



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS 24 NOVEMBER 2013

### 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

The faith of Israel (continued)

14. In the faith of Israel we also encounter the figure of Moses, the mediator. The people may not see the face of God; it is Moses who speaks to YHWH on the mountain and then tells the others of the Lord's will. With this presence of a mediator in its midst, Israel learns to journey together in unity. The individual act of faith finds its place within a community, within the common "we" of the people who, in faith, are like a single person—"my firstborn son," as God would describe all of Israel (cf. Ex 4:22). Here mediation is not an obstacle, but an opening: through our encounter with others, our gaze rises to a truth greater than ourselves. Rousseau once lamented that he could not see God for himself: "How many people stand between God and me!" I . . . "Is it really so simple and natural that God would have sought out Moses in order to speak to Jean Jacques Rousseau?"<sup>12</sup> On the basis of an individualistic and narrow conception of knowledge one cannot appreciate the significance of mediation, this capacity to participate in the vision of another, this shared knowledge which is the knowledge proper to love. Faith is God's free gift, which calls for humility and the courage to trust and to entrust; it enables us to see the luminous path leading to the encounter of God and humanity: the history of salvation.

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### Marriage and Family Life (Synod Survey)

Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex.

CM15 8AT

The closing date for responses is: Sunday 1st December

2013

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### 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**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C)

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 23	6.00 p.m.	Teresa Bolton RIP	Bolton family
Sunday 24	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Benedict O'Hare	O'Hare family
Monday 25	9.15 a.m.	Bernard Gordon RIP	J and S Parker
Tuesday 26	9.15 a.m.	Mick O'Dowd RIP	J and S Parker
Wednesday 27	8.30 a.m.	November Dead	
Thursday 29	9.15 a.m.	November Dead	
Friday 29	9.15 a.m.	Bernard Gordon RIP	M Swift

**FEAST OF ST. ANDREW**

Saturday 30 Fr. John Dutton RIP

**SEASON OF ADVENT**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m.	Deceased Relatives of McCready Family
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Sheila and Colin Towler O'Donoghue family

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**

<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>8.30 p.m.</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
Gaye O'Regan Bill O'Regan Ian Restall	Margaret Bailey Michael Wild L.Bimie	Willa Jackson Marina Moffat Pat Burton

**READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Paul Bolton	Geny Sarah	Jessica Barber
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (30 NOVEMBER/1 DECEMBER)**

Stella Walker	Ken Eady	Dom. D'Alberqueque
Paul Bolton	Pat Green	Chris Brooks
Marian Anderson	John Spinks	Mary Brooks

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (30 NOVEMBER/1 DECEMBER)**

Ann and Steve Howarth	Kevin Jackson	John Tobin
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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](http://www.stjosephshutton.org))

**ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially; Pat Mills, Sally Cannon, Anthony O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rice, and John Draper.

Priests of our Diocese – Fr. Anthony Robson, Fr. John Ayden (1973), Fr. Patrick Bennett (2001) and Fr. Francis Branney (1975).

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 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.



**BCCS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

If you took some raffle tickets, please don't forget to bring them back (please complete counterfoils and put the money in the box provided). *Many thanks.*

**ALTAR SERVING**

Altar serving training continues on Saturdays at 12.30 to 1.00 p.m.

**THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR**

Holy Mass, commemorating the 88th anniversary of her death, will take place on Monday 25 November 2013 at 8.00 p.m. in The Marillac Chapel, Eagle Way, Warley, Essex.

The Margaret Sinclair Devotions will begin at 7.45 p.m.

Light refreshments will be available after the Mass. Literature will also be available..

All are invited to come and will be most welcome.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St Joseph the Worker.

Today is National Youth Sunday. At World Youth Day, Pope Francis sent the young people home with this message "Dear young

people, as you return home, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel. Jesus Christ is counting on you! The church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, always accompany you with her tenderness. "Go and make disciples of all nations".

We pray for the young people of our parish who are challenged in many ways today more than ever. It is important that they remain faithful to Jesus in their lives and gather each week to say "thank you". Christ is a King who travels alongside all his people, young and old, so as we see his grace at work in young lives, we all have confidence to make our own the prayer of the penitent thief - "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom".

In today's Gospel, we find the only place where anyone refers to the Lord simply by name - "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom". The good thief on the cross recognises that Jesus' Kingdom has nothing to do with worldly power and rule. In life we journey daily until the day we come into Jesus' Kingdom of peace, love and justice. May our prayer be that of the good thief - "Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom".

Have a great Sunday thank you and God bless.

Fr Leslie

**FLK**

As we enter Advent we ask the Holy Spirit to give us virtue of humility to seek out Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**POPE ON TWITTER**

1. Dear young people, always be missionaries of the Gospel, every day and in every place.
2. Jesus kept his wounds so that we would experience his mercy. This is our strength and our hope.



**FINANCE MATTERS**

Week ending 16/17 November you gave £591.91 of which £67.00 was Gift Aided. CAFOD for Relief in the Philippines, you gave £624.83. Thank you very much for your help it was truly amazing.

Cost of replacing new heater £2,014.14

Thank you and God Bless



### BIBLE ALIVE

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

### FAMILY SYNOD 2014

Family Synod 2014. The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. This work is being coordinated by the Marriage and Family Life Office. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via [familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265252. All responses must be in by 1 December 2013

### WANTED

Does your garden have lots of green foliage? Would you be happy for us to cut some for church decorating? If so, please contact Jan Jarvis 200278

### REPOSITORY

Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent calendars, etc. etc. are now available. Please stop and look at we have in stock.

### VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen at St Joseph's Pre School for an early years practitioner. Previous experience or a qualification in childcare is desirable but not essential as training will be given. Please forward your C.V. together with covering letter to St Joseph's Pre-school, Parish Hall, Highview Crescent, Hutton, Essex, CM13 1BJ Attention: Mary Brooks MA (Supervisor). For further information please speak to Mary or call her on 01277 212591 during session times. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th November 2013.

### ECUMENICAL NEWS

Sunday Evening at 6.30 p.m. on 1 December, we are invited to join our Anglican Brothers and Sisters in an Advent Carol Service. Please do support this event of your can. Also, if you are able to help distribute Ecumenical Cards with times of Services in our area this Christmas.

### HELP NEEDED

Nice family seeks help in running the house, driving the boys to Brentwood school and back, cover in school holidays, preparing meals etc. while husband is working abroad. Maybe 3 to 4 hours per day, 5 days a week. Top rate paid for the right person. Could suit former teacher or similar. Phone Jo on 01277 352805.

## Children's Corner

### A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, we love you, we praise you and we adore you. You are the king of our hearts.

Amen.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

Pre-Advent Discussion Group 2013.

The group meets on Monday mornings, 10.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Hall Lane, Shenfield.

Monday 25 November, 2013 - Expecting Christ in prayer

Monday 2 December, 2013 - Expecting Christ in the end

Course booklet available to purchase @ £3.40p

### ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE (ACAT) CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN 2013

Keep in mind those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. Hebrews 13 As you may recall, last year, as a result of the Greetings Card Campaign in support of ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture) parishioners sent out well over 100 cards to vulnerable prisoners in many different countries of the world as well as raising a generous donation which was sent to ACAT to promote its charitable work.

Greetings cards for prisoners under threat of torture (with supporting case studies) will be on sale at 30p each after every Mass next weekend on the first Sunday of Advent (Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December).

Thank you in anticipation of your continued and generous support.

Stephen and Ann Howarth

### LADIES ONLY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON GENTS NEED NOT APPLY!

Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society and HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust, will be hosting an exclusive ladies only Christmas luncheon at The Rayleigh Golf Club, Rayleigh, on Wednesday 4 December.

Guests will be treated to a delicious two course Christmas luncheon with tea and coffee served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club.

Tickets cost 20 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 p.m. there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912277413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk

### RELIGIOUS POEM COMPETITION - FREE TO ENTER

And a 250 prize to the winning entry, paid to our church.

Can you help? We are looking for a winning poet from St Joseph the Worker Church.

We are approaching the closing date of the Religious Poem Competition, but its not too late for parishioners to enter. St Joseph the Worker Church could win a 250 donation if the winner is one of our parishioners.

Anyone can submit up to three poems for the competition. There's no age limit and no entry fee.

The poem can be a prayer, words for a hymn, a description of an uplifting moment, a religious experience, about a person or your church, explained United Press Publications Executive, Julie Embury. It can be rhyming or free verse, historic, romantic, factual, or personal - anything you like, as long as there's a religious theme. Do not use Religious Poem as your title.

Send up to three poems, of no more than 25 lines (including blank lines) and 160 words each by 31 January 2014 to - Religious Poem Competition, United Press, Admail 3735, London EC1B 1JB. Tel 0844 800 9177 or e-mail [info@unitedpress.co.uk](mailto:info@unitedpress.co.uk). For more information, visit [www.unitedpress.co.uk](http://www.unitedpress.co.uk). Judging will take place in February 2014 and the winner will be announced in March.

### OBITUARY - MICK ODOWD RIP

Lillian (Mick) Odowd sadly died on 30 October and her funeral was held here at St. Joseph the Worker on Friday 22 November at 11.30 a.m. For those of you that didn't know her, Mick was a convert and one of the founder members of St. Josephs who worked very hard to get our church established here in Hutton. This was in the late 1950s when the Council had refused planning permission for a church to be built on this land. Mick and other members of the community prayed constantly that the Council would change their mind, and even placed medals and flowers on the vacant land while they prayed. The St. Joseph the Worker church that we have today is their legacy to us, and we should be very grateful for all the hard work of the founder members of the church community.

Mick was a member of the Womens Guild and the SVP. She also arranged the flowers in church for many years, and was one of the founder members of Hutton Horticultural Societys Flower Group, where she is still spoken about and remembered with affection. Well done trusty servant of the Lord, may you Rest in Peace and Rise to Etemal Glory.

### IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

We hear what a surprising sort of king Jesus is. His glory was hidden when he was on the cross. But one of the thieves who was crucified with him asked Jesus to remember him when he entered his kingdom. Jesus promised the thief that he would be with him that day in heaven.





### 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  
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