

# 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.



YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup>/<sub>2013</sub>

### APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"

PORTA FIDEI OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI - FOR THE INDICATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

CONTINUATION OF "PORTA FIDEI" (DOOR OF FAITH)

We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. It will also be a good opportunity to intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is "the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed;... and also the source from which all its power flows. At the same time, we make it our prayer that believers' witness of life may grow in credibility. To rediscover the content of the faith that is

professed, celebrated, lived and prayed, and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make his own, especially in the course of this Year.

Not without reason, Christians in the early centuries were required to learn the creed from memory. It served them as a daily prayer not to forget the commitment they had undertaken in baptism. With words rich in meaning, Saint Augustine speaks of this in a homily on the *redditio symboli*, the handing over of the creed: "the symbol of the holy mystery that you have all received together and that today you have recited one by one, are the words on which the faith of Mother Church is firmly built above the stable foundation that is Christ the Lord. You have received it and recited it, but in your minds and hearts you must keep it ever present, you must repeat it in your beds, recall it in the public squares and not forget it during meals: even when your body is asleep, you must watch over it with your hearts."

### THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

Holy Mass, commemorating the 88th anniversary of the Venerable Margaret Sinclairs Religious Profession, will take place on Thursday, 14th February, 2013 at 8 p.m. In The Marillac Chapel, Eagle Way, Warley. The Margaret Sinclair Devotions will begin at 7.45 p.m. The theme is - Vocations to the Religious Life - especially the Poor Clares - and the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair. Light refreshments will be available after the Mass. Literature will also be available. All are invited to come and all will be most welcome.

### 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 THE YEAR (C)**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m.	Deceased relatives and friends of the McCready family
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m.	Refern family and friends
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES.**

Monday 11	9.15 a.m.	John Castle RIP	B Castle
Tuesday 12	9.15 a.m.	Moriarity family	B Castle

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

.Ash Wednesday 13	9.15 a.m.	Int Catherine Travers and Clare Law
	7.30 p.m.	

**FEAST OF SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

Thursday 14	9.15 a.m.	Guido Gorni RIP
Friday 15	9.15 a.m.	Doris O'Connell RIP
Saturday 16	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Christopher Hamilton-Gray

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**RITE OF ELECTION TAKES PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL. WE PRAY FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF INITIATION**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m.	Breda Conville	O Conville
AT THE END OF MASS SHORT SENDING OUT OF CANDIDATES FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION ON SUNDAY. LISA THOMPSON, KATIE KENT, NIKKI DA COSTA-SMITH			
Sunday 17	8.30 a.m.	Doris O'Connell RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	3.00 p.m.	Rite of Election (No Mass) - At the Cathedral	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9.45 A.M. TO 10.15 A.M., DURING WHICH TIME WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

**6.00 P.M.                      8.30 A.M.                      10.30 A.M.**

Ian Restall	Mary Allum	Jen Grimes
Stella Walker	Margaret Bailey	Tony Grimes
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Marina Moffat

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 FEBRUARY)**

Gaye O'Regan	Ken Eady	John Tobin
Bill O'Regan	Carol Giles	Chris Brooks
Carol Turnbull	John Spinks	Willa Jackson

**READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Ann and Steve Howarth	Alan Bailey	Jessica Barber
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**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 FEBRUARY)**

Marian Anderson	Margaret Bailey	Sheila Jones
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**WELCOMERS THIS WEEKEND**

Tim Murphy  
Marion Barlow

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND (16/17 FEBRUARY)**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND**

Hector  
Cathy

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND (16/17 FEBRUARY)**

Half term

**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 Eileen Woiwod, Teresa Deeks, Elixabeth Guilfoyle, David Hills, Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty and Irene Finch. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Charles Snell (1949). 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

**FINANCE MATTERS**

For the week ending 12/13 February you gave £419.93 of which £124.00 was Gift Aided. A second collection was taken up for the homeless which raised £276.31p. Thank you very much.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St Joseph the Worker.

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Lent, so perhaps this week we should reflect on how we can come closer to the Lord

as we journey through Lent towards Easter. However today the call of Isaiah and the call of Peter are put side-by-side in today's Liturgy of the Word. They have a common theme of unworthiness on the part of the one called.

The sense of "not being good enough" is a very frequent human response to the call to take responsibility today. It is about can we do the task that we are asked to do.

The vision of faith sees the invitation being God's invitation to the person to be available so that God may carry out God's work in him or her. The great Christian example is that of Mary. She made herself available for God to bring about the word made flesh. All those called to service and responsibility in the community could well ponder this truth, especially in the Christian community where the idea of calling is so strong. As with Isaiah and Peter, the calling is based on the perception of the person being willing to be available to carry out what God can do. It is in our weakness that you perfect your strength. In the second reading Paul also acknowledges his unworthiness. But he allows himself to be a great witness to Jesus Christ.

As we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God today, let us be mindful of God's invitation to respond with our lives.



**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS**

*Fr Leslie*

*Celebrating the presence of God in the family*



**POPE ON TWITTER**

 Let us imitate the Virgin Mary in welcoming and guarding the word of Jesus, in order to recognise him as Lord in our lives. 

**FLK**  
We must be willing to keep watch with him one hour (Catechism of the Catholic Church)



**VALENTINES GALA DINNER**

Thank you so much for your support of the Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society Valentines Gala Dinner. Just to recap, it will be held 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. Through the Parish we have managed to fill 4 tables so far, and we are nearly there with filling a fourth. Just a couple of spaces left so please call Jan Jarvis on 200278 to claim your space. This is truly an event not to be missed! What a night it promises to be!

**PARISH LENT LUNCH**

Friday 22 February at 1.15pm in the Parish Hall. £3.50 including tea and coffee. Raffle - all proceeds to CAFOD.

**FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

Lent fast day this year is on FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY.

A further announcement about how you can make a difference to the world's poorest families will be in next week's newsletter. Thank you and God bless. Cathy Waterhouse, Clare Barton and Carol Giles



**CATHERINE AND DAVID BRAY - PROUD PARENTS**

Another new parishioner! William Owen Bray was baptised here at St. Josephs by Fr. Leslie on Saturday 26 January 2013 at 12.00 p.m. In the photo are Catherine and David Bray (parents), Michael Turner (Godfather), Mary Lockwood (Godmother), and William. Welcome to the Parish William!



**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.

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us the chance to help you to spread the Good News. Now I understand that you need our help just as much as we need yours!

Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Our Bishop will make a pastoral visitation to our parish on Sunday, 3 November 2013. On this occasion he will confirm some of our young parishioners. If you wish to be confirmed you must be 14+. Please notify in writing to father Leslie. Currently we have Andrew Martin, Joseph Gill, Charlie Neal and Louise Walker who want to be confirmed. Father Leslie must have your names by the end of January

**LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY**

Remember that the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 13 February. Now is the time to look at how best we can celebrate this season in preparation for Easter. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 9.15 a.m. with our children and 7.30 p.m.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

The Knights will be holding a Buffet and Dance at the Cathedral Hall on Saturday 2 March 2013 commencing at 7.30 p.m. Dancing to 60's music with DEANO. Tickets at 17.50 available from Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460 or any member of the KSC. Profits go to various charities including The Brentwood Children's Society and Aid to the Church in Need (KSC National Charity). Bring your own liquid refreshment.

**LITURGICAL FORMATION**

"One with Christ in Service and Prayer". The Liturgy in the spirit of Vatican Two. Will be held on Saturday 16 February between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. at The Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The Speaker will be Mgr. David Manson VG

**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.

- 9 March "Vatican II and the Bible" by Father Adrian Graffy
- 8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips
- 12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

**EWYN CATHOLIC NETWORK CHANNEL**

You can find EWTN if you are a side sky subscriber on Channel 589.

If you are not you can ask a local installer to provide you with your own disk (ask for 80 cm size) and receiver. The total cost for the equipment including installation would normally be between 175.00 and 225.00. There would be no monthly cost at all. In this year of faith you will get lots of information about your faith, videos to buy, prayers, liturgy faith discussions, youth programs etc. Why not give it a try? A viewers comment I am a widow of 90 years and would not be without EWTN because I acquired it shortly after my husbands death after almost 63 happy years together and simply could not imagine life without it. Many thanks. C. F. Harrow.

**DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY THE HEALING MINISTRY CHURCH TODAY**

Saturday 23 March 2013 at The Cathedral Conference Centre, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 10.00 per person and bring a packed lunch.

**ST. JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL QUIZ - NEW DATE**

The quiz scheduled for February had to be postponed due to bad weather. The new date is Saturday 2 March at 7.30 p.m. in the main hall of St. John Payne school. Tickets are £5 per head or £15 per family (2 + 2). Bring your own beverages.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD**

Lent Discussion Groups begin the week commencing 18 February. They are always friendly and interesting. This year's topic is: GLIMPSES OF GOD - hope for today's world. Please sign up in the narthex.

**LETTER FROM BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Thank you for your kind and generous donation of £361.18 being the proceeds of the December-January crib collection. Please pass on our heartfelt gratitude to all the parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker for their support of the Society. Your contribution and ongoing support is very much appreciated and enables us to continue our important work within the Diocese. Yours sincerely, Steven Webb, Director

**LOOKING AFRESH AT WORSHIP**

The Diocese of Brentwood Liturgy Commission & Department of Adult Religious Education presents a Seminar titled "Looking Afresh at Worship - what happened at Vatican Two" on Saturday 16 February 2013 at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Arrivals/Registration at 10.00 a.m., Start 10.30 a.m., Finish 1.00 p.m. The Speaker is Mgr. David Manson, VG. A Donation of £5.00 per person is suggested. ALL ARE WELCOME. For booking, please contact the Liturgy Office on 01277 265287 or the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255. Email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org or liturgy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**PILGRIMS HALL CHRISTIAN CENTRE SEMINAR ON CHERISHING OUR CHILDREN**

The Pilgrims Hall Christian Centre will be running a one day Seminar Cherishing our Children. The day will provide an opportunity for Sunday school leaders, youth workers and anyone else involved with the lives of the children in the church to meet together. An important part of the day will involve giving information and training on the safeguarding of these young lives - a topic high on the agenda in light of recent news events. It would be great if each church were to send at least one representative on their behalf. The day is on Saturday 9 March and the cost is 15. Fr. Leslie has agreed that the Parish will fund the cost of 15.00 if any parishioner would like to attend.



Simon lends Jesus his boat so that Jesus can tell people the Good News. Jesus repays the favour by helping Simon catch many fish. Simon is so surprised by the catch that he decides to leave everything and follow Jesus.





### 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.

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