

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.



ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – ITS AS EASY AS LAST CHANCE TO WIN!



The Christmas raffle, the major fund raiser for St Joseph the Worker during the year, just got even better. And even easier to enter, and to win. Its as easy as 1 – 2 – 3. And this year there are now not 1, not 2 but 3 prizes. 3 chances to win a lovely prize and 3 chances to help the church!

The prizes are:

1. Our hamper this year is from Fortnum and Mason and this is the first prize
2. Second prize is a smaller hamper of Wimborne and Sloane personal toiletries. And very nice it is too!
3. And third prize is a lovely gift from Abigail's Deli in Ingatestone Village – afternoon tea and cakes for two, to be taken at your convenience.

As usual we don't waste money on tickets but ask you to write your name and telephone number on an envelope and that becomes your ticket. So;

1. Write your name and phone number on an envelope. Fr. Leslie has lots to spare!
2. Put £5.00 inside the envelope. If you want to have two chances in the raffle, then you will need two envelopes with £5.00 in each.
3. Place the envelope (s) in the box provided at the back of the church

What could be simpler? Three chances to win a prize, and three easy steps to help the church in its major fund raiser this year.

Happy Christmas

FESTIVE BAPTISM

Sacred oil upon the baby's head
Defines the truth of God's temple of Glory.
Made in His image and likeness.
And then the thought comes, half-formed.
Fittingly perhaps. Appropriate.
This Holy Family seeking a blessing
on life and home.

The parents respond joyfully
for the Invocation of Mary's prayer
And gentle not all-comprehending Joseph.
Channelled through his Infant Christ
Powerful and vulnerable.

Gathered In the vespers light
Around the font
We plea together:
that the house of Nazareth
caring, maybe mundane; extraordinary.
Will always echo In their home.
Faith filled, maturing wonder.

The Easter candle's exultant flame
reflects against the crib's lights
As If to proclaim that this new life is for eternity.
And then they are gone
Into the winter evening
Proudly bearing this amazing gift,
Of future, already fulfilled promise.

Fr. Brian

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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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SEASON OF ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m.	Fr. John Redford RIP	
Sunday 22	8.30 a.m.	Winnie Spinks RIP	S Walker
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 23	9.15 a.m.	Mary Johnson RIP	
Tuesday 24	9.15 a.m.	Mick Fitzpatrick RIP	

CHRISTMAS SEASON

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 25	8.30 a.m.	Margaret and Fred Knight RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Thursday 26	9.15 a.m.	Rogge family	A Calabritto
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FEAST OF ST. JOHN

Friday 27	9.15 a.m.	Deceased family members	
Saturday 28	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Laurence Sanders RIP	

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS AND MARY AND JOSEPH

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28	6.00 p.m.	Clive Sexton RIP	J Sexton
Sunday 29	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	John Scully RIP	V Scully
Monday 30	9.15 a.m.	Deceased members of Dooley family	
Tuesday 31	9.15 a.m.	John Castle RIP	B Castle

JANUARY 2014

Wednesday 1	10.00 a.m.	Betty O'Donovan	B Castle
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FEAST OF ST. BASIL GREGORY

Thursday 2	9.15 a.m.	Deceased members of Dooley family	
Friday 3	9.15 a.m.	Moriarty family	B Catle
Saturday 4	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Eamonn Magrath	

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4	6.00 p.m.	Anne Free RIP	O'Regan family
Sunday 5	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Robert Daines RIP	P Burton
Monday 6	9.15 a.m.	Sadru Bhanji RIP	
Tuesday 7	9.15 a.m.	Michael McGovern RIP	
Wednesday 8	8.30 a.m.	John Andrews RIP	
Thursday 9	9.15 a.m.	Michael Fitzpatrick RIP	
Friday 10	9.15 a.m.	Mary Johnson RIP	
Saturday 11	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Brian Gorman RIP	

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday 12	8.30 a.m.	Rita Hanley RIP	L White
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	10.30 a.m.
Ann Howarth	Jan Jarvis	Willa Jackson
Ewa Kania	Michael Wild	Marina Moffat
Stella Walker	Ken Eady	Dom. D'Alberqueque

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Frank Dodson	Alan Bailey	Sheila Jones
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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Saturdays	9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
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CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 p.m. preceded by carols. We have changed the time from midnight because of the increasing decline in numbers.

This year our Christmas Masses will be;

Christmas Eve	6.00 p.m.	Family Mass preceded with carols from 5.45 p.m.
	10.00 p.m.	Mass preceded with carols from 9.30 p.m.
Christmas Day	8.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Mass times are also on web site (www.stjosephshutton.org)

FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 14/15 December you gave £266.00 of which £46.00 was Gift Aided.
 Christmas Hamper profit to date: £650.00
 Standing Orders: From 6 November to 5 December: £1,748.00
 Thank you and God Bless.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors on this fourth Sunday of Advent.

This will be the last newsletter until the weekend of 11/12 January because the printers will

be closed for the Christmas and New Year holiday. May I take this opportunity to thank Ian Restall and all his staff for printing and designing our newsletter each week during the year. A lot of hard work goes into its production; it is by far the best newsletter in the Diocese and always most interesting. So again thank you and very much appreciated.

Today we feel Christmas is so close that we can almost touch it. On this last Sunday of our Advent Season of preparation and joyful expectation, we hear Joseph's side of the story. Mary was not the only one to be visited by an angel; Joseph also does as the angel tells him. Joseph opens his heart to co-operate decisively in God's saving plan. Perhaps Joseph's righteous obedience challenges our lack of both righteous and obedience. Therefore let the very human drama of Joseph and Mary comfort us. Because God comes to be with, to redeem, heal and make whole, a broken world, a sinful humanity – not in spite of anguish and confusion, but in and through them, just as the world is, just as we are, confused, doubtful, imperfect and unready. Hear the Good News in the angel's words to Joseph, and in Jesus's words to us: Do not be afraid.

May I wish each and every one of you a very happy and holy Christmas filled with God's blessing, love and mercy. Have a great Christmas, thank you and God Bless.

Have a good Sunday thank you and God bless.

Fr Leslie

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Advent is the churches life. Advent is Christs presence as he uses his preachers, his priests, his catechists, his Catholic schools, all the effort meant to bring about Gods true reign, telling humanity that Isaiahs prophecy is now fulfilled: Emmanuel God- with-us (Archbishop Oscar Romero)



POPE ON TWITTER



1. The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name.
2. This is Christian hope: that the future is in Gods hands.
3. We cannot resign ourselves to think of a Middle East without Christians. Let us pray every day for peace.



BIBLE ALIVE

Bible Alive December edition on sale at £2.25. Day to day readings from Scripture.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

To any of our young people who are interested in singing once a month as part of our youth choir, the carols below are what we will sing at the 6.00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Most are very well known, but you can find them all on YouTube to practise along with!
On Christmas Eve we will rehearse from 5.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. just to get warmed up!

Carol Service

- + Once in Royal David's City
- + While Shepherds Watched
- + Ding Dong Merrily on High
- + Little Donkey

Mass

- + Come, come, come to the Manger
- + O Little Town of Bethlehem
- + Silent Night
- + I Saw a Star
- + Away in a Manger
- + Go Tell it on the Mountain

Thank you in advance, please come and speak to us or email mark_jane_minnie@hotmail.com if you need any more info!

Jane and Mark

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A great way to send your greetings at Christmas time and help the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is to send your greetings via the newsletter for a donation of only £5.00.

However if you are leaving cards at the back of the church, please put the full name and address on the envelope, and also make sure the recipient recipients do come to St Joseph's and also have not already gone on holiday and are therefore able to pick them up. Thanks for your attention.

NEW YEAR BREAKFAST/LUNCH 1ST JANUARY 2014

Over the past few years it has been our tradition to meet at the Eagle and Child to welcome the New Year as a parish family. This year we will gather on New Year's Day from 11.00 a.m. at the Eagle and Child, Chelmsford Road. Normally we put a list at the back of the church to ascertain numbers but it is not imperative to do so this year. We look forward to seeing you all on this day. I don't want to eat alone!!

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on the Feast of the Epiphany. This will be for the Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society (Crib Collection), Today we have a second collection for flowers for Christmas.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Loving Lord, sometimes I feel worried about what might happen in the future, just like Joseph was. Help me to remember that you are always with me. Help me to be like Joseph and trust in you. Help me to do what you ask, just like Joseph did.

Amen

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for all those whose anniversary whose anniversary occurs at this time, and all our relatives and friends, especially: Jessie Moody, Bridget Wilks, Frank Anderson, Leslie Rhodes, Albert Sandell, Kathleen Allen, Arthur Cahill, Mary O'Reilly, Jane Richardson, George Scott, Dr. Clive Sexton, William Ostermeyer, George Manning, Lillian Goddard, Gillian Brazier, Catherine Start, Patrick Payne, Mrs Bunn, Freddie Foster, Jean Vowles, Eric Smith, Florence Cronin, Gwendoline Thomas, and Antoinette Vassay, Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Arthur Cowd (1918), Bp Brian Foley (1999), Fr. Francis Greenam (1976), Fr. Francis Wilson (1982), Canon John Byrne (1982), Fr. Brian Reeve (1962), Canon Patrick McKenna (1949) and Canon John Bloomfield.

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, Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin. Anita Czupeynski, Annie Baker, Jacqueline Birmie, 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.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your Christmas Offering each year forms a major part of your priest's income. Please pick up an envelope as you leave church today.

Thank you and God Bless

DURING THESE LAST DAYS OF ADVENT, WHY NOT TRY THE FOLLOWING:

Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary - one Mystery each week. Like Mary, ponder in your heart the words in Luke's Gospel related to each Mystery.

- * The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-38
- * The Visitation: Luke 1:39-56
- * The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-20
- * The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple: Luke 2:22-38
- * The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: Luke 2:41 -50

Reconciliation

Your time of prayerful reflection on the Word of God will also give you the opportunity to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WELCOMERS ROTA

I will be working on the Welcomers Rota for the period- beginning of January 2014 to the end of June 2014 for the 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass, very shortly.

If there are any changes in the Welcomers contact details or dates that you are not able to welcome please let Marion know. Also if any parishioner would like to Welcome please either contact Father Leslie or Marion Barlow email marlow28@talktalk.net, or tel:- 01277 217606.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

25% of surveyed couples say they are Happily Married. So what about the other 75%? You CAN help your Marriage! Retrouvaille helps couples work through difficult times in their marriages. 10s of 1000s of couples have benefited from Retrouvaille. Call or text 0797 338 0443. www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CAFOD TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

Thank you for donating to our Typhoon Haiyan appeal and thank you so much for raising 624.83. The super-typhoon has been described as the most powerful storm ever to make landfall, causing catastrophic destruction throughout the Philippines. Thousands are feared dead; millions of people have been forced from their homes and the crisis is far from over. We are working with local parishes to provide food, emergency shelter and essential household goods for people who have lost everything. In the longer term, we will be helping people to rebuild their homes and to start earning a living again. Thank you for caring about our ongoing emergency work. Please continue to pray for all whose lives are touched by crises around the world. For more information on our emergency work go to cafod.org.uk/emergencies

VALENTINE GALA DINNER - WHY NOT TREAT THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL IN YOUR LIFE

The Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society invite you to join them for a fabulous evening at their Valentines Gala Dinner, being held on Friday 14 February 2014, at Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. With tickets priced at 45 per person to include a drinks reception, fabulous gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment and much more, this is an event not to be missed! Places are limited and we would recommend you book early in order to secure your tickets. Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk



Joseph was worried about what was going to happen. So God sent Joseph a message. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him not to be afraid. God asked Joseph to look after Mary and asked him to call the baby Jesus. Joseph did what God wanted and looked after Mary.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Sheila, Alex and James wish Father Leslie and all their friends in the Parish and School a joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Min & Louis O'Donovan wish Fr. Leslie, their friends and fellow parishioners all the blessings of Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Freda Hagerty wishes Fr. Leslie and all friends and parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Robert, Pat and all the Burton family wish Fr. Leslie, their friends and fellow parishioners a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Jan & Jim Jarvis wish Fr. Leslie and all their friends in the parish a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Joan and Simon Parker send Christmas and New Year greetings to Father Leslie, all friends and fellow parishioners of St Josephs.

Chris & Margaret Bailey wish Fr. Leslie, their friends and parishioners the joy and peace of Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean Dunne and family wish Fr. Leslie, and all friends and parishioners at St. Joseph's, a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Christine and Ian Restall and family wish Father Leslie and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. God bless you all.



Come on, let's fill up this back page!!!

