

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.

FATHER LESLIE WRITES:



Today we begin the month of October. This month by tradition is called the month of the Holy Rosary, the feast we keep this Friday. Our Lady, who appeared to three children at **Medjugorje**, said of her son "If you knew how much I love you, you would cry with joy". She also said "Dear children, I invite you for your individual conversion. This time is for you! Without you God's plan cannot be realised. Dear children, grow day by day closer to God through prayer". I invite you, said the Blessed Mother, to pray the rosary, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, to read the Holy Scriptures, to fast, and to attend Monthly Confession.

Every person should, as Catholics, have a rosary. Teach your children to pray the rosary. If you feel stressed out, despairing of hope, there is no better remedy than the rosary. The repetitive nature of the rosary as we reflect on the Lord's life brings a sense of calm. This could be our Friday Fast Day resolution, to pray.

Today in the Gospel we hear the parable of the wicked tenants. The parable declares that the vineyard will be leased to other tenants who will be more faithful and will deliver the produce in due season.

The Chief Priests were challenging Jesus about his authority. Jesus answered them in three ways, firstly, he asked them what they thought about John the Baptist's authority. Then he presents the scene of the two sons being asked by the father to go and work in the vineyard - one of whom says he will not go, but then goes, while the other says he will go, but does not. Jesus used this example to say that it was the Tax Collectors and Sinners who responded to the Baptist's preaching and indeed that of Jesus.

The parable of the wicked tenants was the third part of Jesus' response to the Temple authorities. The deep truth is that it is Jesus himself who has replaced the tenants. In the end, no one could shepherd God's people faithfully, no one could really care for God's vineyard in the way God wanted. Only the Son could fulfil the role through his death and resurrection, Jesus is now and forever the one who cares for the vineyard.

Today we can examine our own lives of faith in the light of today's readings. What kind of fruit does our faith produce? Let our prayer be an increase in our ability to bring our faith to fruition in every part of our lives.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. HAVE A SAFE AND HOLY WEEK.

Fr Leslie

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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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1	6.00 p.m.	Mary Shipperlee R.I.P.	F and M Dodson
Sunday 2	8.30 a.m.	Massimo Mentessi R.I.P.	Carol Giles
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 3	9.15 a.m.	Special Intention	Alice McGough

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Tuesday 4	9.15 a.m.	John and Cathy Gribbin Int.	J and C Gribbin
Wednesday 5	8.30 a.m.	Holy Souls	Wallbox
Thursday 6	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	Wallbox
Our Lady of the Rosary			
Friday 7	9.15 a.m.	John Field R.I.P.	E Kent
Saturday 8	9.15 a.m.		

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	6.00 p.m.	Catherine Niro R.I.P.	F and M Dodson
Sunday 9	8.30 a.m.	Rosemary Walker R.I.P.	Eileen Amell
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE FOR THE SELCTION OF THE NEW BISHOP

There will be a Holy Hour throughout the Diocese on Sunday 16 October (at St. Joseph's at 4.00 p.m.). The feast of Blessed John Henry Newman also envisaged is a day of prayer in schools on Friday 7 October. Please put this date in your diaries.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Just to remind you that we need to be more aware of our dress when ministering at Mass. Overcoats etc. should be removed and we should be more aware of what we are doing in Word and Sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS

New rotas for July to December are now available in the porch. If you wish to receive your rota by email please email Willa at willajackson789@btinternet.com

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Thomas Layton, Barbara Fowles, David Gower, Margaret Stone, Rina Ellingford, James Walsh, and Jean Mateer. Priests of our Diocese Fr. Michael Hopkins (1994), Fr. Henry Healy and Fr. David Logue (1976), Canon Edward Heery (1928), Fr. Harold Cahill (1970), and Fr. Alfred Clements (1931). For them life is changed, not ended. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and grace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN OUR PARISH

Daniella DiLisio (aged 16), Tania Foster, Paul Denton, Don Whittle, Simone Austin, Anita Czupeynski, Mick O'Dowd, Bernard Gordon, Hannah Eberle, Annie Baker, Mary McKenna, Mary Ward, Jacqueline Burnie, Maureen Flaherty, Pauline White, Mairead O'Driscoll, Maud Barry, Nora McPherson and Ethel Benneworth. Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them. If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

CONFIRMATION 2012

If you wish to be confirmed next year, Feast of Pentecost, and you are 14 or over, please put in writing to Fr. Leslie your wish to be confirmed. We need all requests to be in by the end of September. At present we have nine applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation so far.

RED BOX HOLDERS

The Autumn edition of "Mission Today" is available for collection from the table in the Narthex. Please take your copy.

ALTAR SERVERS – NEEDED URGENTLY

We are now looking for names of those who wish to serve at the altar. Blessed Pope John Paul II called on all young people to offer themselves to the various ministries in the church. If you are eight years old or over please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

PARISH DINNER UPDATE

If you have any special dietary requirements please contact Jan on 200278. Our raffle will be in aid of the Catholic Children's Society so any GOOD raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

Confirmation of dress code, Black tie or lounge suit. Thank you.

YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE - "THE JOURNEY"

A reflection on the life of Jesus in readings and songs performed by Meditation - a Christian Folk Band from Kelvedon, Essex. 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 15 October 2011 at The Parish Church of Our Lady and Saint George, 132 Shernhall Street, WALTHAMSTOW E17 9HU
Tickets £5.00. For information/tickets Contact: Christine Walton: 07796 382 567 or Timothy Campbell: 07981 657 729. All proceeds to CAFOD.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

11:30 TO 2:30

(additional new stalls this year)

The day is getting nearer and we are kindly requesting donations of the following:

- ✦ Bars and Boxes of Chocolate of any size
- ✦ Bottles of wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- ✦ Home made jams and chutneys
- ✦ 1p and 2p coins

Plus, new pens, pencils, rubbers, cotton wool, pasta, rice, Christmas decorations

We appreciate the list is vast, but hope with the generosity of the Parish we can once again make the day a great occasion for all the family. *Many thanks*

ROSARY - LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Rosary will be said on three Wednesdays in October on the 5th, 12th and 19th at 7.30 p.m. The Rosary will be said at 7.15 p.m. on the 26th followed by Mass at 7.30 p.m.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Open Evenings, for all Year 6 pupils and parents, take place Thursday 6 October and Wednesday 12 October, commencing 6.00 p.m. in the Upper School Hall with a tour of the school, followed by an address from the Headteacher at 8.00 p.m.

THE 27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

Saturday 8 October 2011. Assemble by 1.45 p.m. outside Westminster Cathedral (Ambrosden Avenue). Nearest Underground: Victoria.

Procession to Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7. Nearest Underground: South Kensington.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - FEAST OF OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA - WORLD MARITIME DAY

Please come and join us in the celebration of Holy Mass on Wednesday 28 September 2011 at Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Place. London SW1 at 17.30 p.m.

Bishop Tom Burns SM will preside.

BIBLE GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Thursday the 8th October at 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at 6 Parkway, Shenfield, to discuss how the group should proceed. New members will be very welcome.

For more information please contact Margaret on 01277 226614 or Michael on 01277 222304



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 7 October is CAFOD Family Fast Day. The world's poorest children desperately need our help. Please help CAFOD give children the childhoods they deserve, free from pain and suffering. The Retiring Collection on 8/9 October will be for Family Fast donations.

Thank you in advance.

RCIA STUDY EVENING

The Role of a Sponsor - a co-traveller on the journey of faith. This event will be held on Wednesday 19 October 2011 between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. at The Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The Facilitators will be members of the Diocesan RCIA Network. The cost is simple - just a donation.

This session will explore the role of the sponsor during the process of Initiation.

For booking and further Information please contact the secretary on 020 8554 0257.

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

There will be a Mass for all deceased members of the St. John Payne Community on Friday 11 November 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Upper School Hall. All are welcome.

THE EUCHARIST: COMMUNION WITH CHRIST, AND WITH ONE ANOTHER"

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress presents - "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ, and with one another". This will take place between 10 and 17 June 2012 in Dublin.

In preparation for the Congress, a meeting will take place on Sunday 1 October between 3.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The Facilitator will be Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM, Diocesan Delegate.

Further information is available from the Adult RE & Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265 219 or email smuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY - 20 NOVEMBER 2011. 10.30 A.M. MASS

We are looking for instrumentalists, singers, readers, greeters etc. etc. If you can help, please email Jane or Mark at jane_minnie@hotmail.com. Spread that word!!

CATHOLIC WITNESS - FRIDAY PENANCE

The following Statement was issued by the Bishop's Conference after their recent meeting. By the practice of penance every Catholic identifies with Christ in his death on the cross. We do so in prayer, through uniting the sufferings and sacrifices in our lives with those of Christ's passion; in fasting, by dying to self in order to be close to Christ; in almsgiving, by demonstrating our solidarity with the sufferings of Christ in those in need. All three forms of penance form a vital part of Christian living. When this is visible in the public arena, then it is also an important act of witness.

Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of our Lord. The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference.

The Bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity. They recognise that the best habits are those which are acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. It is important that all the faithful be united in a common celebration of Friday penance.

Respectful of this, and in accordance with the mind of the whole Church, the Bishops' Conference wishes to remind all Catholics in England and Wales of the obligation of Friday Penance. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this should be fulfilled by abstaining from meat. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake. This is to come into effect from Friday 16 September 2011 when we will mark the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom.

Many may wish to go beyond this simple act of common witness and mark each Friday with a time of prayer and further self-sacrifice. In all these ways we unite our sacrifices to the sacrifice of Christ, who gave up his very life for our salvation.

THE BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form Female students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2012. For prospective Year 7 students the Opening Evening will be on Thursday 6 October 2011 from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Doors will be open at 6.15 p.m. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. For Sixth Form students the Open Evening will be on Wednesday 12 October 2011 from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Doors will be open at 6.45 p.m. There will be a Sixth Form talk at 7.30 p.m. Sixth Form students and parents may wish to attend on 7 October for a tour as on that occasion the whole school will be open.

Please note that there are no on-site parking facilities available

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The annual draw for the Christmas Hamper is back. As before, we don't go to the expense of books of raffle tickets and all the hassle of filling out names and addresses multiple times, we like to keep things simple. So all you have to do is write your name and phone number on an envelope (Fr. Leslie has plenty), enclose £5.00, and hand the envelope to Fr. Leslie.



And good luck. The draw will be made at the Christmas Bazaar on 19 November.

ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be a "Prayer Procession" entitled 500 Crosses for Life. This will be held in London on Saturday 12 November 2011. Every day, more than 500 unborn children die by abortion in England, Scotland and Wales.

The Prayer Procession will start at 13.30 at Westminster Cathedral, with a Mourning Ceremony at Westminster Bridge. The Procession will end at Westminster Abbey at 16.00. This event is an Ecumenical Initiative.

If you cannot attend, then please do spend some time in prayer at home between 13.30 and 16.00 for the unborn child and its mother.

FINANCE MATTERS

Envelopes:	£70.00
Loose:	£294.49

Thank you and God Bless

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say
 Please help me to take care of your Kingdom, Lord. Help me to listen to those who tell me about you and to welcome Jesus into my heart.
 Amen.

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

A man had a vineyard. He gave it to workers to look after. When it was time for the harvest, the owner sent his servants to collect the grapes. The workers didn't want to share the harvest. They beat up the servants and sent them away. The workers beat up the next group of servants. In the end, the owner sent his son. "They won't hurt my son" he thought. He was wrong. The workers did not even listen to the son.



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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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