

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

## PARISH NEWS 28 APRIL 2013

### VOCAATION 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.

### APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA"

#### PORTA FIDEI OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI - FOR THE INDICATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

CONTINUATION OF "PORTA FIDEI" (DOOR OF FAITH)

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

Recommendations

"I know him in whom I have believed" (2 Tm 1:12)

These words of St Paul help us to understand that faith is "first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed". Faith which is a personal trust in the Lord and the faith which we profess in the Creed are inseparable; they focus on each other and they require each other. There exists a profound bond between the lived faith and its contents. The faith of the Witnesses and Confessors is also the faith of the Apostles and Doctors of the Church.

Thus, the following recommendations for the Year of Faith desire to aid both the encounter with Christ through authentic witnesses to faith, and the ever-greater understanding of its contents. These proposals are intended as examples to encourage a ready response to the invitation of the Holy Father to live fully this Year as a special "time of grace". The joyous rediscovery of faith can also contribute to consolidate the unity and communion among the different bodies that make up the wider family of the Church.



YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

### Joke Corner

"Doctor, Doctor I can't stop singing Green, Green Grass of Home."

He said, "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome."

"Is it common?" I asked.

"It's not unusual," he replied.

*Joke supplied by Kelli Zezulka*



### REMINDERS



- Coffee and tea will be served after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Masses
- Please prepare for the Mass quietly
- If you are a new parishioner, pick up a census form at the back of the church
- Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch for your collection for standing order forms
- 200 Club entry forms are also available



### 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**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 27	6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 28	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Monday 29	9.15 a.m.	Mary and Fred Wild RIP	M Wild
Tuesday 30	9.15 a.m.	Desmond O'Reilly RIP	K O'Reilly

**MAY 2013**

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. PATRONAL FEAST**

Wednesday 1 8.30 a.m. Holy Souls

**FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS**

Thursday 2 9.15 a.m. Holy Souls

**FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES**

Friday 3 9.15 a.m. Holy Souls

**FEAST OF ENGLISH MARTYRS**

Saturday 9.15 a.m.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 4	6.00 p.m.	Peter Harper RIP	V Harper and family
Sunday 5	8.30 a.m.	Jan and Jim Jarvis 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong at St. Mary's, Hall Lane	

THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE MORNING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAYS FROM 9.45 A.M.- 10.15 A.M. WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES**

<b>6.00 P.M.</b>	<b>8.30 A.M.</b>	<b>10.30 A.M.</b>
Ian Restall	Catherine Bray	John Tobin
Bill O'Regan	Ken Eady	Mary Brooks
Gaye O'Regan	John Spinks	Chris Brooks

**READERS FOR TODAY'S MASSES**

Paul Bolton	Gerry Sarah	Peter & Paulo Sanders
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT TODAY'S MASSES**

Mary  
Hector

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (4/5 MAY)**

Ann Howarth	Pat Green	Dom D'Albuquerque
Marian Anderson	Jan Jarvis	Willa Jackson
Pat Creavin	Lyn Birnie	Pat Burton

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES (4/5 MAY)**

Ian Restall	Kevin Jackson	Marina Moffat
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Sally  
Jo

**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, Mano Subryan and Kathleen Green. 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; Mary Heaphy, Desmond O'Reilly, Philip Coe, Gabriel Appapoulay, Eileen Taylor and Peter Harper..

Priests of our Diocese Fr. Brian O'Higgins (2009), Fr. John Kennedy (2003), Canon Thomas Morris (1933), Fr. Fergus Saurin (1971) and Canon Patrick Palmer (1948).

For these and all the faithful departed by the Mercy of God, May they Rest in Peace and rise in Glory and Grace.

**COACH HOLIDAY**

Coach holiday available from Monday 2 September 2013 for 5 days. Staying at the Queens Hotel, Paignton, Devon. Full details from 01277 655424. **Five places left.**

**TALKS FOR YEAR OF FAITH**

There are a number of these during this most important year. All the talks take place in the Conference Hall at Cathedral House from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

8 June "Vatican II and the Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Phillips

12 October "Vatican II and Beyond" by the Rt. Hon. John Battle

**RCIA**

If your spouse is a Catholic and you would like to know more about the Catholic faith with the possibility you might want to become a Catholic or to discuss the probability of such a step, please contact Father Leslie.

The programme begins in September. At present we have one candidate.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and especially to new parishioners. We hope you all have a good week.

Today the fifth Sunday of Easter the reading from the Acts of the

Apostles is very practical. It is about real places that is why Luke names them so conscientiously. Paul and Barnabas are going about setting up church structures and encouraging people in these churches. These are actual communities where the Gospel has to be lived, and that requires organisation and practical action. Christians live in a complex world made up of human beings with their foibles and weaknesses, and in order to live as a community, and in the wider community, there needs to be order. But of course, that is not enough for the church is not simply a human society.

In the gospel Luke sets the early church's story before us so that we can make it our story. He celebrates our forebears zeal, fidelity and courage to arouse our zeal, test our fidelity and challenge our witness. Moreover, the community – stabilising structures Paul and Barnabas established in those cities, are ones we rely on still.

For us Jesus's new commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. In a world that seems to be marked more and more by intolerance and suspicion, following this command can seem to be extraordinarily difficult. As we move through our celebration, let us pray to our loving God to inspire in our hearts a deep and abiding love for everyone in our world.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

**FLK**

Even if our word "Sunday" has a pagan origin – the day of the sun – we recognise that the risen Jesus is the light of the world, who was raised. The son of justice with healing in his rays.



**POPE ON TWITTER**

- 1. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice and I know them." The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life.
- 2. Each one of us longs for love, for truth, for life – and Jesus is all of these things in abundance!
- 3. Mary is the one who says "Yes". Mary, help us to come to know the voice of Jesus better, and to follow it.

**FINANCE NEWS**

For the week ending 20/21 April you gave £389.54 of which £132.00 was Gift Aided.

For training of priests at the Seminaries you gave £338.26 of which £15.00 was gift aided.

Thank you



**MY RCIA JOURNEY** by Lisa Thompson

*I have always felt as though I have been guided through the important parts of life. My journey into faith really started 10 years ago when my daughter started at St. Joseph the Worker school. She was fortunate enough to be taught by Joan Williams who quickly became very dear to me. I helped out with the children in class and when the teaching assistant broke a leg, I took her place for a few terms. In this time I got to witness how Joan taught the children about Jesus and the catholic faith. I was so taken by it that I had my daughter baptised. Joan's simplistic approach and un-questionable faith was catching and I wanted to be part of the church as a result. I supported my daughter in her journey to make her first communion and found I learnt so much along the way. I loved the whole catholic ethos and what it stood for. A year and a half ago I had a son. It was at this time in which I realised how important converting was to me because of how much I wanted him to be baptised. It was an overwhelming feeling. I met with Father Leslie and he suggested I join the next RCIA course. As the initial meeting became closer, I did harbour some doubt as to whether I could fully commit myself and live my every day life as a catholic. I really needn't have worried though, the meetings were both educational and insightful, I looked forward to each and every session. Gaye, my sponsor and the catechists were brilliant, they answered any questions or concerns, and shared their personal experiences freely. Being on the course with Katie and Nikki was wonderful and their input was invaluable to me. I could feel myself changing as we progressed, I would second think my actions and question motives. This became stronger after I attended the RCIA mass at the Cathedral and met the Bishop. There were so many other people from all over Brentwood diocese being received into the church and it dawned on me then how privileged we all were to be sharing something so special. I had a similar feeling at the reconciliation service at the Cathedral. I had been thinking non stop about what I was going to say in my first confession and was apprehensive. The service was wonderful and I found myself reduced to tears as relief overwhelmed me. I got so much from that experience. It made me feel ready to be received into the church and take the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. That evening will stay with me forever, I felt so special and honoured to be finally confirmed into the Catholic faith. I am now a much calmer person and at peace with myself, this is due to praying and leaving my problems and anxieties in the Lords hands. There is so much to learn and I still get confused at times in mass, but I know that this is a life time of learning and spiritual progression which excites me no end!*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

As you know from last weeks newsletter, Nikki Da Costa-Smith, Katie Kent and Lisa Thompson were all received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This very nice picture shows Fr. Leslie with (left to right) Lisa Thompson, Nikki de Costa-Smith, and Katie Kent. Each of them has shared their thoughts with us about what becoming a Catholic means to them individually and we will include their thoughts each week for the next three weeks. Last week was the turn of Katie Kent. Many apologies, but due to a misunderstanding, the text in last week's newsletter from Lisa Thompson was incomplete. Here is the full version. Next week will be the turn of Nikki Da Costa-Smith.



**ST. JOSEPH'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We would very much appreciate some new members, why not call in for a chat, all ages welcome.

**Future Events**

- 13th May Bognor Regis
- 31st May Mary's House and lunch in Heybridge Basin
- 12th July Summer lunch at Michaels

**MARILLAC CARE CHARITY CONCERT**

A charity concert in aid of Marillac Care will be held on Friday 3 May at 7.30 p.m. in the Marillac Chapel. Tickets are 10 each and include cheese and wine which will be served after the performance by Charles William Pohl. The performance will include classical guitar music and crossovers. For further details call 01277 220276.

**ABSEIL FOR CAFOD**

Abseil for CAFOD – on Sunday 5 May why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or find us on facebook.

**NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING**

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**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

(MARY AND THE YEAR OF FAITH) on Saturday 25 May 2013, led by The Bishop of Brentwood Programme for the day:

- 12.00 noon Mass (Chapel of Reconciliation)
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch (In the grounds of the Chapel)
- 2.15 p.m. Procession to Elmham House Gardens
- 3.15 p.m. Vespers and Benediction at the Church of the Annunciation - adjacent to Elmham House Gardens
- 4.15 p.m. Pilgrimage ends.

**A QUESTION OF FAITH**

An evening of questions on living the Catholic Faith, including moral issues, theology and Scripture. This will be held on Tuesday 30 April 2013 between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Immaculate Conception, Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA.

**REPOSITORY MATTERS**

- 1) Mrs Martin: your St Paul Sunday Missal has been handed in to us and is not lost!
- 2) Thank you to all those who have picked up their orders. The two altar boy Mums: your YouCats are ready for collection.
- 3) From this weekend the Repository will be selling First Communion cards, etc. only. If you need anything else please ask and we'll endeavour to supply.

**JOB! - A 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

The Knights of St. Columba Council 428, Hadleigh, In Aid of the Brentwood Catholic Childrens Society, Present JOB!, a 25th Anniversary Concert. A Cantata by Michael Stephens, based on the Old Testament Book of Job, performed by The Holy Family Catholic Choir and Friends and Arcade Studio Orchestra at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 28 September 2013 at Brentwood Cathedral. Tickets are £10.00 – Seniors only £7.00. and are available from 07908 886513. This will be great!!

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

*Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to love the people I meet, then everyone will know I am one of your friends.  
Amen.*



Jesus tells his friends he will not be with them for much longer. He gives them an important new commandment. Jesus tells his disciples they must love one another, just as he has loved them. Everyone will know who Jesus' friends are because they love each other.



### 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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