

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 POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER ON CHARITY AND TRUTH

FAITH AND REASON IN THE APPROACH TO SCRIPTURE

I believe that what Pope John Paul II wrote about this question in his Encyclical *Fides et Ratio* can lead to a fuller understanding of exegesis and its relationship to the whole of theology. He stated that we should not underestimate "the danger inherent in seeking to derive the truth of sacred Scripture from the use of one method alone, ignoring the need for a more comprehensive exegesis which enables the exegete, together with the whole Church, to arrive at the full sense of the texts. Those who devote themselves to the study of sacred Scripture should always remember that the various hermeneutical approaches have their own philosophical underpinnings, which need to be carefully evaluated before they are applied to the sacred texts".

This far-sighted reflection enables us to see how a hermeneutical approach to sacred Scripture inevitably brings into play the proper relationship between faith and reason. Indeed, the secularized hermeneutic of sacred Scripture is the product of reason's attempt structurally to exclude any possibility that God might enter into our lives and speak to us in human words. Here too, we need to urge a broadening of the scope of reason. In applying methods of historical analysis, no criteria should be adopted which would rule out in advance God's self-disclosure in human history. The unity of the two levels at work in the interpretation of sacred Scripture presupposes, in a word, the harmony of faith and reason. On the one hand, it calls for a faith which, by maintaining a proper relationship with right reason, never degenerates into fideism, which in the case of Scripture would end up in fundamentalism. On the other hand, it calls for a reason which, in its investigation of the historical elements present in the Bible, is marked by openness and does not reject a priori anything beyond its own terms of reference. In any case, the religion of the incarnate Logos can hardly fail to appear profoundly reasonable to anyone who sincerely seeks the truth and the ultimate meaning of his or her own life and history.

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
SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m.	Deceased relatives and friends of the McCready family	
Sunday 12	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Pat Burton and family	M Alcock

Monday 13 9.15 a.m.

There will be no weekday Mass until Saturday 18 February as Fr. Leslie is making his annual retreat.

Saturday 18 9.15 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

Saturday 18	6.00 pm	John O'Neil	Joan Greenwood
Sunday 19	8.30 a.m.	Jean McDonnell R.I.P.	C & M Bailey
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 20	9.15 a.m.	Nick Wood R.I.P.	Sutcliff family
Tuesday 21	9.15 a.m.	Special Intention	Liz, Jean, Mary and Margaret

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Liturgy prepares the Catechumens for the celebration of the Pascal Mystery by several stages of Christian initiation. It also prepares the faithful who recall their baptismal promises and do penance in preparation for Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 22	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls 7.30 p.m.	
Thursday 23	9.15 a.m.	Intention of the Wood family	Sutcliff family
Friday 24	9.15 a.m.	Margaret and Tom Toher Church cleaners	
Saturday 25	9.15 a.m.		

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m.	Pauline Cooper R.I.P.	Gaye O'Regan
Sunday 26	8.30 a.m.	Hilda and Patrick Kelly	M&L Donovan
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Carol Turnbull	Mary Allum	Marion Barlow
Stella Walker	Margaret Bailey	Pat Burton
Maurice Roche	Karen Field	Mary Brooks

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ann Howarth	Alan Bailey	Willa Jackson
Steve Howarth		Marina Moffat

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is no Children's Liturgy today – Half Term

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Teresa Deeks, Elizabeth Guilfoyle, David Hills, Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty, William Woods and Patricia Lowen. Priests of our diocese Fr Charles Snell (1949), and Fr. John Joyce (1947). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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, Mary Ward, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson and Ethel Benneworth. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are on sale at £8.00 each. Money to the Repository please.

SCHOOL CAPITATION

Parishioners and parents may not be aware that parishes have to pay an annual capitation fee of £10.00 for every Catholic student from a parish attending a Catholic Secondary School.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Please bow your head in the procession to Holy Communion, as the person in front of you is receiving the Body of Christ. This is a sign of reverence for our Lord, whom we receive in Holy Communion.

FINANCE MATTERS

Weekend 4/5 February:
of which £30.00 was Gift Aided

£227.00,



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Today we celebrate the sixth Sunday of the year:

In the Gospel today we hear how a leper came to Jesus. He knelt down and asked Jesus to heal him. Jesus took pity on him and he was cured. Jesus told him not to tell anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest as Moses commanded, for proof to the people. But he talked about it openly and spread the news. The result was that Jesus could not enter a town but was forced to be out in the country. Jesus became the outcast.

Leprosy was one of the most repugnant and most feared diseases of ancient times. The leper came to Jesus with great faith, and his faith is rewarded by his healing. Jesus shows that he regards compassion as more important than the ritual prohibitions against contact with the disease. Lepers were the supreme outcasts of Jesus' day. Their presence was feared and hated. Yet Jesus was there for the lepers as he was for others despised by society.

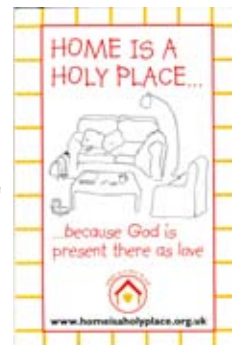
Today our leprosy is sin. Habitual sin can spread and make us unhappy and estranged from God. As the season of Lent approaches we have the opportunity to come to Jesus and, like the leper, kneel down and ask Jesus to heal us of our sin. We all need to experience the healing touch of Jesus on our souls.

Lent is also the time to hear the word of God afresh in our lives. We sell the booklet "Bible Alive" which gives us the scripture reflection on the readings of the day.

This could be one of our Lenten resolutions, to read daily a portion of scripture from this booklet. We all need to feed our immortal souls with prayer and the Word of God. We ask Jesus for his healing hand in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to open our hearts to hear His word spoken to us today.

Thank you and God Bless everyone.

Fr Leslie



May the gift that is Jesus live in your home and in your heart throughout the year

LIVE MUSIC AT STRADA

On the 1st Thursday of each month there will be Live Music at Strada Billericay. For March, Brooks Morgan has been booked, and for April, there will be a Jazz/Blues singer (tbc).



THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR

Holy Mass, commemorating the 87th anniversary of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair's Religious Profession, as Sister Mary Francis of the Five Wounds, will take place on Tuesday, 14 February 2012 at 8.00 p.m. in The Marillac Chapel at Warley. The main concelebrant will be Fr. Philip Walshe C.M., who will give the homily, The Margaret Sinclair Prayers will begin at 7.45 p.m. The Intentions of the Mass will be:-

Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life - especially the Poor Clares - and the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair.

At the Mass, we will pray especially for the Sisters of the Poor Clare monastery at Arkley, the Venerable Margaret's own community.

Refreshments and literature will be available after the Mass. All are invited to come to the Mass, and all will be most welcome.

PARKING - PARKING - PARKING

Please be extra careful when parking in Highview Crescent. Please respect our neighbours in this busy road. It must be very frustrating and annoying for them if they find they are hemmed in their drives by some of us parking carelessly.

Thank you for your understanding.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

Prayerful sympathy to the family of Alfred Said of Brookfield Close who died on 16 January. His funeral service took place last Tuesday. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

URGENT HELP REQUIRED

Help is needed to make tea and coffee after the 10.30 mass on Sundays. Could you spare an hour once every five or so weeks? If you think you can help please call Teresa on 01277 233540.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mary Young would like a car lift on one or two days during the week and on Sundays to get to Mass. Her address is Flat 12, Roseberry Court, Rayleigh Road, Hutton. Tel 01277 525 863. She would be most grateful for your support.

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

This Lent, give it up! - for water.

If you are giving up something for Lent why not donate the money you save to CAFOD and help provide clean water and sanitation to the world's poorest families. Plus, this Lent only, the UK Government will match pound for pound every donation given to CAFOD giving us the chance to help thousands more people gain access to clean water. Start saving now and collect your box from the back of the church and return it after Easter. See also back page of the newsletter.

Lent Fast Day this year is the 2nd March. Find out how you can help in future newsletters.

Cathy Waterhouse and Carol Giles.

Justice
peace &

ALTAR SERVERS - NEEDED URGENTLY - PLEASE DO RESPOND

We are now looking for names of those who wish to serve at the altar. Blessed Pope John Paul II called on all young people to offer themselves to the various ministries in the church. If you are eight years old or over please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS

Catholic Life, The Universe, The Catholic Herald and The Catholic Times. Please do support our Catholic press just as we support the secular press. Having a Catholic paper around your home might be a way of evangelising any lapsed members of your family - likewise the parish newsletter.

FLAME CONGRESS, WEMBLEY ARENA, 24 MARCH 2012

A national event to inspire young people.

Thousands of young Catholics will gather to reflect, celebrate and pray, as some of the best speakers in Britain share insights about faith and sport, including witness from Catholic Olympians and Paralympians. Flame Congress is the first event of its kind in England and Wales, and will link Olympic values and faith experience in dynamic and powerful ways. CYMFed - the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation - is running the event, offering the wisdom of specialists in youth ministry from Dioceses, Organisations, Movements and Religious Congregations. Full details are at www.cymfed.org/flame including programme details and speaker biographies. Tickets are £18.00. Over 3,000 tickets have already been sold so early booking is advisable.

200 CLUB

A good way to help your parish and you benefit from it too! For a small outlay of £2.00 per month you could win a money prize in the monthly draw. Please see Fr. Leslie. Also if you are a tax payer please do GIFT AID your giving to the Parish, be it by Standing Order or envelope.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - 1

The Knights of St. Columba are holding a 60's Buffet and Dance to raise funds for The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and Aid to the Church in Need on 3 March 2012 at the Cathedral Hall. Buffet is hot or cold. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £17.50 available from any member of the Knights of St. Columba or Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - 2

Promoting Our Faith in Today's World: A conference lead by John Vaughan Neil at the Marillac Hospital Chapel on the 10 March 2012. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church. More information and to reserve your place from Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

FR. LESLIE WILL BE AWAY

Fr. Leslie will be away from 13 February until 17 February on his annual retreat at Worth Abbey. Therefore there will be no morning Mass from Tuesday 14 February until Friday 17 February. There will be Mass on Monday 13 February and Saturday 18 February as usual.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CLUB

Every first Friday in the month, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Do call in, all ages welcome.

CEF STUDY DAY

The twelfth Study Day organized by CEF will be on 10 March 2012. It will be given by Dom Henry Wansborough and the subject is The Acts of the Apostles. He has just completed a study of The Acts in the Take and Read series. Entry is free and lunch is provided but donations are always welcome. The Study Days are well worth attending but places are limited and are going fast. For further information please contact Margaret Bailey.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2ND MARCH 2012

On this day millions of women and men from many countries and islands will pause to pray. This year the theme is "Let Justice Prevail".

There are two services: 10.00 a.m. at Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Hutton Mount and 8.00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Claughton Way, Hutton. Refreshments after both services. All are welcome. Please come and support. Next year we will be hosting the event. Jan Jarvis - Parish Representative.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD - LENT PROGRAMME

A series of talks conducted by local clergy will be held on Tuesday evenings at Hutton Free Church, Hanging Hill Lane beginning 28 February at 8.00 p.m. They are free of charge and will be followed by refreshments. The theme is "PLACES OF THE SPIRIT".

Further details in the Narthex.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS WILL BE HELD IN THE AREA STARTING WITH: "A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY?" **Please sign up in the Narthex where further details can be found.**

Jan Grimes

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Help me Jesus, to care for other people like you did.

Amen.



A leper needed help. He asked if Jesus would help him. Of course Jesus wanted to make him well. The leper was healed straight away. Jesus told him to go to see the priest and not to tell anyone about this miracle. The healed leper told everyone what Jesus had done!

Give it up! **for water**
this Fast Day!

**Every 20 seconds
a child dies from
DIRTY WATER**

**YOU can help
change this**

Lent Fast Day 2 March 2012

**Have you picked up your
Fast Day envelope?**

**This Lent we can double
the value of our donations
at no extra cost!**

Matching your donations with



For every £1 you give,
the Government will give £1,
helping us to change even more lives.

cafod.org.uk/lent