

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)

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

After the Council the Church - under the sure guidance of the Magisterium and in continuity with the whole Tradition - set about ensuring the reception and application of the teaching of the Council in all its richness. To assist in the correct reception of the Council, the Popes have frequently convoked the Synod of Bishops, first instituted by the Servant of God, Paul VI, in 1965, providing the Church with clear guidance through the various post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortations. The next General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in October 2012, will have as its theme: The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI has worked decisively for a correct understanding of the Council, rejecting as erroneous the so-called "hermeneutic of discontinuity and rupture" and promoting what he himself has termed "the 'hermeneutic of reform', of renewal in the continuity of the one subject-Church which the Lord has given to us. She is a subject which increases in time and develops, yet always remaining the same, the one subject of the journeying People of God."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in this same vein, is both an "authentic fruit of Vatican Council II" and a tool for aiding in its reception. The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops of 1985, convoked on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council and to measure its reception, suggested the preparation of a Catechism in order to offer the People of God a compendium of all Catholic doctrine and a sure point of reference for local catechisms. Pope John Paul II accepted this proposal as a desire which "fully responds to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches". Compiled in collaboration with the entire Episcopate of the Catholic Church, this Catechism "truly expresses what could be called the symphony of the faith".



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter (C)
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m.	Thomas Burke RIP	
Sunday 14	8.30 a.m.	Thomas Crossin RIP	B Rossiter
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 15	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 16	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 17	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Thursday 18	9.15 a.m.	Peter Harper RIP	V Harper and family
Friday 19	9.15 a.m.	Relatives and friends of Eithne Pattle	
Saturday 20	9.15 a.m.	Canon Roger Maher RIP	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20	6.00 p.m.	Michael Gibbons RIP
Sunday 21	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAYS FROM 9.45 A.M.- 10.15 A.M. WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

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, Mano Subryan and Kathleen Green. 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; Maureen Smith, Kathleen Barda, John Field, Stephen Jones, Cecilia Whitehouse, Kath Stone, Denys O'Dowd and Louise East.

Priests of our Diocese Fr. Owen Fitzgerald, Fr. John O'Mahoney (1979), Fr. William Donelan (1944), and Fr. George Duckett (2000).

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

COACH HOLIDAY

Coach holiday available from Monday 2 September 2013 for 5 days. Staying at the Queens Hotel, Paignton, Devon. Full details from 01277 655424

TALKS FOR YEAR OF FAITH

There are a number of these during this most important year. All the talks take place in the Conference Hall at Cathedral House from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

- 8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips
- 12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We would very much appreciate some new members, why not call in for a chat, all ages welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 13th May Bognor Regis
- 31st May Mary's House and lunch in Heybridge Basin
- 12th July Summer lunch at Michaels

CEILI AT ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA

There will be a Ceili at St. John Payne School PTA on Saturday 27th April 2013. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., and dancing starts at 8.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. At Upper Hall, St. John Payne school, Patching Hall Lane, CM1 4BS. Price: £6 adults, £3 children. To purchase tickets contact: Elaine Finn Davies on 07837 773 886 or Rose Keely on 07570 131 365.

DOORWAY TO FAITH

Doorway to faith part three is available at the back of the church £2.50 money in paper box this is a journey of prayer through the catechism of the church for the year of faith.

MARILLAC CARE CHARITY CONCERT

A charity concert in aid of Marillac Care will be held on Friday 3 May at 7.30 p.m. in the Marillac Chapel. Tickets are 10 each and include cheese and wine which will be served after the performance by Charles William Pohl. The performance will include classical guitar music and crossovers. For further details call 01277 220276.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

A big thank you to all the people who delivered the Easter Leaflets. Thank you also to everyone who supported the Walk of Witness.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. I hope you enjoy our Sunday celebration today. It was so good to see so many visitors over Easter. They all thought we have a lovely homely community here at St Joseph. If you see someone next to you who you don't know, please make yourself known and them welcome.

There is a great poignancy in today's gospel. We meet the disciples – a group of the twelve who were called and followed Jesus – and they decided to go fishing. The way John writes the passage it is almost as if the whole time with Jesus had been forgotten and they have gone back. Back to the days when they were just fishermen. They, like the early days, caught nothing until Jesus appears and tells them what to do! But this is Jesus raised from the dead, and as usual, it is the disciple Jesus loves who makes the connection.

The second part of the gospel is the most poignant part, and should bring consolation and challenge to any disciple. We are familiar in Christian teaching with the idea of the Lord as being Judge who will come to judge the living and the dead. John gives us a powerful and moving insight into what that judgement looks like when Jesus is the judge. Three times Peter denies Jesus in the passion and now here he asked three times "do you love me"? Peter knows his guilt, and yet when judgement is announced the sentence for failure is "Follow me". The only criteria is that we love Jesus.

I wish you all a very happy and safe week.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

POPE ON TWITTER



1. God loves us. We must not be afraid to love him. The faith is professed with the lips and with the heart, through words and through love.
2. How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God.



FLK

The Lord was recognised in the breaking of bread by the disciples.



Joke Corner

What goes quick quick?
A duck with the hiccups!
Joke supplied by Alex Thomas, aged 7





My Journey of Faith by Katie Kent.

"When I was born, complications meant that I did not breathe for over half an hour, and the midwife in attendance baptised me in case I didn't live. The brain damage that I sustained due to this oxygen starvation rendered me unsteady, and I was bullied at primary school. Therefore, my parents and I decided that I should attend a different secondary school to the bullies. Thus, I went to Grays Convent, where I learnt about the Catholic Faith and nearly converted. After leaving school, I left religion behind. This was an unhappy period as I often felt my life lacked direction: I was burdened with family troubles and suffered from depression. My life completely changed when I met my husband, Tony, who is a practising Catholic. I started going to mass with him and I much admired his faith. Subconsciously, my faith began to grow, and I found myself praying to God and Jesus when I had a problem or needed guidance. After witnessing my father-in-law's conversion last Easter, it dawned on me just how deep my faith had become and I decided to embark on the RCIA course, which has strengthened my faith and increased my understanding of what it is to be a Catholic today.

I felt very emotional during the run-up to the Easter vigil, but on the day, I was surprisingly calm. I had experienced feelings of unworthiness during the time of the Rite of Election and I was waiting for someone to tell me that I could not become a Catholic. However, during Lent and Holy Week, my understanding of Jesus' sacrifice grew and I finally realized just how much He loves me. I could not wait to be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist all on the same evening. The service was just beautiful and I really did feel reborn afterwards. Newly anointed, with my white shawl draped round my shoulders, I am sure I felt the same elation and excitement about my new life as those early converts did. I will always cherish my joyful memories of that evening and as I think back to it now, all I can see are the beaming faces of my fellow candidates, Lisa and Nikki. It is an evening that I shall remember until the end of my days".

CONGRATULATIONS

As you know from last weeks newsletter, Nikki Da Costa-Smith, Katie Kent and Lisa Thompson were all received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This very nice picture shows Fr. Leslie with (left to right) Lisa Thompson, Nikki de Costa-Smith, and Katie Kent. Each of them has shared their thoughts with us about what becoming a Catholic means to them individually and we will include their thoughts each week for the next three weeks. First off:



REMINDERS



- Coffee and tea will be served after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Masses
- Please prepare for the Mass quietly
- If you are a new parishioner, pick up a census form at the back of the church
- Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch for your collection for standing order forms
- 200 Club entry forms are also available



PARISH REGISTER.

Many, many thanks to Clare and Catherine who are taking on the enormous task of updating the parish register. A huge vote of thanks to them both for undertaking this crucial role which is clearly very important to the future of our parish. Once the register has been updated we will be in touch with all our parishioners asking them to complete a Census Form to ensure that the database is as good as it can be. Thanks in advance for your help.



ABSEIL FOR CAFOD

Abseil for CAFOD – on Sunday 5 May why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook.

NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING

The Principal, staff and students of New Hall School, Chelmsford, are delighted to invite you and your family to an Open Morning on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2013, from 9.00 a.m. -12.00 noon. New Hall, founded in 1642, is one of the top performing Catholic co-educational independent day and boarding schools in the UK. We welcome students from ages 3 - 18 and each year we offer 11+ and 13+ scholarships specifically for Catholic students coming from both maintained and independent schools. Priority is given to weekly and full boarders. Visit newhallschool.co.uk/openmorning or call 01245 467 588 to book your place at Open Morning. New Hall has a strong ethos of pastoral care which complements its academic excellence. We are keen to welcome families to our Open Morning to experience New Hall first-hand.

SPEED GOLF

Calling all golfers in the Parish. Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding a Speed Golf Challenge on 7 July at Crondon Park Golf Club. The event will start at 4.00 p.m., and will be followed by a BBQ. Wouldn't it be great if the Parish could muster a team of 15 golfers! All abilities can participate. This is the most fun you will ever have a golf course. Watch this space for full details of how you can enter. Open to individuals and families.



4TH HUTTON GUIDES

4th Hutton Guides are in the unusual position of having vacancies. We enjoy a range of activities from abseiling to zorbing, craft, cooking, camping, singing, dancing, first aid to mention just a few. We meet on Thursday 7-9pm, usually in the Parish Hall. If you are aged 10-14 and are interested, or aged 9 and want to be on the waiting list, please ask your parent/guardian to contact Caroline Peters 01277 225830 or email peterscaroline@btinternet.com

A QUESTION OF FAITH

An evening of questions on living the Catholic Faith, including moral issues, theology and Scripture. This will be held on Tuesday 30 April 2013 between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Immaculate Conception, Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

Prayerful sympathy to the family of Noreen Farquarson who recently died. Her funeral Mass took place last Monday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and grace.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

The disciples didn't recognise you at first, Jesus. They knew it was you when you helped them to catch fish and when you ate with them. Help me to see you in the ordinary, everyday events of my life.

Amen.



The disciples were fishing all night. They had caught nothing. Jesus appeared by the lake and told them to throw out their nets again. They caught lots and lots of fish. Jesus cooked a breakfast of fish and bread and ate with his friends. Peter recognised Jesus first. Jesus knew Peter loved him and would follow him. He asked Peter to take care of his friends.



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
Tel: 020 8458 3316. e-mail: info@comehomeforchristmas.co.uk



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