

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS 24 JUNE 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.



Well the big celebrations are just a few weeks away so we thought we'd remind everybody of where it all started hence this picture of Fr. Leslie and his fellow Students at Oscott College in 1962.

Only a couple of weeks to go now. Do make sure that if you are coming to the Mass and/or the party, you let Alan or Sheila know. Details inside.

Students in Year I at Oscott College, Birmingham.

*Back Row, left to right:*

Dennis Higgins, Marian Cieselski, Tim Russ, Mike Cupit, Cincent Whelan, Michael Dever, and Michael Waters.

*Front Row, left to right*

Michael Hegarty, Leslie Knight, Garry Byrne, Peter Kilgarrif, David Kiely, and Eddie Peach

Ad Multos Annos

### 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**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**BIRTHDAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Saturday 23	6.00 p.m.	Desmond O'Reilly R.I.P.	
Sunday 24	8.30 a.m.	Desmond O'Reilly R.I.P.	J and J Jarvis
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 25	9.15 a.m.	Mary Ward R.I.P.	Mary Sheehan
Tuesday 26	9.15 a.m.	Kevin Fogarty R.I.P.	Upminster
Wednesday 27	8.30 a.m.	Andrew D'Agata R.I.P.	S Walker

**FEAST OF ST IRENAEUS**

Thursday 28	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	
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**FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Friday 29	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	M Swift
	7.30 p.m.	People of the Parish	

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m.	Andrew D'Agata R.I.P.	S Walker
JULY 2012			
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	M&L O'Donovan
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
Marian Anderson	Joan Parker	Willa Jackson
Stella Walker	Margaret Bailey	Tony Grimes
Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	Jen Grimes

**READERS AT THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Ann Howarth	Alan Bailey	Peter Sanders
Steve Howarth		Sheila Jones

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Sally  
Mary

**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, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Fred Shaw and Mary Dillane

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 Catherine Tapley, Angela Gilbert, Ernest Bell, Daisy Sellars, and Andrew Hagerty. Priests of our Diocese Canon James Dacey (1962).

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

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LATE KAREN FIELD**

Reception of the Body Wednesday 27 June at 5.00 p.m.

Funeral Mass Thursday 28 June at 1.00 p.m.

Followed by Cremation at Chelmsford

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

**PARISH ALTAR SERVERS - COME ON!!!!!! URGENTLY REQUIRED**

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.*

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH**

Because the carpet in the church is a felt carpet, stains are hard, if not impossible, to get out. On wet days (and there have been plenty of those recently!) please do wipe your shoes. Please!

**ST JOSEPHS 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.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist which in ancient times was celebrated with much revelry. St. John's day was celebrated as a time to bless God for the land and the produce it would yield.

John was a prophet, a teacher, a disciple and a martyr. The details and events of his birth are related by St Luke and Zecharia's Canticle of praise is a key part of his story. This Canticle is described as a prophecy under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The first part has a sense that the longed-for salvation is political and earthly, involving the overthrowing of National enemies, while the second part speaks of salvation in the broader sense of freedom from sin and reconciliation with God.

We share today's Zecharia's delight and praise of God for the birth of John the Baptist. The prophet's message of repentance and of turning away from sin is as relevant and meaningful today as it was then. In fact, his word is increasingly relevant in a world which has lost a sense of sin.

Daylight hours, at the longest now, begin to decrease after this weekend. This natural phenomenon recalls John the Baptist's prophecy regarding Jesus himself: "He must increase; I must decrease". As we honour John who prepared the way of the Lord, let us prepare for Christ, who comes among us now in word and Eucharist.

Thank you and God Bless

Fr Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family



**FINANCE MATTERS**

In the week ending 16/17 June you gave £405.98 of which £74.00 was Gift Aided.



**FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

Please visit the CAFOD area at the back of the church and have a look at our fund raising initiatives.



There is a collection box for Rwanda, a country we are linked to through the Connect2 scheme. Details about the scheme are on the CAFOD notice board. Please give any spare change you have.

If you have any old mobile phones, please donate them to CAFOD who can recycle them for cash. Just collect an envelope from the back of the church, pop in your old phone, and leave it there for me to collect.

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**BACK IN THE HABIT: MORE WOMEN BECOMING NUNS**



Religious orders in Britain have seen an increase in the number of women becoming nuns. It seemed nuns in the UK had fallen out of habit with fears more convents were due to close. But the number of new sisters has trebled in the last three years, bringing hopes of a revival. In 2009 only six women had joined a religious order but in 2011 the figure increased to 17. Out of that number more than half (nine) were under 40. The majority (13) were previously professionals with a university education. Sister Cathy Jones, who has been a nun for a year and a half, said "It was something that I felt drawn to. It offers a chance for someone to be totally themselves. "Although paradoxically we make a vow of obedience it offers a person the freedom to be themselves. "A freedom to follow their hearts desires and where God and spirituality can be at the heart of that life. In our over busy world it offers a different way of doing things."

The number of nuns is still below what it was in the early 1980s when more than a hundred women a year took vows as sisters. With increased calls about the vocation it seems for many the church is heading in the right direction.

**Father Dominic Howarth, Vocations Director for Diocese of Brentwood** says recruiting has changed.

"I think the old model would see religious brothers, sisters or priests going into schools to catch them for religious life," he said. "Now it's accompanying, it's discerning, it's walking with a young person perhaps all the way from the late teens and early twenties through maybe four, five, six or seven years as they journey different ways in their life.

"It is only then that they can become more certain about who it is and what it is God is calling them to be."

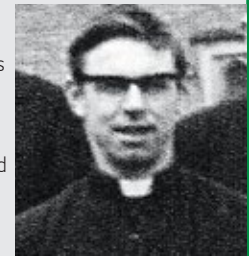
**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Dear Father in heaven, help me grow big and strong, and please look after all the children in the world who are ill.  
Amen.

**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

**CAR PARKING**

Car parking will be difficult, if not impossible, on this date. We would urge all parishioners, where they can, to walk to the Church. We have a large number of Priests attending the Mass as well as a large number of Fr. Leslie's friends and well-wishers, so please try to help by car sharing, or better still, walking to the Church.

There will be extra parking spaces on Hutton Poplars and the gates will be open so that parishioners can walk through to the Church, but these additional spaces will be taken up very quickly.

Please also see the website for further details – www.stjosephshutton.org  
Members of the Planning Committee will be talking after Mass over the next couple of weeks to advise you of any further information.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wed 4 July                      Coach trip to Hastings and Rye now booked.  
Friday 27 July                 Garden Party with Fish & Chip lunch

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

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

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.

**CATECHISTS**

Our parish does urgently need parishioners who would like to take on this important ministry especially with the Year of Faith coming up. We have a great number of parishioners who do not share our Catholic faith but faithfully and regularly they come with their families to our Sunday Mass. Sooner or later, they will receive in their hearts the movement of the Holy Spirit to come forward and ask to know more about our Catholic Faith. Already I have had two enquiries. Gaye O'Regan does now need help. If you come forward for this ministry, Sister Nuala will come and tell you what is involved, after which you can make your decision. By putting your name down at this stage you will NOT be committed. Please just come along and find out some more information. Thank you.

**MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY**

Tuesday 3 July 2012 8.00 p.m. at St. Josephs Parish, Upminster. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon. Could our welcomers please try to join those at Upminster? Champion Road, RM14 2SY. A PASTORAL MUSIC DAY WITH MARTY HAUGEN

This day is offered to those who are engaged in a variety of ministries. Catechists who are involved with sacramental preparation- Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation and RCIA teams; Teachers; Singers, Instrumentalists; School Chaplains; Pastoral Assistants and Readers.

Date/Venue: Saturday 30 June 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Cathedral Parish Hall, Brentwood.

Marty Haugen is an internationally renowned liturgical composer, workshop presenter and author from Minnesota, USA. Some of his much loved hymns are: Gather us in; All are welcome; Now in this Banquet; Shepherd me O God and We walk by faith.

Cost: 10 per person. Children 5.

For booking, please contact the Music office on 01277 26588 or the Adult RE office on 01277 265255.

E-mail: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org



We hear about the birth of a baby who was the cousin of Jesus. His parents named him John.



### 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.

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