

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.

FROM OUR BISHOP

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As you know the International Eucharistic Congress will be taking place in Dublin from 10 - 17 June. Sr Nuala Gannon informs me that about 35 people have registered with her to go from our diocese. Please would you print the following prayer for this important Congress in your newsletters and bring it to the attention of the people. I would also encourage you to have Eucharistic Adoration when possible during the time of the Congress.

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father
to gather together those who are scattered.
You came among us,
doing good and bringing healing,
announcing the Word of salvation
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.
May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,
enliven our hope and open our minds,
so that together
with our sisters and brothers in faith
we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in
the breaking of bread.
May your Holy Spirit
transform us into one body
and lead us to walk humbly on the earth,
in justice and love,
as witnesses of your resurrection.
In communion with Mary,
whom you gave to us as our Mother
at the foot of the cross,
through you may all praise,
honour and blessing be to the Father
in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,
now and forever.
Amen.

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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m.	Intention through Intercession of St. Clare	G Sarah
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Kathleen Scully R.I.P.	W Jackson

FEAST OF ST BARNABAS

Monday 11	NO MORNING MASS		
Tuesday 12	9.15 a.m.	Vera Lyden R.I.P.	Lillian Keeble

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Wednesday 13	8.30 a.m.	Bridie Hayes & Family Int	Upminster
Thursday 14	9.15 a.m.	Gretta Looney & Family Int	Upminster

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday 15	9.15 a.m.	Freda Jones R.I.P.	Jean Dunne
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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 16	9.15 a.m.	Mary McManus R.I.P.	Upminster
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m.	Desmond O'Reilly R.I.P.	P & M Barlow
Sunday 17	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Desmond O'Reilly R.I.P.	Jackson Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ann Howarth	Jan Jarvis	Dominic D'Alberquerque
Marian Anderson	Margaret Bailey	Chris Brooks
Maurice Roche	Mary Allum	Mary Brooks

READERS AT THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Frank Dodson	Carol Giles	Marina Moffat
Paul Bolton		Willa Jackson

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, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Fred Shaw and Mary Dillane

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Gladys Regan, Constance Scannell, Antoinette Taylor, Joan Burgess, William Chester, and Peter Lyden. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Thomas Crowe (2002) and Fr. Thomas Carlin (1964). For these and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS - COME ON!!!!!!

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.*

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.

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.

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.*

CHORAL VESPERS

Bishop Thomas will be presiding at Choral Vespers in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. on 6 June. All are invited.

A VACANCY

There is a full-time vacancy in the Diocesan Finance Office, Brentwood for an Office Administrator with knowledge of HR issues and procedures. An ability to multi-task within a very busy, interesting and demanding office. Please contact recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a job description and person specification. Your application should include your CV, and a covering letter demonstrating how your experiences and skills match the requirements of the role. Closing date for applications is Friday 15 June. Please tell your family and friends about this vacancy.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Our celebration of the Eucharist is not only our entry into the sacrificial death of Jesus, but also our participation in the everlasting liturgy

of heaven. The Christian life is many things and it is certainly all of these. However, the source and summit of Christian life is the gift of the Eucharist. It is this act of worship that reaches the very height, the very essence, the pinnacle of what Christian life is. This is because Christian life is Jesus Christ. To know him, love him and follow him.

In the Eucharist Jesus enters us and we enter Jesus. We consume him and he consumes us. The Eucharist is food: food for this life and food for the next. We are made of body and soul. Just as food feeds our physical bodies, so the Eucharist feeds our souls.

As human beings we have profound needs. We need to know we are loved; we need to have meaning and purpose in our lives; we need to have hope in a destiny and future beyond the grave.

The Eucharist answers these deep questions about human existence. The reason the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life is because the meaning of life is to know Jesus. In the Eucharist we meet him in the most real and authentic of ways. Our faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself.

It is precisely his presence which gives the other aspects of the Eucharist – as meal – as memorial of an anticipation of the return of Christ. The Eucharist is a mystery of presence, the perfect fulfilment of Jesus' promise to remain with us until the end of the world. In the Eucharist we meet Christ himself, we commune with him, we take him into ourselves in the deepest way possible, and we pray to him and we lay our life before him.

Thank you, God Bless and have a good and Holy week

FR Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family



FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 2/3 June you gave £444.69 of which £30.40p was Gift Aided. *Thank you and God Bless*



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.



BRENTWOOD DEANERY MASS FRIDAY 15 JUNE
You are warmly invited to the Annual Deanery Mass at St. Helen's Ongar at 7.30 p.m. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you intend coming, so that numbers are known for catering. Thank you. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

FAITH CARD – PLEASE PICK ONE UP FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Launching the card, Bishop Kieran Conry, the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton and the Chairman of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, said: "We all carry a variety of cards in our purses and wallets which reflect something of our identity and the things that are important to us. The faith card for Catholics aims to offer a daily reminder of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We can't summarise the whole of our faith in bullet points, but we hope that the card simply inspires people to do, read and learn more"

Please pick one up from the basket at the back of the Church.

ST JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Please note that as from 18 May the meetings will now take place every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. All ages welcome.

PILGRIMS HALL

Are having their Annual Open Day on Saturday 16 June between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome. Pilgrims Hall, Ongar Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9SA.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

Our prayerful sympathy to Michelle Worster and her family on the death of her husband Gerry. Michelle and Gerry's children are at St. Joseph. Gerry was in his early thirties. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Finlay Calverley who was baptised last Sunday into the family of God.

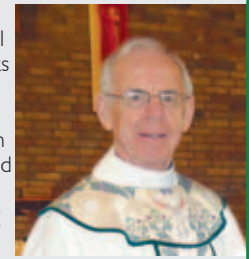
EAT OUT AT STRADA

Once again Strada are offering 20% off your bill. All you need to do is bring your parish newsletter with you and have a great evening at Strada, Billericay.



FR. LESLIE'S ORDINATION - 40TH ANNIVERSARY. FRIDAY 13 JULY.

The parish will be hosting a Mass, followed by a party in the Parish Hall, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Leslie's Ordination. The Mass will commence at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 13 July, and, following the Mass, drinks and canapes will be served from 8.30 p.m. onwards. There will also be some entertainment, including light music from a jazz singer.



This will be a very joyful occasion as we gather to congratulate our much loved Shepherd. Please put the date in your diary (ALL are welcome) and nearer the time we will advise you of further details. We are anxious to gauge, as early as possible, just what sort of numbers we will be catering for, so as soon as you know that you will definitely be coming to the Mass, to the Party, or, even better, to both, then please call Alan Bailey on 01277 219 155, or alternatively email Sheila Jones: Sheila.Jones@NIIT-Tech.com

CAR PARKING

Car parking will be difficult, if not impossible, on this date. We would urge all parishioners, where they can, to walk to the Church. We have a large number of Priests attending the Mass as well as a large number of Fr. Leslie's friends and well-wishers, so please try to help by car sharing, or better still, walking to the Church.

There will be extra parking spaces on Hutton Poplars and the gates will be open so that parishioners can walk through to the Church, but these additional spaces will be taken up very quickly.

Please also see the website for further details – www.stjosephshutton.org

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 15 June Annual visit to Mary's at Heybridge Basin
- Wed 4 July Coach trip to Hastings and Rye now booked.
- Friday 27 July Garden Party with Fish & Chip lunch

WELCOMERS' ROTA

Marion will shortly be preparing the Sunday 10.30 a.m. Welcomers' Rota for the end of June to the end of December 2012 so therefore please let her know if there are any dates that you will not be able to minister.

If any parishioners would like to become Welcomers please either speak to Father Leslie or contact Marion Barlow on 01277 217606 or marlow28@talktalk.net

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.

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.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE YEAR 7 SCHOOL ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2013 - MUSIC PLACES/SCHOLARSHIPS

As you may be aware, the revised School Admission Code has introduced a requirement for selective schools to inform parents about the outcome of any selection test, before the closing date for secondary applications on 31 October each year. To meet this requirement we will be holding musical aptitude tests between 10 and 21 September 2012 for our Music Places and Scholarships. Parents wishing to apply for a Music Scholarship/Place for their daughter should submit an application form (available for download from the web-site www.buchs.co.uk or direct from the school). Completed forms must be received at the school by 20 July 2012. Please note that this only applies to Music Places/Scholarships. There is no change to the procedure for parents wishing to apply for a general place at the school.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Don't forget to send through those photographs from last weekend's joyous occasions. Send them to ian.restell@design-portfolio.co.uk for publishing in the newsletter over the coming weeks. The more, the merrier!



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, the greatest love is to think of others before ourselves. You did this by giving up your life for us on the cross. I promise to become less selfish and think more about others, so that I can love those around me in the same way as you love me.

Amen.



Jesus sits down with his friends and eats the Passover meal. He shares with them a meal of bread and wine. Jesus knows he will also share out his life for us soon by dying on a cross.



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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- Fundraising

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The Marillac is a residential home for younger adults with physical and/or neurological disabilities. We are based in Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood opposite the Ford's building.

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