

# 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.

**At this very holy time may I wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.  
Fr. Leslie**



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

### THE REAL EASTER EGG

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### 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



### POPE ON TWITTER



1. True power is service. The Pope must serve all people, especially the poor, the weak, the vulnerable.
2. Let us keep a place for Christ in our lives, let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation.
3. I am looking forward to next July in Rio de Janeiro! I hope to see all of you in that great Brazilian city!
4. We must not believe the Evil One when he tells us that there is nothing we can do in the face of violence, injustice and sin.



### 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**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Holy Saturday 30	8.00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter	
Easter Sunday 31	8.30 a.m.	Gerald Somers RIP	
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 1	9.15 a.m.	Marie McGuinness RIP	
Tuesday 2	9.15 a.m.	Sister Magdalene Frisby RIP	
Wednesday	8.30 a.m.	Brian Broom, Casimiro and Rita Gomes RIP	
Thursday 4	9.15 a.m.	Gladys and Philip Clarke RIP	T & J Grimes
Friday 5	9.15 a.m.	Lena Castelino RIP	
Saturday 6	9.15 a.m.		

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 6	6.00 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 7	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Irene Murphy RIP

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

**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; Albert Boniface, Josephine Connolly, Ellen O'Connell, and Gladys Clarke. Priests of our Diocese Canon William Toft (1968), Pope John Paul II (2005), Fr. Ronald Roberts (1983) and Canon Charles Loughran (2006). 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

**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

**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

**CEILI AT ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL PTA**

There will be a Ceili at St. John Payne School PTA on Saturday 27th April 2013. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., and dancing starts at 8.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. At Upper Hall, St. John Payne school, Patching Hall Lane, CM1 4BS. Price: £6 adults, £3 children. To purchase tickets contact: Elaine Finn Davies on 07837 773 886 or Rose Keely on 07570 131 365.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

If you are unable to come to a weekday masses, you may find this prayer helpful; "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 Amen.

**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.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

For the week ending 23/24 March you gave £362.69 of which £81.00 was gift aided. Please if you are a tax payer and would like to gift aid your offertory giving, do take a form from the back of the church. If you are paying by standing order, please also gift aid your offering.

**Outgoings:**

- Council Tax £1,587.46
  - Palm branches £92.80
- Thank you and God bless.



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. I hope you all enjoy our Mass, and a very happy Easter to each and every one of you. Today and during the Easter Season our Scriptures are so rich. John Paul II said "on Easter

Sunday, the church is reconnected in contemplation of the risen Christ. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalene and the other women who went to the tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life. Whoever had condemned Jesus deceived himself that he had buried his cause under a tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen Lord did not delay in making himself seen and they gave into reality. They saw and they believed. Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Masters greeting "Peace be with you".

Christ's resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proof. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelisation can only begin from a renewed experience of this mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life".

For us as we journey together towards Pentecost Sunday in this special Year of Faith, we will experience the truth of the resurrection, penetrating and taking hold of us in a deeper and more life changing way than ever before.

Our faith is tested, sometimes sorely and severely. The disciples had come face-to-face with the Risen Lord and even Thomas, at first deeply sceptical, declared "My Lord and my God". However it was only when the Spirit came down upon the disciples at the feast of Pentecost that they were able to proclaim with heartfelt joy and confidence that Jesus was risen from the dead.

So let us celebrate with joy this wonderful event that changed human history and has the power to transform our lives each and every day.

Thank you, God Bless, and have a great Easter.

Fr Leslie

Celebrating the presence of God in the family



**FLK**

In every liturgical action the Holy Spirit is sent in order to bring us into Communion with Christ and so to form his body.



**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

We have recently emptied the CAFOD Connect 2 Rwanda box at the back of the church and your spare change totalled £49.40.



Thank you so much for your generosity. If you have any spare change, please keep on dropping it in. The money we raise supports CAFOD's work in Rwanda and makes a huge difference to those in need. CAFOD have sent us the following update about their work in Rwanda:

"CAFOD's partner in Rwanda, Avega East, supports survivors of the 1994 genocide by helping to re-build their lives, particularly widows and children who've lost their parents. Their work ranges greatly from trauma counselling to legal advice and practical day to day support. In our Connect2 village of Musha and the area surrounding it, Avega East has given trauma counselling to about a hundred people. Day to day support includes help with medication and other necessities.

We at CAFOD, the team at Avega East, and the people we are connected to through Connect2: Rwanda want to thank you for your generosity, support and friendship."

Please continue to keep the people of Rwanda in your prayers and to support them financially with your spare change as much as you can.

Cathy Waterhouse and Clare Barton

**Joke Corner**

On a plane bound for New York the flight attendant approached a blonde sitting in the first class section and requested that she move to coach since she did not have a first class ticket. The blonde replied, "I'm blonde; I'm beautiful; I'm going to New York; and I'm not moving." Not wanting to argue with a customer, the flight attendant asked the co-pilot to speak with her. He went to talk with the woman, asking her to please move out of the first class section. Again, the blonde replied, "I'm blonde; I'm beautiful; I'm going to New York, and I'm not moving." The co-pilot returned to the cockpit and asked the captain what he should do. The captain said, "I'm married to a blonde, and I know how to handle this." He went to the first class section and whispered in the blonde's ear. She immediately jumped up and ran to the coach section mumbling to herself, "Why didn't someone just say so?" Surprised, the flight attendant and the co-pilot asked what he said to her that finally convinced her to move from her seat. He said, "I told her the first class section wasn't going to New York!"



**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say**

Father in heaven, thank you for this wonderful day. We are celebrating the new life of Jesus. Help us remember why we have Easter eggs, and to share our good things with one another.

Amen.

**PARISH REGISTER.**

Many, many thanks to Clare and Catherine who are taking on the enormous task of updating the parish register. A huge vote of thanks to them both for undertaking this crucial role which is clearly very important to the future of our parish. Once the register has been updated we will be in touch with all our parishioners asking them to complete a Census Form to ensure that the database is as good as it can be.

Thanks in advance for your help.



**DOORWAY TO FAITH**

Doorway to faith part three is available at the back of the church £2.50 money in paper box this is a journey of prayer through the catechism of the church for the year of faith.

**FROM KEITH FERNETT, DIRECTOR, ANCHOR HOUSE**

We are very grateful to the congregation of St. Joseph The Worker for the collection of £276.31 on Homeless Sunday and for your longstanding support. It is because of the fantastic support of your church and parishioners that we can continue to support the vulnerable and highly marginalized single homeless people who stay at Anchor House.

At Anchor House we support people each year by providing a stable and safe environment. We offer a holistic programme of rehabilitation including vocational skills training. We do this currently in a building that is now over 50 years old. That is why we launched our ambitious £15.3m Home and Hope Appeal to provide an inspiring environment with purpose built facilities. We are based in Canning Town, the most deprived ward in London Borough of Newham, and third most deprived borough in England & Wales. Newham has one of the highest rates of homelessness and unemployment in the UK. The high unemployment rates are linked to acute levels of skill shortages. Together with our residents over 1000 local people access our in-house accredited vocational training courses to NVQ Levels 1 & 2 either in construction or Literacy, Numeracy, IT and ESOL.

**NEW HALL SCHOOL - OPEN MORNING**

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**CAFOD FAMILY WALK**

CAFOD Family Walk and Children's treasure trail on Friday 5 April 2013 at Hanningfield Reservoir. Bring your own picnic. Tea, coffee and ice creams are available from the Cafe. £5 suggested donation per adult, children go free. Meet at the Visitors Centre from 11.00 a.m. for an 11.30 a.m. start. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Sorry no dogs! For any more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook

**SPEED GOLF**

Calling all golfers in the Parish. Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding a Speed Golf Challenge on 7 July at Crondon Park Golf Club. The event will start at 4.00 p.m., and will be followed by a BBQ. Wouldn't it be great if the Parish could muster a team of 15 golfers! All abilities can participate. This is the most fun you will ever have a golf course. Watch this space for full details of how you can enter. Open to individuals and families.



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HUTTON AND SHENFIELD**

INVITE YOU TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK OF WITNESS, ON GOOD FRIDAY at 9.10 a.m. from Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, to Shenfield Library. There will be a short service in front of the library at 9.30, followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Union Church. *DO JOIN US IF YOU CAN*



**PATRICK MOUCHEL FUND RAISER**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the parish who supported me at my fundraising evening on Saturday 16th March to help me get to my £3500 target to go to Bolivia this summer. The evening was a complete success in my eyes and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. In the end, we had around 80 people packed in to the Parish Hall and raised over £860 - which is a phenomenal amount of money and one I never imagined I could raise in just one evening. Once again, many thanks for your continuing support. It is wonderful to have such a supportive and generous group of people behind me!

Patrick Mouchel



Before daybreak Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She hurried to tell Jesus' friends Peter and John who raced to the tomb. Peter went in and Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead!



### 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.

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