

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 THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS

THE LIGHT OF FAITH - CONTINUED

CHAPTER ONE

We Have Believed in Love

Abraham, our father in faith

8. Faith opens the way before us and accompanies our steps through time. Hence, if we want to understand what faith is, we need to follow the route it has taken, the path trodden by believers, as witnessed first in the Old Testament. Here a unique place belongs to Abraham, our father in faith. Something disturbing takes place in his life: God speaks to him; he reveals himself as a God who speaks and calls his name. Faith is linked to hearing. Abraham does not see God, but hears his voice. Faith thus takes on a personal aspect. God is not the god of a particular place, or a deity linked to specific sacred time, but the God of a person, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, capable of interacting with man and establishing a covenant with him. Faith is our response to a word which engages us personally, to a "Thou" who calls us by name.
9. The word spoken to Abraham contains both a call and a promise. First, it is a call to leave his own land, a summons to a new life, the beginning of an exodus which points him toward an unforeseen future. The sight which faith would give to Abraham would always be linked to the need to take this step forward: faith "sees" to the extent that it journeys, to the extent that it chooses to enter into the horizons opened up by God's word. This word also contains a promise: Your descendants will be great in number; you will be the father of a great nation (cf. Gen 13:16; 15:5; 22:17). As a response to a word which preceded it, Abraham's faith would always be an act of remembrance. Yet this remembrance is not fixed on past events but, as the memory of a promise, it becomes capable of opening up the future, shedding light on the path to be taken. We see how faith, as remembrance of the future, *memoria futuri*, is thus closely bound up with hope.
10. Abraham is asked to entrust himself to this word. Faith understands that something so apparently ephemeral and fleeting as a word, when spoken by the God who is fidelity, becomes absolutely certain and unshakable, guaranteeing the continuity of our journey through history. Faith accepts this word as a solid rock upon which we can build, a straight highway on which we can travel. In the Bible, faith is expressed by the Hebrew word "emunah", derived from the verb "aman" whose root means "to uphold". The term emunah can signify both God's fidelity and man's faith. The man of faith gains strength by putting himself in the hands of the God who is faithful. Playing on this double meaning of the word—also found in the corresponding terms in Greek (pistos) and Latin (fidelis)—Saint Cyril of Jerusalem praised the dignity of the Christian who receives God's own name: both are called "faithful." As Saint Augustine explains: "Man is faithful when he believes in God and his promises; God is faithful when he grants to man what he has promised."

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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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m.	Alan Turvey RIP	A Turvey
Sunday 20	8.30 a.m.	Ron Vowles	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 21	9.15 a.m.	Int Ray Camelli RIP	
Tuesday 22	9.15 a.m.	Jack Manning RIP	
Wednesday 23	8.30 a.m.	Donor's Intention	
Thursday 24	9.15 a.m.	Janet, Ken, Mark Kotulski and family	
Friday 25	9.15 a.m.	Mr and Mrs Tuate	
FEAST OF ST. CEDD (Co-patron of the Diocese)			
Saturday 26	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Duggan RIP	
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)			
Saturday 26	6.00 p.m.	Catherine Peplow RIP	Farimond Fahy
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m.	Sarah Colledge RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	Parishioners	

EVERY SATURDAY AFTER MORNING MASS WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FROM 9.45 A.M. TO 10.15 A.M.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	10.30 a.m.
Maurice Roche	Catherine Bray	Dom D'Albuquerque
Stella Walker	Michael Wild	Mary Brooks
Ann Howarth	John Spinks	Chris Brooks

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Imogen Creavin	Gerry Sarah	John Tobin
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (26/27 OCTOBER)

Pat Creavin	Margaret Bailey	John Tobin
Marian Anderson	Jan Jarvis	Marina Moffat
Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	Pat Burton

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (26/27 OCTOBER)

Frank Dodson	Kevin Jackson	Paula and Peter Sanders
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ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially: Sheila Towler, Rose Moule, Doris Woileniak, Otty Parker, Margaret Hunt, Thomas Riches, Daniel Ginn, Lilian Cairns, Jan Kotulski and Henry Panting. Priests of our Diocese – Fr. Bernard Clay (1970), Canon William O'Neill (1951), and Mgr. Dan Shanahan (1995). May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

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, Kathleen Green, Beryl de Prazer, and Mary Sheehan. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



BCYS YOUTH GATHER 12 AND 13 OCTOBER

Open to anyone in year 10-13, this year's Youth Gather is at a brand new location in Danbury Outdoor Learning Centre. Team building challenges, adventure courses and high ropes are on offer as well as games and tasks run by our Walsingham House team. We will also have inspiring talks, challenging discussion and still fit in a social evening. Perfect as a first ever BCYS event or a chance for reunion with old friends. Cost £65.00 which includes meals & accommodation. Apply www.bcys.net. Email roisin@bcys.net for info.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker.

Every good parent teaches their children to say "thank you" from an early age. Thanks and gratitude

expressed gives dignity to both giver and receiver. There is much to learn in today's Gospel of the Grateful Leper. We do not know his name but we do know he was a Samaritan. Out of the ten he was the only one who came back to say thank you. To be a leper was to be an outcast in society. The cure of the leper is a sign that God cares for us and his love is far wider and deeper than we realised. Also the cure of the leper brings conversion.

We too, through sin, become lepers. We are cut off from God's grace and his life within us. We become outsiders. But through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are converted and return to Jesus with peace and thanksgiving. Also, the more often we come to the Sacrament, the closer we grow to the Lord and also grow in our Christian vocation, namely holiness. The Mercy of God is always available to us and Jesus never tires of giving us his forgiveness and mercy.

Enjoy your Sunday and have a good week..

Enjoy your Sunday and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

Joke Corner

Why did the mushroom go to the party? Because he was a fun guy!

– Joke supplied by Alison Carey



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Jesus asks two things of us – love for him and for our neighbour. These are what we must strive to obtain.



'Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things God has made' Romans 1:20

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

We are trying to form a young people's choir – please put your name on the list at the back of the church. This choir would sing once a month. We have had a number of young people come forward, so thank you.

The first outing will be at the 6.00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.



FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 12/13 October you gave £307.35 of which £71 was Gift Aided

Standing orders for October were £1,569.00

Thank you and God bless



POPE ON TWITTER

1. Lord, have mercy! Too often we are blinded by our comfortable lives, and refuse to see those dying at our doorstep.
2. Dear young people, do not be afraid of making decisive choices in life. Have faith; the Lord will not abandon you!



LOURDES TRIP

Due to a cancellation there are a couple of spaces available on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. If you are interested please contact Michael Wild on 01277 222304.



ALTAR SERVERS

If you wish to be an altar server please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Training begins after half term.



GIFT AID

There will be a Gift Aid appeal on the weekend of 19/20 October.



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Father God, help us to remember to pray to you when things are worrying us and not to give up. We know that you always listen to our prayers even when it doesn't seem that you do. Thank you for always being there to love and care for us.

Amen.

THE LIGHT IS ON!!

THE HEALING SPIRIT

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays after Morning Mass until 10.15 or by arrangement.

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION OF FAITH

As part of our Deanery's involvement in the Year of Faith programme, St Joseph's recently hosted the 'The Question of Faith' team from the Commission of Evangelization and Formation (CEF). The event was attended by around 30 people - mostly from St Joseph's - but with a few parishioners from some of the other parishes in the Deanery. Refreshments and nibbles were kindly provided by CEF.

The team of three were Fr. Bob White, formerly Vicar of St. Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood but now a priest of the Ordinariate based in Rochford, Clare Ward, who works for the Bishops' Conference and Fr. Paul Keane, parish priest at Wivenhoe and Chaplain to Essex University. Mrs Sheila Wright from CEF acted as chairman.

The questions were many and varied. Some of the topics covered were infallibility of the Pope, celibacy, marriage, divorce and remarriage, legacy of Benedict XVI and John Paul II, the impact of Pope Francis, women's ordination and the Ordinariate to mention just a few. The evening was informative, stimulating and thought provoking and I hope there was something for everyone to take away with them.

A big 'Thank you' to all from St. Joseph's who supported the event.
From Margaret Bailey

OUR TWIN PARISH DUNDEE

We have sent £213.74 to our twin parish in Dundee, South Africa. Thank you to all our Blue Box holders who made this possible. Thanks also to Pat Burton, our co-ordinator for her hard work on this project.

DEATHTRAP - A PLAY

Deathtrap is a play at Queens Theatre in Hornchurch. If you would like an afternoon out on 31 October to see this play please contact Monica on 655424. Tickets and coach £24.70 and the coach leaves outside the Co-op store at 1.00 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. performance.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Mass will take place on Saturday 26 October at 2.00 p.m. at the Cathedral followed by refreshments.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

You are invited to come to A United Service for Peace at Hutton & Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton Mount on Sunday 10 November 2013 (Remembrance Sunday) at 6.30 p.m. Refreshments after the service

LUMEN FIDEI - 'THE LIGHT OF FAITH'

Pope Francis' First Encyclical. "Exploring the relevance of the Encyclical for us today, as we come to the end of the Year of Faith".

The Speaker will be Fr. James Hanvey, SJ, Author & Lecturer (Oxford University).

DATE: Tuesday 19 November, 2013 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

VENUE: Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.

COST: A Suggested Donation of £5 per person

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YEAR OF FAITH AUTUMN TERM 2013

The Deaneries of Brentwood, Havering, Mid Essex, Redbridge & South Essex present "Getting to know Jesus Christ - His Humanity & Divinity".

DATE: Monday 21 October, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

VENUE: Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood

SPEAKER: Fr. Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist

CO-ORDINATOR: Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM

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Jesus told a story about a widow and a proud judge. The widow had a problem and was always asking the judge to help her, but he always said no. But then one day he decided that he would help her, to stop her pestering him. Jesus said that if that judge were willing to help the woman, then God will always answer our prayer, so we must keep on praying and not give up.



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.

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