



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 ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS

THE LIGHT OF FAITH - CONTINUED

CHAPTER ONE

11. A final element of the story of Abraham is important for understanding his faith. God's word, while bringing new-ness and surprise, is not at all alien to Abraham's experience. In the voice which speaks to him, the patriarch recognises a profound call which was always present at the core of his being. God ties his promise to that aspect of human life which has always appeared most "full of promise," namely, parenthood, the begetting of new life: "Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac" (Gen 17:19). The God who asks Abraham for complete trust reveals himself to be the source of all life. Faith is thus linked to God's fatherhood, which gives rise to all creation; the God who calls Abraham is the Creator, the one who "calls into existence the things that do not exist" (Rom 4:17), the one who "chose us before the foundation of the world . . . and destined us for adoption as his children" (Eph 1:4-5). For Abraham, faith in God sheds light on the depths of his being, it enables him to acknowledge the well-spring of goodness at the origin of all things and to realize that his life is not the product of non-being or chance, but the fruit of a personal call and a personal love. The mysterious God who called him is no alien deity, but the God who is the origin and mainstay of all that is. The great test of Abraham's faith, the sacrifice of his son Isaac, would show the extent to which this primordial love is capable of ensuring life even beyond death. The word which could raise up a son to one who was "as good as dead," in "the barrenness" of Sarah's womb (cf. Rom 4:19), can also stand by his promise of a future beyond all threat or danger (cf. Heb 11:19; Rom 4:21).

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 INTENTIONS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m.	Catherine Peplow RIP	Farimond Family
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m.	Sarah Colledge RIP	

N/A

FEAST OF ST. SIMON AND JUDE

Monday 28	9.15 a.m.	Deceased members of the McGrath family	
Tuesday 29	9.15 a.m.	Patrick Toolis RIP	
Wednesday 30	8.30 a.m.	Father Chris Dykehoff RIP	
Thursday 31	9.15 a.m.	John Castle RIP	B Castle

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 1	9.15 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
	7.30 p.m.	People of the Parish	

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Saturday 2	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Andrew Dorricott RIP	
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m.	Anthony Sweeney RIP	M and J Anderson
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m.	Emma Mentessi RIP	C Giles
	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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES

6.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	10.30 a.m.
Pat Creavin	Margaret Bailey	John Tobin
Marian Anderson	Jan Jarvis	Marina Moffat
Carol Turnbull	Lyn Birnie	Pat Burton

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Frank Dodson	Kevin Jackson	Paula and Peter Sanders
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (2/3 NOVEMBER)

N/A

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (2/3 NOVEMBER)

Ian Restall	Carol Giles	Marina Moffat
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ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our deceased parishioners whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially: Winifred Liversley, Bruce Wallace, John Connolly, Mary Jones, and Mrs Burrow. Priests of our Diocese – Fr. George Steadman (1942), Fr. Stephen Wyatt (1946), Fr. William Loveland (1983), Canon Thomas Bishop (1966) and Canon Richard Gray (1969). 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 (aged 16), Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Mick O'Dowd, 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.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome to our parish Aoiffe Hillhouse who was baptised at St. Joseph the Worker last weekend. Please remember the family in your prayers.

BCCS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. This is one of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society's most important fund raising events of the year so do please try to buy at least one book of tickets. Thanks in advance

THE LIGHT IS ON!!

THE HEALING SPIRIT

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays after Morning Mass until 10.15 or by arrangement.

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

We are trying to form a young peoples choir please put your name on the list at the back of the church. This choir would sing once a month. We have had a number of young people come forward, so thank you. The first outing will be at the 6.00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to St Joseph's and especially those who are visiting us for the first time. Today, the 30th Sunday of the year, we hear how Jesus spent a large part of his ministry

combating the self-righteousness of the Pharisees. In the parable today, he addresses their behaviour head on but with a sense of humour. One of the problems with the Pharisees was their simplistic approach to their religion. They fasted, they prayed, they gave to good causes. It was in their nature to do these things. Their hearts, however, were far away from God. Everything was an outward show. Perhaps the Pharisee in the parable should have examined his conscience to see where he had made the wrong choices. He would then have seen that he was in need of God's grace as a protection from sin and darkness. He would have thanked God for the grateful heart.

However the broken, crushed tax collector adopted the position of the true disciple of Jesus. His prayer is the prayer of all penitents, that of repentance with hearts full of praise, thanks and gratitude.

As we move shortly into the Advent season, we can reflect on which of the two do our lives revolve around, the Pharisee, or the tax collector? May we learn from Jesus that we all saved by grace and justified by the mercy of Jesus.

Have a great Sunday thank you and God bless.

Fr Leslie

FLK

Dear parents, do find time to explore what Jesus means to your child as you talk to them.



POPE ON TWITTER



1. We cannot give up in the face of evil. God is Love and he has defeated evil through Christ's death and resurrection.
2. Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.



FINANCE MATTERS

For the week ending 19/20 October you gave via the plate £360.14 of which £45.00 was Gift Aided.



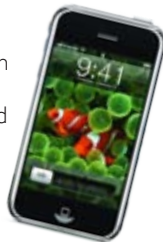
HELP NEEDED

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.

THE MOBILE PHONE VERSUS THE BIBLE



What would happen if we treated our Bibles in the same way that we treat our mobile Phones?
 What if we carried it around in our handbags or pockets?
 What if we flipped through it several times a day?
 What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
 What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
 What if we treated it as though we could not live without it?
 What if we gave it to our children as a gift?
 What if we used it when we travelled?
 What if we used it in case of emergency?
 Unlike our mobile, we do not have to worry about our bible being disconnected because of an unpaid bill.
 Jesus has already paid the bill, and IN FULL.
 And just think - no missed calls! God hears them all!



GIFT AID FORMS AD STANDING ORDER FORMS

If you took Gift Aid Forms or Standing Order Mandates home last week after our appeal, then do please fill them in and bring them back to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible.



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Father God, sometimes it is hard not to boast if we think we have done something well. Forgive us when we show off and help us to be humble and always to look for the good in others. Amen.

DEATHTRAP - A PLAY

Deathtrap is a play at Queens Theatre in Hornchurch. If you would like an afternoon out on 31 October to see this play please contact Monica on 655424. Tickets and coach £24.70 and the coach leaves outside the Co-op store at 1.00 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. performance.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Mass will take place on Saturday 26 October at 2.00 p.m. at the Cathedral followed by refreshments.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD

You are invited to come to A United Service for Peace at Hutton & Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton Mount on Sunday 10 November 2013 (Remembrance Sunday) at 6.30 p.m. Refreshments after the service

LUMEN FIDEI - 'THE LIGHT OF FAITH'

Pope Francis' First Encyclical. "Exploring the relevance of the Encyclical for us today, as we come to the end of the Year of Faith".

The Speaker will be Fr. James Hanvey, SJ, Author & Lecturer (Oxford University).

DATE: Tuesday 19 November, 2013 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

VENUE: Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood.

COST: A Suggested Donation of £5 per person

ALL ARE WELCOME. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. CONTACT THE ADULT RE & FORMATION FOR MINISTRY OFFICE ON 01277 265255 OR EMAIL ARE&FM@DIOCESEOFBRENTWOOD.ORG

A LETTER FROM OUR TWIN PARISH IN SOUTH AFRICA

In respect of the Diocesan Twinning Project with Dundee, South Africa, they have sent a letter as follows: "I am writing to thank you for the cheque in the amount of £213.74, which I received today for your twinned parish of Holy Rosary, Dundee. It is extremely generous of the parishioners at St Joseph the Worker to support their twinned parish and I know the money will be gratefully received by them."

200 CLUB - WINNERS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1st Mrs M Simpson
- 2nd R and M Weller
- 3rd J and D Duranti

REPOSITORY

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

BERNARD GORDON RIP

Sad to report that Bernard Gordon died this week. I will let you know the funeral arrangements when I know them myself. Bernard was in his early 90s and he moved from our Parish some years ago to a home in East Anglia to be nearer his family. He looked after his brother John for many years before he died about ten years ago. Bernard was a member of the SVP and the Knights of St. Columba. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS - A TRUE STORY

This is a true story, and occurred at a church less than 30 miles from here.

A retired couple attended church very regularly, and the wife decided to do something to help orphans in Romania, a very worthy cause. She decided to hold a Quiz Night to raise funds, and so spent three months persuading, cajoling and urging friends, family members and parishioners to support the Quiz Night, and the worthy cause. After an enormous amount of hard work, stress, and strain the night of the Quiz came round, the event was successful, and raised £400 for the good cause.

"My goodness" said the husband to his wife. "You have put in all that effort, all that time, all that commitment, and yet have raised only £400. You would have been better off just writing a personal cheque to the charity for £400 and not had to put up with all the hassle". The wife disagreed, saying that it had been hard work, but she thought the sacrifice was worth it. At which point the phone rang and a gentleman who had been present at the Quiz Night and who had enjoyed himself told the wife that his mother had recently died and left him a large sum of money, that he didn't need and didn't know what to do with. So he said he would like to donate £100,000 to the good cause. This is a true story. God does indeed work in mysterious ways!



Jesus told a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector praying in the Temple. The Pharisee was pleased with himself and boasted to God that he was glad to be so much better than everyone else. However, the tax collector was ashamed of himself and stood a long way off, asking Gods forgiveness for the wrong he had done. Jesus said that the tax collector pleased God more than the Pharisee because he did not think he was better than other people. He was humble.



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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