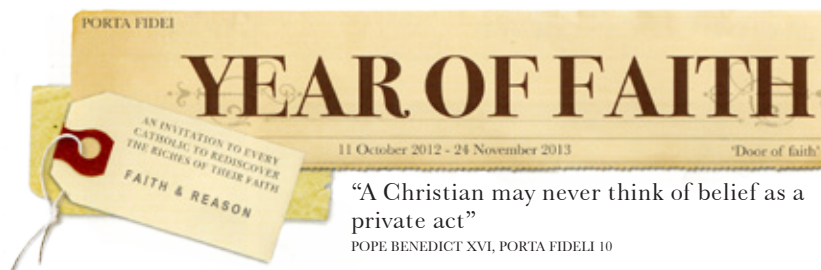


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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.



APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"

PORTA FIDEI OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI - FOR THE INDICTION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

CONTINUATION OF "PORTA FIDEI" (DOOR OF FAITH)

We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. Mt 5:13-16). The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. Jn 4:14). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51). Indeed, the teaching of Jesus still resounds in our day with the same power: "Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life** (Jn 6:27). The question posed by his listeners is the same that we ask today: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?*" (Jn 6:28). We know Jesus' reply: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (Jn 6:29). Belief in Jesus Christ, then, is the way to arrive definitively at salvation.

In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. This document, an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council, was requested by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 as an instrument at the service of catechesis and it was produced in collaboration with all the bishops of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the theme of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that I have convoked for October 2012 is "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith". This will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. It is not the first time that the Church has been called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor the Servant of God Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make "an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith"; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was "individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank". He thought that in this way the whole Church could reappropriate "exact knowledge of the faith, so as to reinvigorate it, purify it, confirm it, and confess it". The great upheavals of that year made even more evident the need for a celebration of this kind. It concluded with the Credo of the People of God, intended to show how much the essential content that for centuries has formed the heritage of all believers needs to be confirmed, understood and explored ever anew, so as to bear consistent witness in historical circumstances very different from those of the past.

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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 12 | 6.00 p.m. | Achille Dagerty RIP | Spinks family |
| Sunday 13 | 8.30 a.m. | Stephen Killeen RIP | G Sarah |
| | 10.30 a.m. | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 14 | 9.15 a.m. | Gerry Feeney RIP | |
| Tuesday 15 | 9.15 a.m. | Holy Souls | |
| Wednesday 16 | 8.30 a.m. | Holy Souls | |

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY (ABBOTT)

Thursday 17 9.15 a.m. Holy Souls

THE OCTAVE DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY FROM 18-25 JANUARY

Friday 18 9.15 a.m. Int Dunbar Family

Saturday 9.15 a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Saturday 19 | 6.00 p.m. | Achille Dagerty RIP | B. Rossiter |
| Sunday 20 | 8.30 a.m. | Jim Jarvis | P and M Barlow |
| | 10.30 a.m. | People of the Parish | |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

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| 6.00 P.M. | 8.30 A.M. | 10.30 A.M. |
| Maurice Roche | John Spinks | Willa Jackson |
| Bill O'Regan | Catherine Bray | Tony Grimes |
| Gaye O'Regan | Margaret Bailey | Jen Grimes |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (19/20 JAN)

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|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Pat Creavin | Joan Parker | Marina Moffat |
| Ian Restall | Pat Green | Pat Burton |
| Paul Bolton | Jan Jarvis | Dom D'Alberquerque |

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Marian Anderson Alan Bailey Jessica Barber

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (19/20 JAN)

Frank Dodson Margaret Bailey 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, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Diane Griffiths, Mary Dillane, Vince Vitali, Mary Boyer and Mano Subryan. 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 Shaw, Horace Hutton, Harry Ford, Margaret O'Riordan, James Power, George Porter, Arthur Gilbert, Rosemary Walker, Alfred (freddie) Said, Maura Oakey, and Michael Lyon.

Priests of our Diocese Fr. John King (2012), Fr. Basil Pearson (1947), Fr. Neville Banks (2006), Fr. Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuyper (1946) and Mgr David Donnelly (2010).

For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

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.

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation has launched www.whatgoodnews.org - a new website designed for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith and particularly those involved in parish ministries and evangelisation. On it you will find reflections on gospel passages, articles and talks relating to evangelisation, recordings of our Ecumenical Study Days and much more.

NEW READERS WANTED

Would you be willing to read at Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning? We desperately need more readers at all masses to share in delivering the Word of God. Coaching and practice can be given. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are interested.

FINANCE MATTERS

Week ending 5/6 January you gave £305.37 of which £88.00 was Gift Aided.

Crib Collection for Brentwood catholic Children's Society amounted to £361.18 of which £80.00 was comprised of greetings printed on the front page of the newsletter for Christmas. Thank you to everyone.



Fr. Leslie writes

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It has a form of an Epiphany – a manifestation of who Jesus is. For many the idea of a Baptism is essentially about the forgiveness of sin, and that may make the baptism of Jesus superfluous – after all as we are told in the letter to the Hebrews "Jesus is like us in all things but sin". However the Christian theology of Baptism is much richer than simply relating to forgiveness of sins. Baptism is also the sacrament of which you become a beloved child of God more perfectly. And the voice from heaven in today's gospel can be applied to the Christian at Baptism. You are my son/daughter the beloved; my favour rests on you. Baptism is also acknowledged as the origin of all Christian mission and ministry – and it is as Jesus responds to his baptism by beginning his saving Ministry, so the Christian, because of baptism, is called to proclaim God's word and offer service in the world.

So as we celebrate our liturgy today on this final Sunday of the Christmas season, what have we learned this year about who Jesus Christ is for us?

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

Fr Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



VALENTINES GALA DINNER

Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society are holding a Valentines Gala Dinner on Thursday 14 February 2013, at the exclusive Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. Tickets are priced at 50 per person to include a drinks reception, fabulous gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment & much more, this is an event not to be missed! Places are limited and booking early is recommended in order to secure your tickets. Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER



Thank you to all the kind people who helped to deliver the Christmas Service leaflets. Everyone is invited to.....

A United Service to celebrate The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's Church, Shenfield at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 20 January 2013.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRENTWOOD - UNITY SERVICE 2013

Churches Together in Brentwood - Unity Service 2013 will be held on Wednesday 23 January at 8.00 p.m. The theme will be: Affecting our community together.
Venue: Trinity Church, 49 Coxtie Green Road, Brentwood, Essex CM 14 5PS
Plenty of parking available! A warm welcome awaits you!

This is the latest tweet from Pope Benedict XVI

"Following Christ's example, we have to learn to give ourselves completely. Anything else is not enough"



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Bishop will visit our parish on Sunday 3 November 2013. If any young person aged 14+ would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please ask in writing to Fr. Leslie. We have two candidates at the moment. The programme will start early in January/February 2013. Please give this prayerful thought.

NEW READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTAS

Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for January to March will shortly be prepared. Please email or call Willa Jackson with any unavailable dates or changes to your details willajackson789@btinternet.com or 01277215846. Thank you.

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PS. It's not too late to get your loved ones a CAFOD World Gift for Christmas. It makes a world of difference to people in the some of the world's poorest communities. Last order date for Christmas is 14 December! www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

WELCOMERS ROTA

I will be preparing the new Welcomers' Rota for the 10.30 Sunday Mass for the beginning of January to the end of June 2013 shortly, therefore please let me know if there are any dates that you will not be available or any changes to your contacts details. If any Parishioner would like to become a Welcomer please speak to Father Leslie or Marion Barlow on marlow28@talktalk.net or 01277 217606.

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Members who pay their annual subscriptions in January by cash/cheque are kindly asked to leave their payments with Fr. Leslie. Thank you for your support in 2012 and we hope you have a Happy New Year. New members are most welcome. To join please complete a standing order form for £2.00 per month – you could be a lucky winner in 2013!
Our parish has received £400 from the 200 Club. Thank you very much.

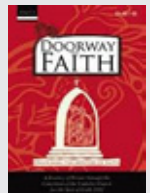


ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Saturday 19 January 2013. Venue - main school hall. 7.30 p.m. start. 5 per head, or family 2adults/2 children/ 15. Tickets available on the door. Bring your own drinks/snacks.

DOORWAY TO FAITH

On the front of the newsletter, we are printing excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI "Doorway to Faith". Also available from this Sunday, we are selling at £1.50 a small booklet, a journey of prayer through the Catechism of the Catholic Church, beginning on Monday 14 January day by day. You may find it useful in your family prayer and help you with the living what we believe.



THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

"The precept of the church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation the faithful are bound to participate at Mass. The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practices. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Help me, Jesus, to make your love real in the world by the way I treat other people. Help me, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to carry on your job.

Amen.

Joke Corner

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."
Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate brownies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

John the Baptist told the people that someone much more important than him was coming. Then Jesus came to John to be baptised. Jesus went into the water. The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him. God said, "You are my Son, I am pleased with you."



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.

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