

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.



The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the wrong picture on the cover of last week's newsletter! These things happen from time to time, so apologies for that. The correct picture is above, and the caption now makes sense because there at least is a dog in this picture, which there wasn't in the previous one!

So the correct caption is - Another weekend - another walk!

Last Bank Holiday Monday saw sixteen parishioners plus one dog take part in the annual Bank Holiday parish ramble. Amazingly the weather stayed fine for us although it was very wet and muddy underfoot. We finished the most enjoyable ramble with lunch at the Baker's Arms where we were joined by Fr. Leslie and some more parishioners.

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m.	Yvonne O'Regan	B & G O'Regan
Sunday 20	8.30 a.m.	Joe Kinnane R.I.P.	via Wanstead
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 21	9.15 a.m.	Thomas Mulligan R.I.P.	via Wanstead
Tuesday 22	9.15 a.m.	Joseph and Julia Dennis	Mabel Smith
	10.30 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Vera Lyden	
Wednesday 23	8.30 a.m.	Ann Gormally R.I.P.	via Wanstead
Thursday 24	9.15 a.m.	Aimee and Arthur Stammers	K Knight

FEAST OF ST BEDE THE VENERABLE

Friday 25	9.15 a.m.	Lara O'Brien R.I.P.	V Scully
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FEAST OF ST PHILIP NERI

Saturday 26	9.15 a.m.	St. Mary Angels Int.	via Upminster
	11.00 a.m.	First Holy Communion	

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m.	Paloma Law and family	B & G O'Regan
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m.	Mary and Fred Wild R.I.P.	M Wild
	10.30 a.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation	

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	Ken Eady	Willa Jackson
READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES		
Ann Howarth	Alan Bailey	Ciara Tobin
Steve Howarth		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
		Fiona
		Nicky

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, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Gerry Worster and Karen Field. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Philomena Magee, Stanley Sullivan, and Leon'e Craddock. Priests of our Diocese Canon Michael Fitzpatrick (1939); Fr. Brendan Sheppard (1969); Mgr Canon William O'Grady VG (1954); Fr. Henry Peace (1990); Fr. Chares Carless (1939) and Fr. Austin Thorburn (1950).

For these and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish desperately needs young people to come forward to train to serve Jesus, through your priest. We encourage our young people to train for other things and team sports, which is good. However, we all need to ask the Lord what can I do, what am I called to do in my parish to thank God for all the blessings he has given to me, and how can I help to draw closer in holiness through an active part in our liturgy. This goes for all ministries, Readers, Choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Welcomers, Ushers – ALL these and more are ways of being unselfish in our lives. Pope John Paul II said that involvement in the life of the Church would keep young people close to Jesus. I ask you the parents to discuss this with your children and young people. Thank you.

YEAR OF FAITH

As part of our Year of Faith which begins in October 2012, you will find in the basket cards entitled "Service" which contain what we are called to do as a Catholic. Also to remind you to contact a priest in an emergency. Please carry this card in your purse or wallet.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Tuesday 3 July 2012 – 8.00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, Upminster. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon. Could our welcomers please try to join those at Upminster? Champion Road, RM14 2SY.

INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, DUBLIN - 10 TO 17 JUNE 2012.

The Final Diocesan Meeting in preparation for the Congress will be held on Tuesday 22 May in the Cathedral Conference at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The Facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Aid to the Church in Need. Save the saveable. Make a Donation to help provide a Christian Education for a Child in Sudan. Use your mobile phone to text your donation. Text KOSC75 followed by £5 to 70070. Thank you.

FINANCE MATTERS

From 6 April to 5 May 2012

Payments in to the bank:	£5,200.66
Payments out of the bank:	£7,618.42
Standing Orders for the same period:	£1,618.00
Week ending 12/13 May	



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Today's scriptures are bracketed by the words "beginning" and "conclusion" The first reading is the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, the Gospel of Mark is from its conclusion. So too, at the Ascension, Jesus concludes one way of being present to his disciples, and begins another way of being present with us and all generations.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus promises to be present always through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians shows that spirit preserving the community's unity of faith through diversity of gifts. The Gospel of Mark comforts us with the reminder that Jesus continues to work with us, and challenges us to recognise the signs of his continued presence.

Today's solemnity invites us to embrace the conclusion of one way of Jesus' presence in the world and the beginning of a no less real presence that endures to this day. St. Mark compels all of us to sense the urgency of fulfilling our baptismal commission: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature".

For us, however well we think we know the scriptures and our faith, we will encounter other people who have a deeper understanding. We all need continually to deepen and understand our faith through prayer and praying the Scriptures with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By doing this we will come to deepen our love for the Lord.

Next Saturday and Sunday our young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and others will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Cardinal John Henry Newman describes the Eucharist as the foretaste of heaven, because we "seek him in invisible presence, whom hereafter we shall see face to face. The same Lord who will come again in the Lord we worship and receive in the Holy Sacrament".

Please pray for those who will be receiving these sacraments next weekend.

Thank you, God Bless and have a good and Holy week

Fr Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family



FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will be on Tuesday 12 June 8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in the Parish Rooms.



We do hope you will be able to come along. We had an amazing response to our CAFOD Lenten collections which totalled over £800. With the matched funding from the UK Government this means our Parish has raised over £1,600 for people in the greatest need. We have some other fund raising ideas planned for the summer so please do try and come along to find out more and see how you can help make a difference to those living in poverty.

Cathy, Carol and Clare.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE YEAR 7 SCHOOL ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2013 - MUSIC PLACES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear Father Knight

As you may be aware, the revised School Admission Code has introduced a requirement for selective schools to inform parents about the outcome of any selection test, before the closing date for secondary applications on 31 October each year.

To meet this requirement we will be holding musical aptitude tests between 10 and 21 September 2012 for our Music Places and Scholarships. Parents wishing to apply for a Music Scholarship/Place for their daughter should submit an application form (available for download from the web-site www.buchs.co.uk or direct from the school). Completed forms must be received at the school by 20 July 2012. Please note that this only applies to Music Places/Scholarships. There is no change to the procedure for parents wishing to apply for a general place at the school.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Did you know our parish is connected to Rwanda through the CAFOD Connect2 scheme?



What does this mean our parish is directly supporting the people of Rwanda in their struggle to combat poverty. See the CAFOD notice board at the back of the church for the latest update.

How can you help a collection box for Rwanda is on the table where the Catholic newspapers are kept. If you have any spare change, please drop it in. The money we raise will support CAFODs work in Rwanda and make a huge difference to those in the greatest need.

Thanks - Cathy, Carol and Clare.

DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA DANCE - AN AFTERNOON OF SONG AND DANCE

Sunday 27 May 2012 between 4.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite Mount Avenue, Shenfield CM13 2NS. Tickets are 15 (to include traditional cream tea).

Toe tapping musical hits, swing and popular songs by the Dawn Chorus Choir under the musical direction of Paul Rhodes. Sponsored by Bennetts Funerals - Proceeds to various local charities

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FR. LESLIE'S ORDINATION - 40TH ANNIVERSARY. FRIDAY 13 JULY.

The parish will be hosting a Mass, followed by a party in the Parish Hall, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Leslie's Ordination. The Mass will commence at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 13 July, and, following the Mass, drinks and canapes will be served from 8.30 p.m. onwards. There will also be some entertainment, including light music from a jazz singer.



This will be a very joyful occasion as we gather to congratulate our much loved Shepherd. Please put the date in your diary (ALL are welcome) and nearer the time we will advise you of further details. We are anxious to gauge, as early as possible, just what sort of numbers we will be catering for, so as soon as you know that you will definitely be coming to the Mass, to the Party, or, even better, to both, then please call Alan Bailey on 01277 219 155, or alternatively email Sheila Jones: Sheila.Jones@NIIT-Tech.com

Thanks and watch this space.

THE VATICAN PAST AND PRESENT

A quarterly magazine from the publishers of The Universe Catholic Weekly and The Catholic Times. Issue 9 – May/July 2012 is on sale now. Features include: Vatican Secret Archives marks 400th anniversary with exhibition.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parish First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 26 May at 11.00 a.m. Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 27 May at 10.30 a.m. Please keep our young people and their families in your prayers.

ST JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Please note that as from 18 May the meetings will now take place every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. All ages welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 15 June Annual visit to Mary's at Heybridge Basin
- tbc July Coach trip to be arranged.
- Friday 27 July Garden Party with Fish & Chip lunch

CAFOD LEE VALLEY BIKE RIDE

Will be held on Sunday 27 May – choose from the 10 mile family ride starting at Cheshunt or the longer 18 mile ride starting from Ponders End, The routes takes us through the Lee Valley Park and along the tow path to Broxbourne where we enjoy our picnic lunch. £6 entry fee per person. For more details email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 020 8502 9722.

VERA LYDEN R.I.P.

We pray for the soul of Vera Lyden who died recently.

Her funeral will be on Tuesday 22 May at 10.30 a.m. Vera's body will come in to the church on Monday 21 May at 5.00 p.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

MISSION TODAY

The summer edition of "Mission Today" is now out. Red Box holders please pick up your copy from the table in the narthex.

ANNUAL APF-MISSION MASS

The Annual APF-MILL HILL MISSION MASS will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG on Sunday 3 June at 3.00 p.m. followed by refreshments and a short presentation about the work of the APF-Mill Hill.

All APF members and their family are invited. If you intend going please reply to APF/Mill Hill Members Mission Mass, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead, SL6 7UX

WELCOMERS' ROTA

Marion will shortly be preparing the Sunday 10.30 a.m. Welcomers' Rota for the end of June to the end of December 2012 so therefore please let her know if there are any dates that you will not be able to minister.

If any parishioners would like to become Welcomers please either speak to Father Leslie or contact Marion Barlow on 01277 217606 or marlow28@talktalk.net

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD – NEW EVANGELISATION

Recently two of our parishioners, Jan Jarvis and Michael Wild, attended a meeting in London hosted by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Bishop Richard Moth. It concerned ministry and outreach to non church-going Catholics. Archbishop Vincent referred to them as "resting Catholics".

I met with Michael and Jan to discuss the day and came to the conclusion that the best way forward would be to hold a meeting on Wednesday 6 June from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. This is for Welcomers (people's first point of contact), Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and is open to all in the Parish. We will explore this ministry and outreach to non church-going Catholics. Leaflets will be available beforehand.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Are holding a Charity Golf Day on Monday 25 June – see poster in porch. For further details please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or 07912 277 413.

BRENTWOOD DEANERY MASS FRIDAY 15 JUNE

You are warmly invited to the Annual Deanery Mass at St. Margarets Church, Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst CM15 0QJ at 7.30 p.m. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you intend coming, so that numbers are known for catering. Thank you. ALL ARE WELCOME.

CHORAL VESPERS

Bishop Thomas will be presiding at Choral Vespers in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. on 6 June. All are invited.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Thank you, Jesus, for always being with me. I know that because you ascended to heaven, you can be with us all in a special way. Be with me every day as I try to bring your love to the people I meet. Help me to love other people just as you did so that everyone will understand your Good News. Amen



Jesus tells his friends to go out and tell everyone the Good News! He has to leave them, to go back to his Father. When Jesus goes to heaven it is the disciples' job to continue his work. They know Jesus is with them because of his power working with them.



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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- Fundraising

From our volunteers...

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