

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 FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

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)

The Year of Faith will also be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. As Saint Paul reminds us: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). With even stronger words -which have always placed Christians under obligation - Saint James said: "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has no works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled', without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" (Jas 2:14-18).

Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path. Indeed, many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalised or excluded, as to those who are the first with a claim on our attention and the most important for us to support, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ's own face is seen. Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). These words are a warning that must not be forgotten and a perennial invitation to return the love by which he takes care of us. It is faith that enables us to recognise Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbour along the journey of life. Supported by faith, let us look with hope at our commitment in the world, as we await "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells".

Joke Corner -1

All the passengers are seated on a plane out on the tarmac and the stewardess announces "we're just waiting for the pilots." The passengers look out of the window and see two men, dressed as pilots, walking towards the plane. Both men are using guide dogs and appear to be blind. There are murmurs among the passengers, and some believe it's a joke. The men board the plane and go into the cockpit. More concerned murmurs and uneasy chuckles from the passengers. The plane taxis normally to the runway and begins its takeoff. As passengers look out the window they realise they are nearing the end of the runway. The entire passenger cabin begins screaming but the plane lifts off just before the end of the runway. The passengers calm down and chuckle to themselves, in the cockpit, the pilot turns to his co-pilot and says "you know, one day those people are gonna scream too late!"



Joke submitted by Fr. Leslie

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m.	Monica Florence RIP	J Greenfield
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Pat Burton and family	M Alcock
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong at St. Mary's Hall Lane	
Monday 11	9.15 a.m.	Eugene Fagan RIP	
Tuesday 12	9.15 a.m.	Michael Kent RIP	E Kent
Wednesday 13	8.30 a.m.	Doris O'Connell RIP	
Thursday 14	9.15 a.m.	Cynthia Watson RIP	
Friday 15	9.15 a.m.	Jimmy Hannon RIP	
Saturday 16	9.15 a.m.		

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m.	Cornelius Sheehan RIP	M Sheehan
Sunday 17	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Gerry Alcock and Gillian Brazier	M Alcock

DURING LENT – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 9.10 A.M. EXCEPT WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 7.30 P.M. – OPPORTUNITIES TO DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS AS A COMMUNITY

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

18 MARCH	7.30 P.M.	OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, WICKFORD
19 MARCH	7.30 P.M.	HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, BILLERICAY
25 MARCH	7.30 P.M.	CATHEDRAL, BRENTWOOD

SEASON OF LENT

During lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Blessing Sacrament Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before weekday masses from 8.30 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. except on Wednesdays.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 P.M.	8.30 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
Stella Walker	Pat Green	Chris Brooks
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Willa Jackson
Pat Creavin	Ken Eady	John Tobin
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 MARCH)		
Marian Anderson	John Spinks	Marina Moffat
Ewa Kania	Catherine Bray	Pat Burton
Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	Dom D'Alberqueque

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Ian Restall	Alan Bailey	Marina Moffat
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READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 MARCH)

Ann Steve Howarth	Margaret Bailey	Sheila Jones
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WELCOMERS THIS WEEKEND

Tim Murphy
A Law

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND (16/17 MARCH)

Tim Murphy
Marion Barlow

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Nicky
Mary

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 MARCH)

Sally
Hector

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 Fredericka Pinfold, Michael Kent, Audrey Daly, Edward Madigan, Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley, and David Heaphy. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Edmund Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roche (1989), Fr. William Luby (1993), and Canon Martin Horkam (1980).

For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 2/3 March you gave £390.28 of which £81.00 was Gift Aided. *Thank you and God Bless.*



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parishioners and visitors. I hope you enjoy our Sunday Mass. This Sunday our Catechumens and Candidates will be prayed for at our 8.30 a.m. Mass, and next Sunday at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. At

the 8.30 Mass the Gospel will come from year A, the account of the man born blind. Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they prepare to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Today's readings come from Joshua, St. Paul to the people of Corinth, and St. Luke.

St. Paul calls us to be ambassadors of Christ. The Christian calling is always directed to others and not to our own personal devotions. It is for us to live our Catholic faith openly and allow God to work through us.

The parable of the prodigal son is so familiar that we often fail to hear the message. The son who squandered his inheritance came back seeking reconciliation. The father not only forgave him but put on a feast out of joy that he was back. It is the very nature of God to be extravagant.

We lead up to the celebration of the Tridium shortly, namely Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. For the father to forgive us, he gave up his only son. Lent, for us, is not a time of giving up or of deprivation, but a time when we can try to express our sorrow by being extravagant in our penances. We have complained about the cold weather – did we ever think of thanking Jesus and offering it up in atonement for our sin?

Thank you and God bless.

Fr Leslie

Joke Corner

What do you call James Bond while he is having a bath?
Bubble O Seven!



This week's joke supplied by Charlie Thomas, aged 6.

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



FLK

When I am completely united to you, they will be no more sorrow and trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete. (St Augustine).



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.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

INVITE YOU TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK OF WITNESS, ON GOOD



FRIDAY at 9.10 a.m. from Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, to Shenfield Library. There will be a short service in front of the library at 9.30, followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Union Church. *DO JOIN US IF YOU CAN*

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.

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

ABSEIL FOR CAFOD

Abseil for CAFOD – on Sunday 5 May why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft 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.

HELP NEEDED

Patrick Mouchel, one of our parish youth, will be going to Bolivia for a month in July which costs £3,500. The object of his visit is to build shelters for "street children" in La Paz. We, as a parish, will have a parish collection after Easter but Patrick has organised a "gig" on Saturday 16 March from 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £7.00 each. In addition to music there will be food. Open to everyone.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear God, I know that you love me very much. Just like the dad in today's story, I know that you will always welcome me back to you if I ever do bad things and am sorry. Thank you for creating me and loving me.

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
- Stations of the Cross Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Knights of St. Columba will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays in Lent commencing 20 February until 20 March. Fr. Leslie will lead on Fridays. (7.30 p.m.)

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

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. 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

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

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Will be celebrated on Sunday 3 November when our Bishop makes a visitation to our parish. The following have asked to be confirmed; Charlie Neal, Andrew Martin, Joseph Gil, Rachel Strickland, Lily Thompson-Ayres, Simon Spinks, Kaitlyn Farimond, Louise Walker, Sophia Da Silva and Kevin Barber. If I have missed someone out or if anyone else would like to be confirmed please ask in writing to Father Leslie. Shortly a meeting will be arranged to introduce you to the programme, and meet the Catechists Sarah and James Barber, to whom I am very grateful



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Could all those who have expressed interest in being Confirmed in the parish in November 2013 come to an initial meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Confirmation programme on Sunday 24 March at 6.00 p.m. in the parish hall. It is anticipated that this meeting will be over by 7.00 p.m., and parents are invited to stay with their son/daughter. It would be helpful if candidates were able to bring their baptismal certificates with them. If you have not yet let Fr. Leslie know that you are interested then please write with an expression of interest before the meeting (candidates must be in school year 10 or above in November 2013).

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells a story about a younger son who asks his father for money and leaves home. He wastes the money until he is poor. Now he has to work looking after pigs. He is sad. He decides to go home and ask if he can be his father's servant. His father is so happy to see him that he welcomes him back as his son and holds a massive party to celebrate. His elder brother is cross because his dad has never held a big party for him. The father says that it is right to celebrate because the son was lost but now is found.



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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