

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 POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION VERBUM DOMINI OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

THE SAINTS AND THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Holiness inspired by the word of God thus belongs in a way to the prophetic tradition, wherein the word of God sets the prophet's very life at its service. In this sense, holiness in the Church constitutes an interpretation of Scripture which cannot be overlooked. The Holy Spirit who inspired the sacred authors is the same Spirit who impels the saints to offer their lives for the Gospel. In striving to learn from their example, we set out on the sure way towards a living and effective hermeneutic of the word of God.

We saw a direct witness to this link between holiness and the word of God during the Twelfth Assembly of the Synod when four new saints were canonized on 12 October in Saint Peter's Square: Gaetano Errico, priest and founder of the Congregation of Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; Mother Maria Bernarda Bütler, a native of Switzerland and a missionary in Ecuador and Colombia; Sister Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, the first canonized saint born in India; and the young Ecuadorian laywoman Narcisa de Jesús Martillo Morán. With their lives they testified before the world and the Church to the perennial fruitfulness of Christ's Gospel. Through the intercession of these saints canonized at the time of the synodal assembly on the word of God, let us ask the Lord that our own lives may be that "good soil" in which the divine sower plants the word, so that it may bear within us fruits of holiness, "thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold" (Mk 4:20).

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m.	Paloma Law and family	B & G O'Regan
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m.	Mary and Fred Wild R.I.P.	M Wild
	10.30 a.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation	People of the Parish
Monday 28	9.15 a.m.	Int. Salmon Family	Upminster
Tuesday 29	9.15 a.m.	Mary McManus R.I.P.	Upminster

THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY

Wednesday 30	8.30 a.m.	Rose Fay R.I.P.	Wanstead
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DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. HELEN

Thursday 31	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	M Wild
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JUNE 2012

FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN

Friday 1	9.15 a.m.	Des O'Reilly R.I.P.	Doreen Looney
	12.00	Funeral Mass for Mary Ward	
Saturday 2	9.15 a.m.	Kevin Fogarty R.I.P.	Upminster

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m.	Peter Anderson R.I.P.	J and M Anderson
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	10.30 a.m.	Marian Zygadlo R.I.P.	P Creavin
	12 Noon	Sacrament of Baptism Finlay Calverley	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Carol Turnbull	Carol Giles	Ewa Kania
Bill O'Regan	Pat Green	Mary Brooks
Gaye O'Regan	Joan Parker	Chris Brooks

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Mary
Cathy

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, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths, Gerry Worster, Karen Field, 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 Edith Hill, John Oakey, Constance Pollard, Doris Mohabier, Jack O'Regan, and Margaret Green. Priests of our Diocese Canon Eric Goldingay (1978), and Fr. Donald Clover (1995). For these and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS

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.*

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.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Tuesday 3 July 2012 – 8.00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, Upminster. The facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon. Could our welcomers please try to join those at Upminster? Champion Road, RM14 2SY.

INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS, DUBLIN - 10 TO 17 JUNE 2012.

The Final Diocesan Meeting in preparation for the Congress will be held on Tuesday 22 May in the Cathedral Conference at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The Facilitator will be Sr. Nuala Gannon.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Aid to the Church in Need. Save the saveable. Make a Donation to help provide a Christian Education for a Child in Sudan. Use your mobile phone to text your donation. Text KOSC75 followed by £5 to 70070. *Thank you.*

CHORAL VESPERS

Bishop Thomas will be presiding at Choral Vespers in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. on 6 June. All are invited. *Cathy, Carol and Clare.*

FINANCE MATTERS

Weekend of 19/20 May you gave £385.27 of which £43.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you and God Bless



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

This weekend on Saturday morning our children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Our congratulations to them on the next stage of their journey into a deeper friendship with Jesus. Today at 10.30 a.m. six of our young people will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for them and all young people across our Diocese together with our Bishop at our Cathedral who will be receiving this Sacrament.

On this day the Holy Spirit came upon Mary and the Apostles and from that day he has built up the community established on them. It was the birth of the Church. The same spirit came to dwell in the Church of the Day of Pentecost as descended on Jesus at his baptism: body and head share one life in the one Spirit. Christ is present in the Church because the Church is filled with his Spirit. This means that the mission of Christ is continued in her. In every age, the Spirit gives the Church utterance so that she may proclaim in every language and culture the mighty works of God. The spread of the Church into every culture and society is witness to this.

The mighty works of God are all his actions in our lives and our history, but most fundamentally they are the great interventions that frame the history of the universe: creation, the incarnation, the birth of the Church at Pentecost, and the return of Jesus at the second coming. This last is yet to occur, and so the proclamation looks forward as well as back. In the Spirit, the Church proclaims God as creator of all things and his son Jesus Christ who died, rose, ascended into heaven and will come again in Glory.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year the Holy Spirit wants to renew his life within us. He wants to give each of us that utterance which will make our neighbours hear Christ in our words and see him in our deeds. Painfully aware of how inadequate in our witness, today we nevertheless celebrate the Spirit who does manifest the life of Christ in and through us. He has done so for two thousand years despite all human sin and apathy, and he will continue to do so in the life of each of us.

With joy, we renew again and ever again the Covenant of Baptism. Friends, let us bless God for this gift of life-giving water, the sign of the Spirit.

Thank you, God Bless and have a good and Holy week

Fr Leslie



Celebrating the presence of God in the family



FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will be on Tuesday 12 June 8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. in the Parish Rooms. We do hope you will be able to come along. We had an amazing response to our CAFOD Lenten collections which totalled over £800. With the matched funding from the UK Government this means our Parish has raised over £1,600 for people in the greatest need. We have some other fund raising ideas planned for the summer so please do try and come along to find out more and see how you can help make a difference to those living in poverty.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN O'REILLY AND FAMILY

Kathleen O'Reilly and family, would like to thank you all, for your prayers and great support during Desmond's long illness and then at his passing. The Funeral Mass was especially beautiful. Your cards, phone calls, visits to Kath and the many masses you have had said for the repose of Desmond's soul were a great source of comfort for Kath and family.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Preparation for year of Faith
 "How to share the Good News" – presented by David Payne. Monday 28 May 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre. Cost £5.00 per person. Please do try to attend.

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

Thanks and watch this space.

THE VATICAN PAST AND PRESENT

A quarterly magazine from the publishers of The Universe Catholic Weekly and The Catholic Times. Issue 9 – May/July 2012 is on sale now. Features include: Vatican Secret Archives marks 400th anniversary with exhibition.

ST JOSEPH'S 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 15 June Annual visit to Mary's at Heybridge Basin
- tbc July Coach trip to be arranged.
- Friday 27 July Garden Party with Fish & Chip lunch

ANNUAL APF-MISSION MASS

The Annual APF-MILL HILL MISSION MASS will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG on Sunday 3 June at 3.00 p.m. followed by refreshments and a short presentation about the work of the APF-Mill Hill.

All APF members and their family are invited. If you intend going please reply to APF/Mill Hill Members Mission Mass, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead, SL6 7UX

WELCOMERS' ROTA

Marion will shortly be preparing the Sunday 10.30 a.m. Welcomers' Rota for the end of June to the end of December 2012 so therefore please let her know if there are any dates that you will not be able to minister.

If any parishioners would like to become Welcomers please either speak to Father Leslie or contact Marion Barlow on 01277 217606 or marlow28@talktalk.net

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD – NEW EVANGELISATION

Recently two of our parishioners, Jan Jarvis and Michael Wild, attended a meeting in London hosted by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Bishop Richard Mohr. It concerned ministry and outreach to non church-going Catholics. Archbishop Vincent referred to them as "resting Catholics".

I met with Michael and Jan to discuss the day and came to the conclusion that the best way forward would be to hold a meeting on Wednesday 6 June from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. This is for Welcomers (people's first point of contact), Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and is open to all in the Parish. We will explore this ministry and outreach to non church-going Catholics. Leaflets will be available beforehand.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Are holding a Charity Golf Day on Monday 25 June – see poster in porch. For further details please contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 or 07912 277 413.

BRENTWOOD DEANERY MASS FRIDAY 15 JUNE

You are warmly invited to the Annual Deanery Mass at St. Margarets Church, Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst CM15 0QJ at 7.30 p.m. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you intend coming, so that numbers are known for catering. Thank you. ALL ARE WELCOME.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who for some reason are unable to receive Holy Communion I offer this prayer: O Jesus, I turn toward the Holy Tabernacle where you live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come nevertheless and visit me with your grace. Comespiritually into my heart. Purify it, sanctify it, render it like unto your own.

DEANERY MASS - CHANGE OF VENUE

The annual Deanery Mass was to have been held at St. Margarets Doddinghurst but the venue has now been changed to St. Helens Ongar. This has been decided because this is the centenary year of the death on board the Titanic of Fr. Thomas Byles who was Parish Priest of St. Helens. The date and time of the Mass remains the same.

PHOTOGRAPHS

This weekend will be a big weekend in the life of the Parish, so do please share your joy and happiness with as many parishioners as possible. Please capture some of these precious First Holy Communion and Confirmation moments and send the photos to ian.restell@design-portfolio.co.uk for publishing in the newsletter over the coming weeks. The more, the merrier!



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Thank you, Jesus, for sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit. Help me to remember that the Holy Spirit is always with me to help and guide me.
 Amen



Jesus tells his friends that he is going to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in the world. The Holy Spirit will lead us to God's truth.



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
Tel: 020 8458 3316. e-mail: info@comehomeforchristmas.co.uk



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