

# 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.

## THE COSMIC DIMENSION OF THE WORLD

When we consider the basic meaning of the word of God as a reference to the eternal Word of God made flesh, the one Saviour and mediator between God and humanity, and we listen to this word, we are led by the biblical revelation to see that it is the foundation of all reality. The Prologue of Saint John says of the divine Logos, that "all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (Jn 1:3); and in the Letter to the Colossians it is said of Christ, "the first-born of all creation" (1:15), that "all things were created through him and for him" (1:16). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews likewise states that "by faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear" (11:3).

For us, this proclamation is a word of freedom. Scripture tells us that everything that exists does not exist by chance but is willed by God and part of his plan, at whose centre is the invitation to partake, in Christ, in the divine life. Creation is born of the Logos and indelibly bears the mark of the creative Reason which orders and directs it; with joy-filled certainty the psalms sing: "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth" (Ps 33:6); and again, "he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood forth" (Ps 33:9). All reality expresses this mystery: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Ps 19:1). Thus sacred Scripture itself invites us to acknowledge the Creator by contemplating his creation (cf. Wis 13:5; Rom 1:19-20). The tradition of Christian thought has developed this key element of the symphony of the word, as when, for example, Saint Bonaventure, who in the great tradition of the Greek Fathers sees all the possibilities of creation present in the Logos, states that "every creature is a word of God, since it proclaims God". The Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum synthesized this datum when it stated that "God, who creates and conserves all things by his word (cf. Jn 1:3), provides constant evidence of himself in created realities".

*FROM THE POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION VERBUM DOMINI OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY, CONSECRATED PERSONS AND THE LAY FAITHFUL ON THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH*

## 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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## SEASON OF ADVENT

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 6.00 p.m. For Kath O'Reilly's Friends who celebrated her 90th Birthday.

Sunday 16 8.30 a.m. People of the parish  
10.30 a.m. Ann Bretherton R.I.P. W&K. Jackson

#### FEAST OF ST ANTHONY

Monday 17 9.15 a.m. The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18–25 January.

Tuesday 18 9.15 a.m. Audrey Freeman R.I.P. G&B. O'Regan

Wednesday 19 8.30 a.m.

Thursday 20 9.15 a.m. John Castle R.I.P. B Castle

#### FEAST OF ST AGNES

Friday 21 9.15 a.m.

Saturday 22 9.15 a.m. Fr Anthony O'Dowd PACT MASS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 6.00 p.m. John Field G. Sarah

Sunday 23 8.30 a.m. People of the parish  
10.30 a.m. Pat Burton & Family M. Alcock

THE ROSARY IS RECITED BEFORE WEEKDAY MORNING MASS AT 9.00 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY EXCEPT WEDNESDAY. WHICH WILL BE AT 8.15 A.M.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

SATURDAY 6.00 P.M.	SUNDAY 8.30 A.M.	SUNDAY 10.30 A.M.
Gaye O'Regan	Jan Jarvis	Tony Grimes
Bill O'Regan	Jim Jarvis	Jenny Grimes
Carol Turnbull	Karen Field	Chris Brooks
Rosemary Walker	John Spinks	Willa Jackson
Maurice Roche	Joan Parker	Marion Barlow

### ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially George Porter, Arthur Gilbert, Maura Oakey, Michael Lyons, Maurice Hussey, Dorothy Sulton, Victor Dragoni, Anita Laidles, Kathleen Elliott, Fergal McDonagh, Priests of our Diocese, Fr Basil Pearson (1947), Fr Neville Banks (2006), Fr Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuypers (1946), Mgr. David Donnelly (2010), Bp Bernard Ward, First Bishop of Brentwood, 1917–1920, Fr Christopher Quirke (2000). "Lord for them life is changed not ended" may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

Our prayerful sympathy to Evelyn Marchant, her sons, Dominic and Paul on the recent death of her husband Brian and father. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

A prayer of sympathy to Carol Turnbull's family on the recent death of her mother, may she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace. Funeral mass on Friday 28 January at 11.00 a.m., followed by burial at Woodman Road cemetery.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN THE PARISH

Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Mick O'Dowd, Bernard Gordon, Maureen Smith, Hannah Eberle, Annie Baker, Mary McKenna, Mary Ward, John Field, Vera Ferrari and Jaqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Brian Donoghue and Charles and Maud Barry. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

### ON GOING FAITH FORMATION

The parents' meetings for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will take place in our parish hall with Sister Nuala on Wednesday 26 January, Wednesday 9 February and Wednesday 23 March all at 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

### FINANCE MATTERS

Envelopes: £53.00 Loose: £350.46

Thank you.

### PAX CHRISTI

Second collection next Sunday for our support for the Catholic Movement for peace.

### CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS

Catholic life, Vatican £3.50 Catholic Papers £2.40 Bible Alive £1.95

Do purchase Catholic papers and magazines from time to time.



Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker.

In today's Gospel of St. John we learn that John identifies for his audience in advance who Jesus is, so that, as the drama of Jesus' life unfolds, they can come to faith in him. John makes John the Baptist his first witness to Jesus. The Baptist recognises him as the long awaited Messiah and points him out as the Lamb of God. In proclaiming Jesus to be the Lamb of God, he identifies him both the Passover Lamb and the suffering servant of Isaiah.

John understands that sin is the fundamental problem for all human beings, for sin separates us from God, thereby preventing us from sharing in God's life and knowing his love for us. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus came to be the sacrifice for sin and the provider of grace to overcome sin. Jesus is the Lamb of God – he alone can take away our sin and guilt. Jesus is the baptiser in the Holy Spirit – he alone can give us the spirit. The spirit counters our sinful drives by giving us both the desire to do what is right and the power to do so. This double aspect of our redemption is proclaimed by John in order to awaken true faith in Jesus, so that we shall go to him to receive reconciliation, forgiveness, healing and salvation, and to be filled with the power and life of the spirit.

Unless we truly recognise our need, the spirit cannot come upon us in fullness. We must see our sin has damaged our lives and acknowledge our powerlessness to deal with it. Then we can ask Jesus to take away our sins and fill us with the grace of the Spirit of Holiness.

We need to pray each day for the grace of repentance and forgiveness so that we may regularly, together with our families, meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that the power of the spirit can fill us with his grace, mercy and love.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fr Leslie

### HOME IS A HOLY PLACE



### BLESS THIS HOUSE

If you would like your home blessed then give your name and address to Fr. Leslie.

### APPEAL FROM MARILLAC CARE

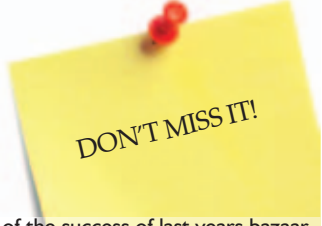
Our volunteers provide extremely valuable support to our Residents and Staff. They contribute in many different ways, spending time reading or chatting to residents, playing board games or cards, gardening, helping with planned group activities such as quizzes, bingo, craft, crosswords and games.

Volunteers tell us that they find volunteering a rewarding and positive experience, and we are again seeking to recruit new volunteers to help us to continue to support our residents. As many of our volunteers are members of our local churches, I would like to bring this to the attention of your parishioners. For further information please contact Amanda Trew on 01 277 220 276 ([amandat@marillac.co.uk](mailto:amandat@marillac.co.uk)). Thank you, parishioners of St Joseph's, in advance for your support.

### TEARS AT NIGHT AND JOY AT DAWN

Is the title of a book by Andrew Robinson, who is a young seminarian dying of cancer. His chemotherapy treatment is painful and draining, involving dispiriting periods in hospital. Archbishop Vincent Nichols gives him a journal and invites him to record his daily thoughts. Despite his suffering he is happy to sing the praises of God.

In the midst of his ordeal, Archbishop Vincent Nichols brings the possibility of his ordination to the fore, which raises his hopes and lifts his spirit. Tragically his condition deteriorates – he embraces God's will, dying peacefully on 27 April 2001. Tears at Night, Joy at Dawn is a powerful testimony to God's grace in preparing a young man to face life's ultimate reality, and has important lessons and provides comfort for anyone suffering illness or hardship. If you would like a copy of this very moving book, please let Fr. Leslie know.



On the back of the success of last years bazaar we have decided to go ahead again this year and you will notice that our faithful box has re-appeared at the back of Church for any unwanted gifts. We have also left a book for any comments, suggestions (good and bad) which may help us with this years planning.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Canon Palmer Catholic School, Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 22 January 2011. Quiz starts at 7.30 p.m. – entrance will be £5.00 person. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

### CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED!

Please consider becoming a church cleaner, only 1 hour of your time on a Friday morning after Mass. Most of our cleaners have been doing this for a number of years, and we now urgently need more people to help out. This is a very important ministry and God's housekeepers are essential for the upkeep of our church. Coffee and social chat included.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic spouse or fiancé who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and Catholic faith, without obligation, is invited to contact Fr Leslie or write to Father registering your interest. A new course will begin in February.

### COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

Available at the back of the Church today is New Hall's recent publication of the Community and Outreach newsletter. Please feel free to take a copy. Further details are available at [www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk) or email [marketing@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:marketing@newhallschool.co.uk)

### STRADA – BILLERICAY – EAT OUT IN JANUARY

Visit Strada in January and get 50% off main courses. Maximum party of six, one card required per party. cards are available in Church porch or from Fr Leslie.

### EXHIBITION – HEROINES OF THE HOLOCAUST

To mark International Holocaust Memorial Day 2011, you are invited to visit the exhibition Heroines of the Holocaust which will be held at the Town Hall, Ingrave Rd, Brentwood, Essex CM18 8AY on **Friday 28 January (10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) and Saturday 29 January (10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)**

Bookstalls and Information stalls will be available. For further details contact Natasha Radford on 01277 888610 or [info@roshtikvah.com](mailto:info@roshtikvah.com) or Maire Dare Edwards on 01277 213243 [mdareedwards@btinternet.com](mailto:mdareedwards@btinternet.com)

### DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

The Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Civil Administration, who will also be the designated Diocesan Financial Secretary, to succeed Gerry Curran on his retirement at the end of April 2011 after long and distinguished service as the Diocesan Director of Finance. The Director will manage the Diocese's finance, property and administrative departments, providing advice and guidance for the Bishop and Diocesan trustees and for parishes, and will implement Diocesan policies on the management of financial and property assets and on all financial, property and civil law matters.

The successful candidate will have senior management legal and/or financial and accounting skills gained in the charitable, professional or commercial field, and the detailed knowledge of the Catholic Church required to operate effectively. If you would like more information on the post and an application pack, please contact: Janet Steele, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT (01 277 265280) or [janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date for applications is 29 January 2011. Interviews will be held at Cathedral House.

**Fr Leslie needs help to sell 10 books of raffle tickets for the Knights of St. Columba** in aid of their work for the community and youth also for international distress and grants to the underdevelopment countries and benevolence generally. **£5.00 per book GREAT PRIZES!**

*Books available after Mass from Fr. Leslie.*

### JOKE CORNER

A plane leaves Los Angeles airport under the control of a Jewish captain. His co-pilot is Chinese. It's the first time they've flown together, and an awkward silence between the two seems to indicate a mutual dislike. Once they reach cruising altitude, the Captain activates the auto-pilot, leans back in his seat and mutters "I don't like Chinese". "No rike Chinese?" asks the co-pilot. "Why not?" "You people bombed Pearl Harbour, that's why" "No, no" the co-pilot protests. "Chinese not bomb Pearl Harbour, that was Japanese not Chinese"

"japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese.....doesn't matter.... all the same to me"  
There was a few minutes silence.  
"I no rike Jews either" the co-pilot suddenly announces.  
"Oh yeah, why not?" asks the Captain?  
"Jews sink Titanic" says the co-pilot.  
"What? That's insane. Jews didn't sink the Titanic" exclaims the Captain. "it was an iceberg".  
"Iceberg, Goldberg, Greenberg.... all the same to me!"

### CHILDREN'S CORNER A CHILD'S NIGHT PRAYER

Thank you God for a lovely day, I've had a lot of fun.  
Thank you for my games and play, Bless my friends each and everyone.  
Thanks for the yummy food I ate, And for the home I love.  
God bless mummy, she's really great, And give daddy blessings from above.  
Look after all the family too, Even those far away, I promise to do my best for you, and help out in every way.  
Now I'm going off to sleep, Bless me Jesus while you keep Watching at my bedside here, I'll not worry whilst you're near.

Source unknown

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word. To help you there will be a workshop on Monday 7 February 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m., Catholic Conference Centre with Sister Nuala. We then hope to begin on the First Sunday of Lent. If anyone else would like to volunteer please contact Fr Leslie. The more we have, the less burden will be on you. Thank you again.



“Even in these difficult times I hope you will continue to make the Children’s Society a priority and to support its vitally important work as generously as you have in the past.”



## special friends

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society is the children’s charity for the Diocese of Brentwood – it is your Children’s Charity so please become a Special Friend and with your support we really can make a difference!

Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 for further details on how your regular donation can make a difference to so many children’s lives



### 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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- Help with planned group activities such as quizzes, bingo, craft, crosswords and games
- Driving – on excursions or to appointments
- Gardening
- Fundraising

From our volunteers...

- “The Marillac is such a rewarding place to spend a little of my time each week. With new people to meet and something to get involved in for everyone – you soon feel that you’re helping to make a difference to others, whilst doing something positive for yourself, too.”
- “We have been working here for over 12 years, and helping others less fortunate helps us to appreciate how lucky we are to be fit and healthy. It’s good to be here.”

The Marillac is a residential home for younger adults with physical and/or neurological disabilities. We are based in Eagle Way, Warley, Brentwood opposite the Ford’s building.

Volunteering can be undertaken midweek, at weekends and in the evenings – even if you are only available to come in during term time.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Marillac, please contact Amanda our Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01277 220276 or [amandat@marillac.co.uk](mailto:amandat@marillac.co.uk)

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