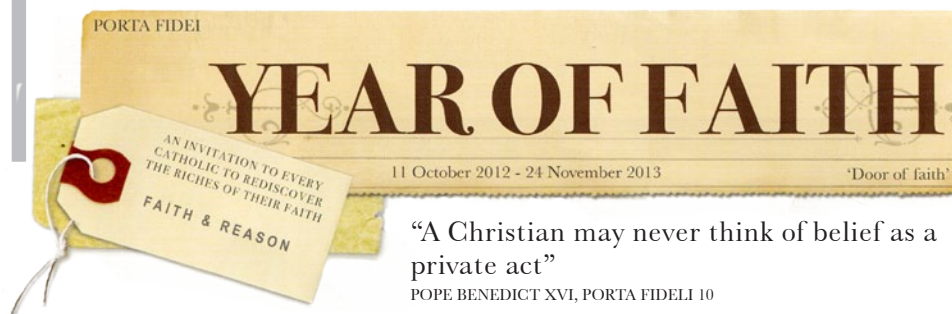


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VOCATION PRAYER

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.



“A Christian may never think of belief as a private act”

POPE BENEDICT XVI, PORTA FIDEI 10

GENERAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE RESTORATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SACRED LITURGY

I. – THE NATURE OF THE SACRED LITURGY AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Continued from last week

CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY

Nevertheless, the Liturgy is the peak towards which the Church's activity tends, just as it is also the fountain-head from which all its vitality flows. For the labours of the apostolate have but one end, namely, that all men made God's sons by faith and baptism should be drawn together, praise God in the midst of the Church, share in the sacrifice and eat the Lord's Supper.

In return, the Liturgy moves the faithful whom it has heaped with the delights of 'the paschal sacraments' to be 'of one mind in the service of God', and prays that 'they may hold fast in their everyday life what they have received in faith'. Furthermore, the renewal of the Lord's covenant with men in the Eucharist attracts the faithful to and fires them with the compelling love of Christ. And so, from the Liturgy, and especially from the Eucharist, grace flows out into us as from a fountain, procuring with the greatest possible effect that sanctification of men in Christ and that glorification of God which are the end of all the other works of the Church.

In order that this full effect may be realized, it is, however, essential that the faithful should come to the Liturgy in the right frame of mind, suiting their thoughts to their voices and cooperating with the grace from on high, lest they receive it in vain. Therefore, pastors must see to it, on the one hand, that in the performance of the liturgy the laws of valid and licit celebration are observed, and, on the other hand, that the faithful take part in its performance intelligently, actively and fruitfully.

However, the spiritual life is not limited to participation in the sacred Liturgy and nothing but that. For the Christian, called to take part in common prayer, must also go into his private room and pray to the Father in secret, or rather, as the apostle teaches, pray without ceasing. We are further taught by the same apostle always to carry in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus, also, may be manifested in our mortal flesh. For this reason, we pray the Lord in the sacrifice of the Mass that he would 'accept the offering of our spiritual victim and make for himself of our selves an everlasting offering'.

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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10	9.15 a.m.	November Dead	
	6.00 p.m.	Breda Conville RIP	B Wignall
Sunday 11	8.30 a.m.	Mary and Martin Murphy RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

FEAST OF ST JOSAPHAT

Monday 12	9.15 a.m.	Moriarty Family RIP	B. Castle
Tuesday 13	9.15 a.m.	Mary Sheehan	
Wednesday 14	8.30 a.m.	Val Powell RIP	B. Ward
Thursday 15	9.15 a.m.	Patrick Dooley RIP	B. Dooley

FEAST OF ST EDMUND RICH

Friday 16	9.15 a.m.	Special Int.	L. Kent
Saturday 17	9.15 a.m.	November Dead	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17	6.00 p.m.	Bronia (Barbara) Czerwoniec RIP	Kania and Nicholls Family
Sunday 18	8.30 a.m.	Michael Swift RIP	Swift Family
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

PLEASE NOTE. AFTER MORNING MASS WE HAVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. MAYBE IN THIS YEAR OF FAITH WE COULD SCHEDULE A VISIT TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. PARENTS, ON YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL, WHY NOT POP IN TO THE CHURCH AND SAY A PRAYER, OR, AS YOU PASS THIS CHURCH, OR ANY OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AS RESPECT FOR HIS PRESENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ADVENT 2012.

Monday 3 Dec	7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. Fr. Martin Boland speaking.
Monday 10 Dec	7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Silence of the Soul – A guide to Prayer of the Heart through images, words, music and sculpture. Facilitator Sr. Nuala Gannon IBVM
Monday 17 Dec	7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Silence of the Soul – continued

A donation of £10 is suggested for these sessions.

ONGOING FAITH FORMATION FOR PARENTS

Wednesday 14 Nov	8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	In the Parish Hall
Wednesday 5 Dec	8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	In the Parish Hall

NOVEMBER DEAD

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you wish to have a remembrance of those known to you who have died, they will be remembered at Masses during November. Just put their names in the envelope. It is customary to make a donation if you wish. The envelopes will be placed before the altar during November.

EUCCHARISTIC 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	Willa Jackson

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Frank Dodson	Carol Giles	Peter Sanders
		Marina Moffat

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Nicky
Mary

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (17/18 NOVEMBER)

Gaye O'Regan	Ken Eady	John Tobin
Bill O'Regan	Carol Giles	Chris Brooks
Carol Turnbull	John Spinks	Marina Moffat

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (17/18 NOVEMBER)

Marian Anderson	Margaret Bailey	Sheila Jones
		Willa Jackson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (17/18 NOVEMBER)

Jo
Nicky

FINANCE MATTERS

Weekend 3-4 November. You gave £390.00 (including All Saints) of which £82.00 was Gift Aided. Bazaar profit so far - £185.00
Donation received towards refurbishing the Sacred Vessels - £650.00. A very big thank you.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our Parish of St. Joseph the Worker
November is the month of the Holy Souls. Cardinal Basil Hume said "Too often people are brought up with the wrong concept of God and their reaction to him is one of fear or apprehension. This can take many years to break down. The simple thought that God loves me, and the words used to describe human love such as warmth, intensity, strong, unreserved, all have a meaning in describing God's love. It is quite literally true that no one can, or will ever, love me more than God does; nor will any experience of mine ever, even in the dimmest way, reflect God's love for me. There are no limits to God.

We are, as we go through life, like lovers in search of the Beloved. That is the only way to try to understand our response to God's love for us. We are lovers in search of the Beloved, simply because he is in search of each one of us and sees each one of us as his Beloved".

Perhaps in this month of November we can remember the words of Cardinal Hume as we reflect and pray for those who have gone before us in love to God.

In today's Gospel Jesus felt very much for widows. In Jesus's time, widows lived mostly on charity. Doubtless Jesus was very sensitive to their plight because his own mother had become a widow on the death of Joseph, her husband. But Jesus looked beyond their hardships and straight into their hearts. He is able to look into our hearts to see whether they are open to love and concern or hard and selfish. If we are only focused on ourselves and self-seeking, then we need to allow the Holy Spirit to help us to change. We turn to Jesus in repentance seeking constantly his forgiveness as we become gentler, kinder and more merciful and generous.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

FR Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

The Diocesan Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Centre at 8.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Please do take part. If you are going to be a volunteer for one of our parish groups, (i.e. Childrens Liturgy, Holy Communion that involves children and vulnerable adults, then you must obtain a CRB form from the Presbytery. If you are an existing volunteer without a Diocesan CRB then please obtain a form from Father Leslie.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to both Mary McPherson and her husband Jean-Pierre Lockwood who were married by Fr. Leslie at St. Josephs on Wednesday 31 October. Best wishes to the happy couple (pictured).



CHRISTMAS HAMPER/FUNDRAISING

This year we do not have a bazaar so we will need to look elsewhere for funds which are vital to our well-being. First we will have the Christmas Hamper raffle again (with a value of £100) so again I looked towards your generosity. Secondly we will have a cake sale during the Sunday morning coffee after Mass - please do come in. Thirdly you may like to organise a coffee morning fund raiser or an evening drinks and hold a raffle? Whatever you do it will be received with great thanks and will be very much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Once again we are giving over the back page of the newsletter for you to publish your Christmas Greetings to your friends, family and parishioners. Please email your Christmas Greetings to ian.restell@design-portfolio.co.uk and please give your donation of £5.00 pounds to Father Leslie. The money from each greeting will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We will also have a second collection on Epiphany on 6 January 2013 on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The more messages we can get on the back page the better!!!



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, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Mary Dillane and Vince Vitali. 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 Mary Pearce, Bernard Woods, Clementine Schlembi, Richard Bohannon, Edith Fairbrother, George Poskith, and Valerie Newell. Priests of our Diocese Canon Denis Petry (1990), Fr. Terence Howes (1994), Fr. James Allis (1996). For these and all faithfully departed may they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

ATTENTION ALL CAKE BAKERS (OR CHEATS!)

Commencing on the 1st Sunday in Advent and all following 1st Sundays we will be holding a cake stall in the hall after Mass. PLEASE do help to raise much needed funds for ongoing maintenance of our church property. Leave cakes on the Saturday or bring into the hall before Mass Sunday morning. Thank you. Any queries ring Jan on 200278

CHURCHES TOGETHER - 1

Churches Together in Hutton and Shenfield invite everyone to our annual service for Peace and Justice which we, at St. Joseph's, are hosting this year. It will take place at 4.00 p.m. here on Sunday 11 November. Our speaker is the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission chairman Tony Castle. The service will be followed by refreshments.



CHURCHES TOGETHER - 2

EVENSONG - First Sunday of December at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church of England Church, and Advent Service. Please do come along.

A LETTER FROM THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

Dear Reverend Fathers and Deacons
Farewell Presentations to Bishop Thomas
As you are already aware, our Bishop will be celebrating a Farewell Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 30 November. It is the desire of the College of Consultors and the Council of Priests that we should use this event as the occasion to express our gratitude to the Bishop for his thirty-two years of Episcopal Ministry. He has indicated that he would be very pleased to receive a monetary gift from the Faithful. An offering of fifty pence per parishioner is suggested. You may consider it appropriate to give your people the opportunity to contribute to this presentation. We have decided therefore to hold a Second Collection after all Masses on the weekend of 24/25 November. Thank you in advance for your support.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL PRIZE DRAW

Please return the completed counterfoils, plus the cash, to the box at the back of the Church today. Thanks, much appreciated.

MISSIO RED BOX

On 1 December in Westminster Cathedral Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, will give a presentation of the work of Missio in his home country of Ghana commencing at 2.00 p.m. This will be followed by Benediction at 3.30 p.m. in the Lady Chapel of Westminster Cathedral. All Red Box holders and their families are invited. Reply to Missio - Att. Laura, Freeport SW43 1J, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW 1V 1BR if you wish to attend the Presentation.

MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Retreats in the UK 2012/2013.
Advent Retreats - Discovering your Vocation. 7-9 December 2012. Abbotswick House of Prayer (Brentwood CM14 5SH)
Lenten Retreats - Being Christian in the Neopagan Era. 8-10 March 2013. Abbotswick House of Prayer. Further information is available at mspte.uk@gmail.com

FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Garden furniture - one table +4 chairs with cushions (unused cushions). Will have to collect.

Children's Corner



Jesus watches people giving donations to charity at the Temple. Some rich people give lots of money, but then Jesus notices one poor woman who puts in just two small coins. Jesus tells his followers that this woman is the most generous because she has given all she had, not just what she could spare.

A Prayer to say

Lord Jesus, you showed us that being generous isn't about giving lots and lots of money away, and looking really impressive to other people. It is about sharing what we have even if no one notices. Help me to share what I have and to be good, even if I don't think anyone will notice.

Amen.



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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- Fundraising

From our volunteers...

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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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