



# 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 LIGHT OF FAITH - CONTINUED

#### CHAPTER ONE

The faith of Israel (continued)

13. The history of Israel also shows us the temptation of unbelief to which the people yielded more than once. Here the opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry. While Moses is speaking to God on Sinai, the people cannot bear the mystery of God's hiddenness; they cannot endure the time of waiting to see his face. Faith by its very nature demands renouncing the immediate possession which sight would appear to offer; it is an invitation to turn to the source of the light, while respecting the mystery of a countenance which will unveil itself personally in its own good time. Martin Buber once cited a definition of idolatry proposed by the rabbi of Kock: idolatry is "when a face addresses a face which is not a face." In place of faith in God, it seems better to worship an idol, into whose face we can look directly and whose origin we know, because it is the work of our own hands. Before an idol, there is no risk that we will be called to abandon our security, for idols "have mouths, but they cannot speak" (Ps 115:5). Idols exist, we begin to see, as a pretext for setting ourselves at the centre of reality and worshiping the work of our own hands. Once man has lost the fundamental orientation which unifies his existence, he breaks down into the multiplicity of his desires; in refusing to await the time of promise, his life story disintegrates into a myriad of unconnected instants. Idolatry, then, is always polytheism, an aimless passing from one lord to another. Idolatry does not offer a journey but rather a plethora of paths leading nowhere and forming a vast labyrinth. Those who choose not to put their trust in God must hear the din of countless idols crying out: "Put your trust in me!" Faith, tied as it is to conversion, is the opposite of idolatry; it breaks with idols to turn to the living God in a personal encounter. Believing means entrusting oneself to a merciful love which always accepts and pardons, which sustains and directs our lives, and which shows its power by its ability to make straight the crooked lines of our history. Faith consists in the willingness to let ourselves be constantly transformed and renewed by God's call. Herein lies the paradox: by constantly turning toward the Lord, we discover a sure path which liberates us from the dissolution imposed upon us by idols.

### 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**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m.	Mary Connaughton	M and J Anderson
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m.	Bruna Stevens RIP	C Giles
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

There will be a Service of Peace at Hutton Union Church at 6.30 p.m.

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

Monday 11	9.15 a.m.	Philomena Haren RIP	
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**ST. JOSAPHAT**

Tuesday 12	9.15 a.m.	George Donovan RIP	B Rossiter
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Wednesday 13	8.30 a.m.	November Dead	
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Thursday 14	9.15 a.m.	Vera Ferrari RIP	R and K Ferrari
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Friday 15	9.15 a.m.	Int. Mary Quinn	
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ST. EDMUND RICH – SECOND CO-PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

Saturday 16	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Thomas Kieman RIP	
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m.	Catherine Dykes RIP	
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Sunday 17	8.30 a.m.	Dennis Mentessi RIP	C Giles
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	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
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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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES**

**6.00 p.m. 8.30.p.m. 10.30 a.m.**

Ian Restall	Carol Giles	Marina Moffat
Ewa Kania	Ken Eady Dom.	D'Alberquerque
Adam Kania	Mary Allum	Willa Jackson

**READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Pat Creavin	Margaret Bailey	Sheila Jones
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 NOVEMBER)**

Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	John Tobin
Ann Howarth	Joan Parker	Mary Brooks
Maurice Roche	Catherine Bray	Chris Brooks

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (16/17 NOVEMBER)**

Niamh Creavin	Alan Bailey	Willa Jackson
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**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

This year the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 p.m. preceded by carols. We have changed the time from midnight because of the increasing decline in numbers.

This year our Christmas Masses will be;

Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m.	Family Mass preceded with carols from 5.45 p.m.
	10.00 p.m.	Mass preceded with carols from 9.30 p.m.
Christmas Day	8.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass

**ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially: Norah Manning, Mary Pearce, Bernard Woods, Clementine Schembri, Richard Bohannon, and Edith Fairbrother.

Priests of our Diocese – Canon Denis Petry (1990), Fr. Terry Howes (1994), and Fr. James Allis (1996).

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, Annie Baker, 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.



**BCCS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

If you took some raffle tickets, please don't forget to bring them back (please complete counterfoils and put the money in the box provided).

Many thanks.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR**

We are trying to form a young peoples choir please put your name on the list at the back of the church. This choir would sing once a month. We have had a number of young people come forward, so thank you. The first outing will be at the 6.00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our parish of St Joseph the work. Today the nation remembers all who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives in two world wars, and in recent

wars particularly Iraq and Afghanistan. We should never forget them. Of course November is the sombre month of the year when we also remember our own dead. However the church teaches us that we need to be cleansed and purified. The Holy Souls died in God's grace and friendship and their eternal salvation is assured through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Nowadays it is as if we have lost confidence in presenting and upholding the Church's teaching on the final things – Heaven, Hell, Purgatory judgement and Christ's second coming. These teachings have been part of the churches patrimony since the beginning and will not change. They are divine teachings, Holy truths. The church was held to the teaching of Purgatory because of its sense of the need to be cleansed and purified. Purgatory could be an instant of time. The great saints often thought that the joy of Purgatory was second only to the joy of Heaven.

This month we pray for our dead, our loved ones, the faithful departed, our brothers and sisters who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Have a great Sunday and God bless.

*Fr Leslie*

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE. NOT ONE PRIZE THIS YEAR, BUT TWO!!**

**FORTNUM & MASON**  
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Our hamper this year is from Fortnum and Mason. As usual we do not waste money on tickets but ask you to write your name and telephone number on an envelope, put £5.00 inside the envelope, and place it in the box provided. If you want to have two chances in the raffle, then you will need two envelopes with £5.00 in each. This is our major fundraiser for the year so please be as generous as you can. And this year to help you to dig deep, we are having not one prize but two. First prize is a wonderful Fortnum & Mason hamper; second prize is a smaller hamper of Wimborne and Sloane personal toiletries. And very nice it is too!

**FINANCE MATTERS**

For the week ending 2/3 November you gave £407.35 of which £41.00 was Gift Aided.

Thank you.



**BIBLE ALIVE**

Bible Alive November edition on sale at 2.25. Day to day readings from Scripture.

**ST. JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA MUSIC AND FILM QUIZ**

Will be held on Saturday 23 November at 7.30 p.m. (prompt). Entrance fee will be £5.00 per person or £15 per family, 2 adults/2children.

**BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS**

**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP**

I had a very enjoyable Pastoral visit on Sunday. Please thank Ian who came to collect me and yourself for driving me home afterwards. It was a joy to preside at the 10.30mass. Everything flowed beautifully and the nine Confirmandi came across as a very good group of people. It was an inspiring and memorable occasion. Clearly you had the best of Catechists with Sarah and some of the Walsingham house team, also I would like to thank all those who contributed on the day itself- Catrina has been looking after your music for so many years but I would like to thank all the servers and those who prepared the church and the delightful refreshments afterwards. I was very pleased to be able to go into the hall and greet some of the candidates and their families and also a number of parishioners. I am particularly pleased with your support for the parish of Dundee, in South Africa, Cafod and especially the Catholic Children's Society. With renewed good wishes and gratitude for such a happy visit.

**THE LIGHT IS ON!!**

**THE HEALING SPIRIT**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays after Morning Mass until 10.15 or by arrangement.

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**LUMEN FIDEI - 'THE LIGHT OF FAITH'**

Pope Francis' First Encyclical. "Exploring the relevance of the Encyclical for us today, as we come to the end of the Year of Faith".

The Speaker will be Fr. James Hanvey, SJ, Author & Lecturer (Oxford University).

DATE: Tuesday 19 November, 2013 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

VENUE: Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.

COST: A Suggested Donation of £5 per person

ALL ARE WELCOME. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. CONTACT THE ADULT RE & FORMATION FOR MINISTRY OFFICE ON 01277 265255 OR EMAIL ARE&FM@DIOCESEOFBRENTWOOD.ORG received by them."

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**ECUMENICAL NEWS**

The church of St Mary's the Virgin, Shenfield are holding a lecture "A broken church - God's gift to the world?" by Rt Rev John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13 November. Refreshments will be available. Further details please see the notice board in the church porch at St Joseph's.

**EVENSONG**

The next Evensong will be on Sunday 1 December at 6.30 p.m. Come and join us.

**BERNARD GORDON RIP**

The funeral service for Bernard Gordon will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 12 November at 11.00 a.m., followed by burial at Woodburn Road Cemetery. May Bernard Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD**

Pre-Advent Discussion Group 2013.

The group meets on Monday mornings, 10.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Hall Lane, Shenfield.

Monday 11 November, 2013 - Expecting Christ in family

Monday 18 November, 2013 - Expecting Christ in me

Monday 25 November, 2013 - Expecting Christ in prayer

Monday 2 December, 2013 - Expecting Christ in the end

Course booklet available to purchase @ £3.40p

**REPOSITORY**

Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent calendars, etc. etc. are now available. Please stop and look at we have in stock.

**FLK**

Pray for the courage to say "I am sorry" and "I love you" in your families



**POPE ON TWITTER**

- 1. I thank all missionaries, men and women who quietly work hard for the Lord and their brothers and sisters.
- 2. We need courage if we are to be faithful to the Gospel.



**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Father, keep us safe today, in our work and in our play. Through the night-time gently hold us. In your loving arms enfold us.

Amen.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**



Left to right. Lily Thompson, Charlie Neal, Rachel Strickland, Joseph Gill, Drew Martin, Kaitlyn Farimond, Kevin Barber, Louise Walker, Sharon Ruffles and Simon Spinks.

Photo by Arthur Edwards

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY**

Jesus tells the people that the Temple they are admiring will be destroyed one day. He says other bad things will happen, like storms and earthquakes. Jesus tells them that they must not be afraid, for goodness wins out in the end.



### 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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