

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

The interpretation of sacred Scripture would remain incomplete were it not to include listening to those who have truly lived the word of God: namely, the saints. Indeed, "viva lectio est vita bonorum". The most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading and assiduous meditation.

It is certainly not by chance that the great currents of spirituality in the Church's history originated with an explicit reference to Scripture. I am thinking for example of Saint Anthony the Abbot, who was moved by hearing Christ's words: "if you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Mt 19:21). No less striking is the question posed by Saint Basil the Great in the *Moralia*: "What is the distinctive mark of faith? Full and unhesitating certainty that the words inspired by God are true ... What is the distinctive mark of the faithful? Conforming their lives with the same complete certainty to the meaning of the words of Scripture, not daring to remove or add a single thing". Saint Benedict, in his Rule, refers to Scripture as "a most perfect norm for human life". Saint Francis of Assisi – we learn from Thomas of Celano – "upon hearing that the disciples of Christ must possess neither gold, nor silver nor money, nor carry a bag, nor bread, nor a staff for the journey, nor sandals nor two tunics ... exulting in the Holy Spirit, immediately cried out: 'This is what I want, this is what I ask for, this I long to do with all my heart!'" Saint Clare of Assisi shared fully in the experience of Saint Francis: "The form of life of the Order of Poor Sisters – she writes – is this: to observe the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ". So too, Saint Dominic "everywhere showed himself to be a man of the Gospel, in word as in deed", and wanted his friars likewise to be "men of the Gospel". The Carmelite Saint Teresa of Avila, who in her writings constantly uses biblical images to explain her mystical experiences, says that Jesus himself revealed to her that "all the evil in the world is derived from not knowing clearly the truths of sacred Scripture". Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus discovered that love was her personal vocation by poring over the Scriptures, especially Chapters 12 and 13 of the First Letter to the Corinthians; the same saint describes the attraction of the Scriptures: "No sooner do I glance at the Gospel, but immediately I breathe in the fragrance of the life of Jesus and I know where to run". Every saint is like a ray of light streaming forth from the word of God: we can think of Saint Ignatius of Loyola in his search for truth and in his discernment of spirits; Saint John Bosco in his passion for the education of the young; Saint John Mary Vianney in his awareness of the grandeur of the priesthood as gift and task; Saint Pius of Pietrelcina in his serving as an instrument of divine mercy; Saint Josemaria Escrivá in his preaching of the universal call to holiness; Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, the missionary of God's charity towards the poorest of the poor, and then the martyrs of Nazism and Communism, represented by Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), a Carmelite nun, and by Blessed Aloysius Stepinac, the Cardinal Archbishop of Zagreb.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

First Mass of Sunday

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| Saturday 28 | 6.00 p.m. | Vera Doyle R.I.P. | via Wanstead |
| Sunday 29 | 8.30 a.m. | Helen Taylor R.I.P. | via Wanstead |
| | 10.30 a.m. | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 30 | 9.15 a.m. | Fred Pattie R.I.P. | E Pattie |

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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| Tuesday 1 | 9.15 a.m. | Pat Mills R.I.P. | M Swift |
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FEAST OF ST ATHANASIUS

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| Wednesday 2 | 8.30 a.m. | Camilla and Paul Frehill | via Upminster |
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FEAST OF SS PHILIP AND JAMES

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| Thursday 3 | 9.15 a.m. | Michael Suiren R.I.P. | via Wanstead |
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FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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| Friday 4 | 9.15 a.m. | Peter Harper R.I.P. | V Harper's family |
| Saturday 5 | 9.15 a.m. | Ben Jonny | via Upminster |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 5 | 6.00 p.m. | Peter Anderson R.I.P. | J and M Anderson |
| Sunday 6 | 8.30 a.m. | People of the Parish | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Tom and Kylie Smith | G O'Regan |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

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| 6.00 p.m. | 8.30 a.m. | 10.30 a.m. |
| Ewa Kania | Joan Parker | Tony Grimes |
| Ian Restall | Mary Allum | Jen Grimes |
| Carol Turnbull | Jan Jarvis | Willa Jackson |

READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

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| Ann Howarth | Sheila Jones |
| Steve Howarth | Peter Sanders |
| Carol Giles | |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Cathy
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, Mary McKenna, Mary Ward, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson, Ethel Benneworth, Diane Griffiths and Gerry Worster. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.



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. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it, sanctify it, render it like unto your own.

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Philip Coe, Gabriel Appapoulay, Eileen Taylor and Peter Harper. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Brian O'Higgins (2009), Fr. Michael Hannan (1927), Fr. John Kennedy (2003), Canon Thomas Norris (1933), Fr. Fergus Saurin (1971), Canon Patrick Palmer (1948), Canon Basil Booker (1954), Fr. John O'Callaghan (2003). For these and all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CLUB

Every first Friday in the month, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Do call in, all ages welcome.

URGENT HELP REQUIRED

Help is needed to make tea and coffee after the 10.30 mass on Sundays. Could you spare an hour once every five or so weeks? If you think you can help please call Teresa on 01277 233540.

200 CLUB

Thank you to all who subscribe to our 200 Club. If you do not participate and would like to, there are forms at the back of the Church. The cost is just £24.00 per year and you will be eligible to win a monthly cash prize.

OLD BROWNIES ASSOCIATION - ST. ANGELA'S ANNUAL REUNION

This year we are celebrating the school's 150th anniversary. Catch up with your old school friends, look around the school, have tea on the lawn, bang the Gong and sing the School Song. Saturday 5 May 2012 between 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.. For more information call Catherine 01708 226296 or Barbara 0208 989 1551.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

Although Easter has passed, we are still in the Easter season, leading up to the great feast of Pentecost. The church says to us "This is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life" - a life that lasts forever. Enjoy! Let the paschal candle, lit from the Easter fire, burn brightly throughout these days. We need to reflect and enjoy the good news and let the meaning sink in. In the Scriptures God speaks to us.

Also as a parish we are preparing for two big celebrations. Firstly on the eve of Pentecost, our young children will be receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. An opportunity for all of us to renew our belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Secondly on Pentecost Sunday, our young people will be confirmed in their Catholic faith. Pentecost will also mark the end of the Easter season,

Catholic tradition calls this fourth Sunday of Easter "Good Shepherd Sunday" because Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd and his followers the sheep of his flock. The church also designates today as World Day of Prayer for Vocations, asking Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to call general souls to serve the Lord's flock in the Priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the first reading begins just after the Church's first earthly shepherd, Saint Peter, has healed a man paralysed from birth. Peter courageously proclaims to the hostile authorities that this miraculous cure was done in the power of Jesus' name, the Jesus they arranged to have crucified! Let us take comfort that, from the beginning, the Christian community grows not in spite of difficulties but because of them.

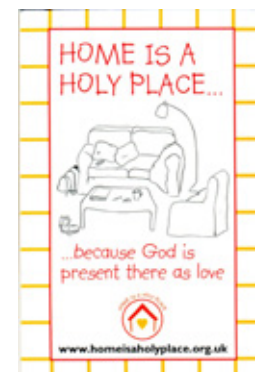
St. John deepens our Easter joy by reminding us in the second reading that we are already God's children now. And, in the Gospel, John reminds us that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, will never abandon us, his flock, but lay down his life for his sheep.

As we gather for this celebration, let us resolve to hear and heed our Good Shepherd's voice, to know and follow where Jesus leads.

Thank you. God Bless everyone.

Fr Leslie

May the gift that is Jesus live in your home and in your heart throughout the year



FINANCE MATTERS

Week ending 21/22 April 2012

In: You gave £477.20 of which £79.50 was gift aided.

Out: Cleaning gutters for hall and house £460.00



BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – A SPECIAL EVENT

Please make note of the following event and do pass on details to friends and family. Ladies Supper to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Thursday 31 May from 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Dinner in the Barn at Crondon Park Golf Club, Stock village. Tickets are £39.50 each. Tables of 10 are available.

There will be a Guest Speaker and an item of diamond jewellery to auction/raffle on the night. It should be a fun evening so please mention it to Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Sisters, Friends etc. Please contact Sarah at Brentwood Catholic Children's Society on 01268 784544 if you want to reserve tickets.



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.

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.

EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S SHENFIELD

As a new ecumenical venture we will join with the community at St. Mary's for Evensong on the First Sunday of the Month beginning Sunday 6 May at 6.30 p.m. Please do come and celebrate Evensong (Prayer of the Church) with one another.

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.

BENNETTS MEMORIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2012

Bennetts hold a memorial service each year at the Essex Regimental Chapel in Warley; all families are welcome to attend. The service this year will begin at 4.00p.m., Father David Gilchrist, Chaplain at Brentwood School will kindly take the service. Dr. Bill Webster, world renowned grief counsellor will be there also to say a few words. A retiring collection will be taken for the Alzheimers' Society.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2012 at 10.30 a.m. at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, London SW1. Come and join fellow migrants for a morning of reflection and celebration. The Principal Celebrant will be Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood.

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.

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.

DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA DANCE - AN AFTERNOON OF SONG AND DANCE

Sunday 27 May 2012 between 4.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite Mount Avenue, Shenfield CM13 2NS. Tickets are £15 (to include traditional cream tea).

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH WALK

Approximately 4 miles on Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May 2012

Starting from St. Joseph's at 9.45 a.m. straight after morning mass, driving to the Bakers Arms Pub in Stock for prompt 10.10 a.m. start. We hope to place lunch orders before walking. Please put all names and numbers walking plus phone numbers on SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Anyone going straight to the Pub needs to be there by 10.00 a.m. People requiring a lift or offering lifts please state on the list. We are hoping to return to the pub for lunch at 12.15 p.m.

Be sure to wear suitable clothes and footwear for a country walk according to the weather on the day. There are a few stiles on the route. We look forward to seeing you.

Jean Dunne and Liz Kent. 218376 and 220254

ANNUAL FORUM AND UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 13 May at Hutton and Shenfield Union church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton Mount Timings: 5.30 p.m. Tea; 6.00 p.m. AGM; 6.30 p.m. Service. ALL INVITED – COME AND JOIN US

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity 3 June 2012.

The following prayer has been prepared for that occasion. You may like to add it to your prayers in preparation for this event.

- V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.
- R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come before you.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God,

We pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the Royal Family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 EUCHARISTIC 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

The next meeting will be on the 7th May 2012 at 8 o'clock at the Grange.

A NOTE FROM LIZ KENT

Thank you for the bulletin request for Angela, which has proved most useful and she has had several good responses. Angela is delighted and has taken names and phone numbers from those kind people and will keep them on hand for use as/when necessary. She now has a good helper who comes twice a week – and the dog Daisy is looking and feeling better and Angela is feeling happier now too - so guess we can free up space in Bulletin for any other notes.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my good shepherd. Help me to listen to you and to all the people who are there to help me. Amen.



Joke connen

Did you hear about the fortune teller who wasn't doing very well. He wasn't making a good prophet!



Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd and he takes care of us. He loves us as if we were his little lambs.



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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