

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

PARISH NEWS 23 DECEMBER 2012

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.

Christmas Greetings

SO FAR RECEIVED £60.00. LET'S MAKE A BIG PUSH FOR £100.00 AND FILL THIS PAGE!!!

To All Friends and Parishioners at St. Josephs: Liz Kent and Family send Hearty Christmas Greetings and very Best Wishes for 2013. God Bless You All.

Wishing Fr. Leslie, friends and all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. Pat, Rob & all the Burton family.

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie and all their friends at St. Josephs a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2013.

May God Bless you all, and watch over you now and always and especially in this special festive period. We wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Love Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas

Christmas Greetings from the Jackson Family to all friends and parishioners. Wishing you all a peaceful and holy Christmas and good health in 2013. God Bless You! Sheila, Alex and James wish Father Leslie and all their friends in the parish a joyful Christmas and a peaceful 2013.

Joan and Simon Parker wish Fr. Leslie and all their friends and fellow parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013.

Margaret and Chris Bailey would like to wish Fr. Leslie, all their friends and fellow Parishioners the joy and peace of Christmas and a happy New Year

Muriel Foster wishes Father Leslie, her friends and fellow parishioners a very happy Christmas.

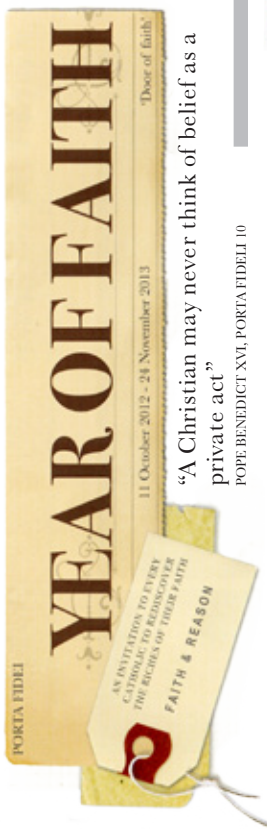
Jan and Jim Jarvis would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all our friends and fellow parishioners a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jean Dunne and family wish Father Leslie, and all friends and parishioners at St. Josephs, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every Blessing for the New Year.

Catherine, David, and William Bray would like to wish all the parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas, and a joyous new year.

Wishing all the Holy Communion Children and their families a very happy Christmas from Mary, Cathy, Dominique and Maddie.

Happy Christmas to everyone from Dominique, Toby, Oliver and Robert Atling.



"A Christian may never think of belief as a private act"

POPE BENEDICT XVI, PORTA FIDELI 10

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MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SEASON OF ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22	6.00 p.m.	Mary Ward RIP	M Sheehan
Sunday 23	8.30 a.m.	Ethel and John Benneworth RIP	A Ward
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Monday 24	9.15 a.m.	John Grisdale RIP	
THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST THE LORD. FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS			
Monday 24	6.00 p.m.	Preceded by carols from 5.30 p.m.	
		Breda Conville RIP	B Wignall
	12.00 Midnight	Preceded by carols from 11.30 p.m.	
		Margaret and Fred Knight RIP	

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 25	8.30 a.m.	Charles Baber RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN – BOXING DAY

Wednesday 26	9.15 a.m.	John Wright RIP	Helen Wright
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FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Thursday 27	9.15 a.m.	Sheila Larner (A)	
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FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS

Friday 28	9.15 a.m.	Jim Jarvis' 80 th Birthday	H Wright
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FEAST OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTEBURY

Saturday 29	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Barry Carpenter RIP	
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FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29	6.00 p.m.	Dr. Clive Sexton RIP Sexton	
Sunday 30	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Barbara Mathys	P Mellin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Bill O'Regan	Carol Giles	Jen Grimes
Gaye O'Regan	Michael Wild	Tony Grimes
	Margaret Bailey	Willa Jackson

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Marian Anderson	Alan Bailey	Marina Moffat
		Sheila Jones

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Hector
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, 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 Jessie Moody, Bridget Wilks, Frank Andersol, Leslie Rholes, Albert Sardell, Kathleen Allen and Arthur Cahill. Priests of our Diocese Bp Brian Foley (one time priest of our diocese), Canon William Thompson (1931), Fr. Francis Greenan (1976), and Fr. Francis Wilson (1982). 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.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our Parish of St. Joseph the Worker - as we draw near to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Today we conclude this season of joyful anticipation of the birth of Jesus among us. Our salvation comes from unlikely places. In the first reading, Bethlehem is too small; in the Gospel, a young virgin and her barren cousin meet in a small town. What good can come from any of this? And yet it is through these seemingly insignificant people and places that God has chosen to act decisively in human history. As we listen to God's word today, are we open to God's actions in unlikely places in our own lives? Also, like Elizabeth and Mary, we pray that we too may be renewed in the thrill of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, let my heart leap for joy as I rejoice in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Protect me from losing a sense of perspective and being overwhelmed by the detail of preparations. Lift my heart and mind up into the heavens so that I can know the joy and light of your salvation. Amen

This is the last newsletter of the calendar year so may I wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and many blessings in the coming year.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AT THIS SPECIAL TIME.

Fr Leslie

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please pick up a Christmas Offering Envelope before you leave today. This forms a major part of your Priest's income for the year. Thank you in advance

FINANCE MATTERS

Last week (16 December) you gave £370.67 of which £44.00 was Gift Aided. Hamper profit to date: £705.00. Thank you so much, but can we raise another £295.00? Let's go!!



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, Billerica. 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

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POPE NOW ON TWITTER

Pope Benedict XVI recently sent his first much-anticipated Twitter message using his personal account. The message read: "Dear friends, I am pleased to get in touch with you through Twitter. Thank you for your generous response. I bless all of you from my heart."



Follow the Pope on @Pontifex.

ST. JOSEPHS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

This is the last newsletter of the calendar year so thank you to all the contributors and advertisers over the past 12 months. Don't forget that a pdf of the newsletter is also always available from our website (www.stjosephshutton.org/communication.php) Since inception, our website has had over 42,000 visitors – make sure you keep in touch with all that is going on in your parish through the newsletter and the website. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all parishioners.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear God, thank you for choosing Mary and Joseph to be Jesus' mother and father. I pray for all mothers and fathers so that they welcome their children into their lives just like Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus. I thank you especially for my parents who also welcomed me.
Amen.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 24 9.15 a.m.
FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
 6.00 p.m. Carols from 5.30 p.m.
 12.00 midnight Carols from 11.30 p.m.
 Tuesday 25 8.30 a.m.
 10.30 a.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING IS YOUR GIFT TO YOUR PRIEST. IF YOU PAY BY STANDING ORDER – PLEASE PICK UP "CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPE" FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



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 before 24 December 2012. We have two candidates at the moment. The programme will start early in January/February 2013. Please give this prayerful thought.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Garden furniture - one table +4 chairs with cushions (unused cushions). Will have to collect.

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.

RAISE MONEY FOR CAFOD WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE

Do you do any shopping on the internet? Gifts? Books? At no extra cost to you or to CAFOD, you can raise money to support CAFOD's work by doing your online shopping with a simple tool called Give as you live. It's really simple. Go to www.cafod.org.uk/giveasyoulive to find out more and sign up. With Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to start using this handy tool. 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 some of the world's poorest communities. Last order date for Christmas is 14 December! www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

Please sign up for Welcome, Reader or Eucharistic Ministries over the Christmas period on the lists in the porch. Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Once again we will be holding our annual New year's Day breakfast for parishioners and friends at the Eagle & Child. Same menu as last year, inc. Eggs Benedict. The cost is £9.95 which includes a drink on arrival. Please use the Sign Up sheet at the back of the church so we can have a better idea of numbers. It's always a great social event!



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.

JIM JARVIS 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Arthur Edwards took a number of photos of the festivities, a small sample of which is here in the newsletter. For further pictures please visit the church website at www.stjosephshutton.org



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Mary hears that her cousin Elizabeth is going to have a baby and she goes to visit her. Elizabeth and her unborn baby are so happy to see Mary that the baby jumps for joy. They both know too that Mary will soon give birth to Jesus, God's only Son.



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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