are aged 10-14 and are interested, or aged 9 and want to be on the waiting list, please ask your parent/guardian to contact Caroline Peters 01277 225830 or email peterscaroline@btinternet.com

PARISH PROPERTY

Should anyone accidentally damage parish property either inside or outside – could they have the courtesy to let Father Leslie know about it thank you.

SACRED VESSELS

Thank you to a parishioner who gave Father Leslie a cheque for the ongoing refurbishment of vessels. Anyone is welcome to make a donation if they so wish. Thank you again for those who have already made a donation. Very much appreciated.

LETTER (S) FROM CAFOD

Thank you! We are delighted to receive £304.92 and £108.00 from your parish Lent Fast Day collections. For your parishioners' generosity and prayers, we at CAFOD and all the people we work with overseas are extremely grateful.

The money your parish has raised is equipping communities in some of the poorest parts of the world with the skills and tools to feed themselves now and in the long term. Your support is training families in farming methods that will help their crop survive difficult weather conditions; it is building broads to help small-scale farmers access local markets so they can earn a living and feed their families; it is providing people with hardy livestock that keep giving milk even in droughts.

Thank you so much also for your parish donation of £49.40 to Connect2:Rwanda. Your gift is making a difference to communities in Rwanda who have been affected by the horror of genocide and inspiring people to make the country known as 'the land of a thousand hills', a peaceful place for future generations.



Jesus appeared among the disciples. The disciple Thomas wasn't there. He couldn't believe Jesus really was alive. Jesus appeared again a week later. He helped Thomas to believe by showing him his wounds.



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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