

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

Knowledge of the truth and love

26. This being the case, can Christian faith provide a service to the common good with regard to the right way of understanding truth? To answer this question, we need to reflect on the kind of knowledge involved in faith. Here a saying of Saint Paul can help us: "One believes with the heart" (Rom 10:10). In the Bible, the heart is the core of the human person, where all his or her different dimensions intersect: body and spirit, interiority and openness to the world and to others, intellect, will and affectivity. If the heart is capable of holding all these dimensions together, it is because it is where we become open to truth and love, where we let them touch us and deeply transform us. Faith transforms the whole person precisely to the extent that he or she becomes open to love. Through this blending of faith and love we come to see the kind of knowledge which faith entails, its power to convince and its ability to illumine our steps. Faith knows because it is tied to love, because love itself brings enlightenment. Faith's understanding is born when we receive the immense love of God which transforms us inwardly and enables us to see reality with new eyes.

27. The explanation of the connection between faith and certainty put forward by the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein is well known. For Wittgenstein, believing can be compared to the experience of falling in love: it is something subjective which cannot be proposed as a truth valid for everyone.[19] Indeed, most people nowadays would not consider love as related in any way to truth. Love is seen as an experience associated with the world of fleeting emotions, no longer with truth.

But is this an adequate description of love? Love cannot be reduced to an ephemeral emotion. True, it engages our affectivity, but in order to open it to the beloved and thus to blaze a trail leading away from self-centredness and towards another person, in order to build a lasting relationship; love aims at union with the beloved. Here we begin to see how love requires truth. Only to the extent that love is grounded in truth can it endure over time, can it transcend the passing moment and be sufficiently solid to sustain a shared journey. If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time. True love, on the other hand, unifies all the elements of our person and becomes a new light pointing the way to a great and fulfilled life. Without truth, love is incapable of establishing a firm bond; it cannot liberate our isolated ego or redeem it from the fleeting moment in order to create life and bear fruit.

If love needs truth, truth also needs love. Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people's day-to-day lives. The truth we seek, the truth that gives meaning to our journey through life, enlightens us whenever we are touched by love. One who loves realizes that love is an experience of truth, that it opens our eyes to see reality in a new way, in union with the beloved. In this sense, Saint Gregory the Great could write that "amor ipse notitia est", love is itself a kind of knowledge possessed of its own logic. It is a relational way of viewing the world, which then becomes a form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists. William of Saint-Thierry, in the Middle Ages, follows this tradition when he comments on the verse of the Song of Songs where the lover says to the beloved, "Your eyes are doves" (Song 1:15). The two eyes, says William, are faith-filled reason and love, which then become one in rising to the contemplation of God, when our understanding becomes "an understanding of enlightened love".

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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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	6.00 p.m.	Mary Connaughton	
Sunday 9	8.30 a.m.	Ted Parker RIP	J and S Parker
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 10	9.15 a.m.	Joan Duffett RIP	J and S Parker
Tuesday 11	9.15 a.m.	Michael Kent RIP	Liz Kent and family
Wednesday 12	8.30 a.m.	Special Intention	
Thursday 13	9.15 a.m.	50 th Anniversary of Priest's Ordination (Special Intention)	
Friday 14	9.15 a.m.	Philip Nurse RIP	Liz Kent
Saturday 15	9.15 a.m.	Mark Coningsby RIP	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15	6.00 p.m.	Brentwood Catenians	
Sunday 16	8.30 a.m.	Winnie Spinks RIP	J and A Spinks
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

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. I will be available for confession

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ian Restall	Carol Giles	Willa Jackson
Ewa Kania	Ken Eady	Dom. D'Alberquerque
Adam Kania	Mary Allum	Pat Burton

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Paul Bolton	Gerry Sarah	Marina Moffat
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (15/16 MARCH)

Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	Chris Brooks
Ann Howarth	John Spinks	Mary Brooks
Maurice Roche	Catherine Bray	Willa Jackson

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (15/16 MARCH)

Ann and Steve Howarth	Carol Giles	Sheila Jones
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ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for all those whose anniversary whose anniversary occurs at this time, and all our relatives and friends, especially:
Leslie Denton, Maura Davies, Frederick Pinfold, Michael Kent, Audrey Daly, Edward Madigan, Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley and Daniel Heaphy.
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Thomas Lawton, Fr. John Gordon (1992), Fr. Edward Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roche (1989), Fr. William Luby (1993) and Canon Martin Horkan (1980).
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, Diane Griffiths, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Beryl de Prazer, and Mary Sheehan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



CATECHISTS

An evening for Catechists will take place on Wednesday 26 March at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Please let Sister Nuala know if you wish to take part. We are also looking for new Catechists to offer themselves in this wonderful ministry. Please give this a thought.

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, Margarettg. 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

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 1/2 March you gave £370.50 of which £75.00 was Gift Aided.
Thank you



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our parish church on this the first Sunday of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we received our

Ashes. A reminder that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. We were also invited to repent of our sins and believe in the Gospel. We begin our 40 days journey towards Easter with repentance and faithfully following the Gospel in our everyday lives. This season is a stark reminder of our constant need for God's mercy and of our total dependence on him each day.

All of us are tempted every day. Temptation is an experience when we entertain thoughts, intentions or desires which are contrary to the will of God. In the "Our Father" we pray for forgiveness and help us not to give way to temptation. When we give way, then sin is committed. Unrepented sin and not forgiven leads to death. Temptation itself is not a sin. It becomes a sin when we consent to it. We need to keep before us the Kingdom of God, to pray and regularly attend to the sacramental life of the church. Pope Francis constantly reminds us that God never tires of forgiving us. Jesus shows us the way through prayer and fasting. We ask Jesus that we may follow his example. He was tempted but he resisted.

As we hear God's word and respond today in our celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray for the grace and the strength to make the right choices, and for forgiveness and another chance when we fail.

Thank you God bless and have a great Sunday.

Fr Leslie



OUR POPE ON TWITTER

In life we all make many mistakes. Let us learn to recognize our errors and ask for forgiveness.



FLK

The cross was the hour when Jesus was glorified each day look at the cross and say Jesus have mercy on me



CHARITY PLACES - PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON - SURREY 100

Sunday 10 August 2014. Feeling inspired by Team GB heroes such as Bradley Wiggins? Why not take part in this fantastic new cycling challenge which takes in the route of the London 2012 Olympic Road Race. Starting in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, the 100 mile route will take you and 25,000 other cyclists through traffic free streets out into Surrey's stunning country roads and hills before returning to London to finish along the Mall.

This is cycling's equivalent to the London Marathon and promises to be a truly spectacular event. This will be a really challenging event as you have to train to a level that ensures you'll complete the 100 miles in nine hours, and you'll be sharing the road with 20,000 other cyclists.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a limited number of charity places in the Ride London Surrey 100. You must be able to complete the 100 mile route in less than 9 hours and commit to raise a minimum sponsorship of £750. If you would like to be considered for one of our places or would like further information then please contact Sarah on 01268 784544 swhite@bccs.org.uk

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: FRIDAY 14 MARCH

Tonight, one in eight of us around the world will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day! Please give as much as you can in the Fast Day collection, so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. Thank you.

Join the CAFOD team for our Lent walk with children's treasure trail on Wednesday 9 April. Meet at 11.00 a.m. at Hanningfield Reservoir visitor Centre near Billericay for a stroll through peaceful and scenic countryside and bring a picnic to enjoy at the end. No booking necessary – children free, adult £5.00 suggested donation. No dogs. We hope to see you there. Do call if you would like more information 0208 502 9722

OUR REPOSITORY

Your help is needed to man the repository after Mass. It is not difficult. All items are priced. If you can spare 5 - 10 minutes after Mass on Sunday morning (the 10.30 mass is really urgent) your help will be gratefully accepted. The more the merrier! and it is on a rota basis which means it is not every weekend and you may swap your duty with someone else if your allocated weekend is inconvenient. If you are interested, please contact Gerry Sarah. Thank you.

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.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES

The cost of Discipleship – four reflections on the nature joys and challenges of Christian discipleship

- Wednesday 12 March: Paying a price for belief
Speaker Lord Acton of Liverpool
- Wednesday 19 March: Speaker Fr. Mark Reilly - Assistant Priest at Brentwood Cathedral
- Wednesday 26 March: Speaker Msgr Mark Langham - Catholic Chaplain at Cambridge University
- Wednesday 2 April: Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Archdiocese

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME

All lectures begin at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS

On Thursday 6 March, 20 March and 3 April Father Martin Boland will interview Priests of the Diocese about their favourite spiritual reading and how it has influenced them as men and Priests. **One Desert Island, six Priests, six books, six remarkable stories to tell.**

All sessions will commence at 7.30 p.m. Admission is free. Please see Notices on the Board at the back of the Church.

RED BOX HOLDERS

The spring edition of Missio Today is available for collection on the table in the narthex. Fr. Anthony Chantry, General Superior of the Mill Hill Missionaries thanks all Box Holders for their prayers, support and encouragement. Without the donations, he says they could not fulfil their mission. At present there are around 400 Mill Hill Missionaries serving in 20 countries. In 2013, 22 priests and lay workers lost their lives.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Will be held on 10 - 18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Denis Treacy MHM, at St Joseph's Missionary Society, Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com

JOB! A CANTATA BY MICHAEL STEVENS

Job! (a Cantata by Michael Stevens) will be performed by The Holy Family Choir and Orchestra, Benfleet & Young Singers from Brentwood Cathedral at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 8 March 2014, in aid of The CAFOD Appeal for the People of Syria. Cost is £10.00 (Adults); £7.00 (Seniors) and £1.00 (Under 16s). Tickets available from Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Make cheques payable to Brentwood Cathedral Music. Please enclose sae or phone 01277 265288/07854 330962

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St Joseph the Worker will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 29 November 2014. Please put this date in your diary now and keep it free to come along and support your parish. The Christmas Fair will have games and craft stalls to entertain the children and will be a good chance for you to buy some early Christmas presents.

We need your help. If you are able to donate any new unwanted gifts/bottles please place them in the box at the back of the church. If you have any ideas for stalls, or would simply like to help on the day, we would very much like to hear from you.

Please contact:

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER LENT CAFÉ

A Café will be open at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall from 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. beginning on Wednesday 12 March for LENT. Everyone is welcome - bring a friend and come to watch the DVD series KNOWING GOD BETTER by David Payne. There will be time for refreshments, discussion and a crèche will also be available.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Father God, please help us to resist temptations when we know they are wrong; help us to always behave in the way you want us to.

Amen.



Jesus went by himself into the dry country and stayed there for forty days and nights. At the end of the time he was famished. The devil suggested that he turn stones into bread, but Jesus said that we don't only need food, but also God's teaching. Then the devil took him to the highest pinnacle of the Temple and suggested that if he jumped off angels would rescue him, but Jesus would not put God to the test. Then Jesus was shown all the kingdoms of the world and told that if he were to worship the devil they could all be his, but Jesus said that we must worship God and serve only him.

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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