

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS | 1 MAY 2014

### 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.

### FAITH AND THE SEARCH FOR GOD

#### FAITH AND THEOLOGY

36. Since faith is a light, it draws us into itself, inviting us to explore ever more fully the horizon which it illumines, all the better to know the object of our love. Christian theology is born of this desire. Clearly, theology is impossible without faith; it is part of the very process of faith, which seeks an ever deeper understanding of God's self-disclosure culminating in Christ. It follows that theology is more than simply an effort of human reason to analyse and understand, along the lines of the experimental sciences. God cannot be reduced to an object. He is a subject who makes himself known and perceived in an interpersonal relationship. Right faith orients reason to open itself to the light which comes from God, so that reason, guided by love of the truth, can come to a deeper knowledge of God. The great medieval theologians and teachers rightly held that theology, as a science of faith, is a participation in God's own knowledge of himself. It is not just our discourse about God, but first and foremost the acceptance and the pursuit of a deeper understanding of the word which God speaks to us, the word which God speaks about himself, for he is an eternal dialogue of communion, and he allows us to enter into this dialogue. Theology thus demands the humility to be "touched" by God, admitting its own limitations before the mystery, while striving to investigate, with the discipline proper to reason, the inexhaustible riches of this mystery.

Theology also shares in the ecclesial form of faith; its light is the light of the believing subject which is the Church. This implies, on the one hand, that theology must be at the service of the faith of Christians, that it must work humbly to protect and deepen the faith of everyone, especially ordinary believers. On the other hand, because it draws its life from faith, theology cannot consider the magisterium of the Pope and the bishops in communion with him as something extrinsic, a limitation of its freedom, but rather as one of its internal, constitutive dimensions, for the magisterium ensures our contact with the primordial source and thus provides the certainty of attaining to the word of Christ in all its integrity.

### 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.

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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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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 10	6.00 p.m.	John Scully RIP	Scully family
Sunday 11	8.30 a.m.	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Liz Kent and family</b>
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

**ST. JOHN HOUGHTON**

Monday 12	9.15 a.m.	Katie Gavin RIP
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**ST. ERCONWALD**

Tuesday 13	9.15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
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**ST. MATTHIAS**

Wednesday 14	8.30 a.m.	Peggy Squires RIP
Thursday 15	9.15 a.m.	Peggy Squires RIP
Friday 16	9.15 a.m.	Horace Joseph RIP

**Saturday 17 9.15 a.m.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 17	6.00 p.m.	Tom O'Driscoll RIP	Sexton family
Sunday 18	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	<b>Intention Helen Wright</b>	<b>C Peters</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THIS WEEK'S MASSES**

<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
Stella Walker	Ken Eady	Dom. D'Alberquerque
Paul Bolton	Carol Giles	Chris Brooks
Ian Restall	John Spinks	Mary Brooks

**READERS AT THIS WEEK'S MASSES**

Pat Creavin	Gerry Sarah	Paola Sanders
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT NEXT WEEK'S MASSES (17/18 MAY)**

Adam Kania	Mary Allum	Marina Moffat
Carol Turnbull	Joan Parker	Willa Jackson
Maurice Roche	Catherine Bray	Percy Sam

**READERS AT NEXT WEEK'S MASSES (17/18 MAY)**

Paul Bolton	Alan Bailey	Sophie Newbould
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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:

Agnes Houser, Rosanna Law, Eileen Curley, David Atling, Eileen Connell, John Wright and Gerald Wilson.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Augustine Davidson (1946), Mgr John Howell (1976), Fr. John Boyle (1983), Fr. Stanley Joyne (1987) and Fr. John William Hayes (220). 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, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Brian Green, Beryl de Prazer, and Mary Sheehan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



**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.

**ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL, HUTTON - A VACANCY**

Is seeking to employ an early years practitioner to start September 2014. No previous experience is required but the successful candidate must be willing to train to NVQ Level 3, training will be given.

Please forward your C.V. together with covering letter to St Joseph's Pre-school, Parish Hall, Hutton, Essex. CM13 1BJ attention Mary Brooks MA (Supervisor), for further information please call 01277 212591.

The closing date for applications is Friday 6 June 2014.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Some of our parishioners will be going on pilgrimage from 12 May to 17 May. Please keep them in your prayers as they will be praying for us. I am unable to be with them because of parish commitments. Thank you to Michael Wild for organising this event.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

For the week ending 3/4 May you gave £544.51 of which £75.00 was Gift Aided.

Thank you and thank you to the anonymous donor who gave £220.00.

Thank you also to all who took the 200 Club enrolment forms.

Please complete them and them in to me as soon as possible.



Fr. Leslie writes

We welcome you to St Joseph the Worker. Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter. Today we have a retiring collection for the training of our future priests. Let

us also pray that our young people may be open to the fact that God may be calling them to the priesthood. I encourage you to reflect on the beauty of Jesus' mysterious call to such a wonderful vocation.

For today our example is Jesus as the Good Shepherd. All our readings give us examples of good shepherds. In the Gospel, Jesus describes in great detail the duties and responsibilities of a Good Shepherd. In the first reading Peter, continuing his testimony from last week, responds to his audience with a tenderness that softens his harsh rebuke and invites them to repent and be baptised.

In our lives our good shepherds are our priests, mothers, fathers, teachers, doctors and nurses. In fact all who look after us and give us the example of how to be good, holy people following our Good Shepherd Jesus.

*Have a good Sunday and thank you for your support*

*Fr Leslie*

**OUR POPE ON TWITTER**

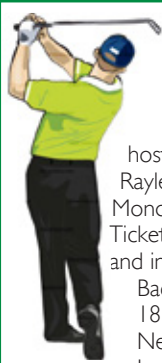
1. No one is more patient than God the Father; no one understands and knows how to wait as much as he does.
2. What does "evangelise" mean? To give witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in.
3. A society which abandons children and the elderly severs its roots and darkens its future.
4. Do not be afraid! Open the doors to Christ!

**CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS!!**

- ✘ "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
- ✘ "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

**RCIA**

A new course for those who are not Catholics but would like to know about the Catholic faith, especially those who attend mass with their Catholic spouse and children, or with your children, and who perhaps might wish to become Catholics, please speak to Gaye O'Regan or Father Leslie as soon as possible. It is all very informal so do not be afraid. *Thank you*



**BCCS CHARITY GOLF DAY MONDAY 23 JUNE 2014**

The Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Monday 23rd June 2014.

Tickets are priced at £45 per person and include:

- Bacon rolls, tea/coffee on arrival;
- 18 Hole Stableford Competition;
- Nearest the pin;
- Longest Drive;
- Golfers Lunch;

Places are limited to 80 players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

**COME HOLY SPIRIT**

An eight week course on living life in the power of the Holy Spirit will take place between 8 May and 26 June. The course will be held on Thursday evenings from 7.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. at the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. Donations will be taken during the course to help cover costs. Register online at [allegra.muntanda@hotmail.com](mailto:allegra.muntanda@hotmail.com)

**ARNOLD WILSON RIP**

Our prayerful sympathy to the family of Arnold Wilson who recently died. His funeral Mass will be on Friday 16 May at 1.00 p.m. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**DIANE GRIFFITHS RIP**

Our prayerful sympathy also to Ted and his family at the recent death of his wife Diane. Her body will be received into St Joseph's on Thursday 22 May at 5.00 p.m. The funeral mass will be on Friday 23 at 12.30 p.m. followed by burial at St. Mary's, Hall Lane, Shenfield. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**FLK**

Have the courage to show love, compassion and forgiveness to those we meet as we go about our daily lives.



**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Thank you for looking after me, Jesus. You are the Good Shepherd and I am your lamb. Help me to listen carefully for your voice. Help me to follow you always.

Amen.



Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He looks after the sheep and calls them by name. He leads them through the door to safety. Jesus has come so that everyone who follows him will have the fullness of life.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY - ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

This year the Society of Saint Gregory is holding its Annual Residential Summer School at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 28 July to 1 August. The theme of this year's Summer School is – "A sure compass by which to take our bearings, exploring how Vatican II is a sure compass for liturgical practice and the life of the church". Leaders include Director of Music - Frances Novillo; Director of Liturgy -Kathryn Turner; and Keynote Speaker - Rev Fr Kevin McGinnell, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation of the Diocese of Northampton and Chair of the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain. The Summer School includes a programme of talks and workshops, in which to practice and develop all liturgical and musical skills, as well as opportunities for rest, recollection and socialising.

Following on from last year's success the society is offering 15 free places to any 18-35 year old interested in attending the Summer School. If interested please visit the Society of Saint Gregory website:- [www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school](http://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school) for full details or contact:- T J Campbell the Diocesan Representative for SSG in Brentwood. Email: [timothv.campbell@ntlworld.com](mailto:timothv.campbell@ntlworld.com)

**CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE**

Will take place on Sunday 18 May, through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6.00 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit [www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/](http://www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/) or email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 02085029722.

**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](mailto:swebb@bccs.org.uk) or 01268 784544

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Thank you to our church cleaners who clean the church every Friday after morning mass will stop they are all volunteers. If you would like to help to keep Gods house clean please do come along you would be most welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL DEANERY MASS**

The annual Deanery Mass will take place at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay on 20 June at 7.30 p.m. More information will follow later.

**EXCLUSIVE LADIES ONLY DERBY DAY LUNCHEON - FOR CHARITY**

Why not get together with friends and join us for an exclusive Ladies only Derby Day Luncheon?

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust, will be hosting an exclusive "ladies only" Derby Day Lunch at The Rayleigh Golf Club , Rayleigh on Friday 6 June 2014.

Guests will be treated to a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. The event coincides with Ladies Day at Epsom and ladies are encouraged to dust of their best hats and enter into the spirit of a day at the races.

Tickets cost £20 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment .

Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

**CAMPION SCHOOL PAMPER EVENING**

Campion School will be holding a pamper evening on Friday 16 May – 6.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.. This will be held at the school on Wingleye Lane, Homchurch RM11 3BX. Tickets are £2.00 at the door, which includes a glass of wine, juice, tea and coffee and entry into raffle. Please see poster at the back of the church.

**ST. JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL - IRISH CEILI NIGHT**

St. John Payne School are holding an Irish Ceili Night on Saturday 7 June 2014 at Upper Hall, St. John Payne School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, CM14BS. Come along and enjoy a great family fun night out with a live Ceili Band. All dances will be called so get your dancing shoes on! Licensed bar. Raffle. Hog roast available to purchase on the night. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Dancing from 8.00 -11.00 p.m. Tickets 6.00 per adult, 3.00 per child; purchase from Elaine Finn Davies 07837 773 886 or Rose Keely 07570 131 365.



**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  
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