

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.

INTRODUCING THE REVISED TRANSLATION OF THE PEOPLE'S TEXTS AT MASS - CONTINUED

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The revised text of the Nicene Creed which we profess each Sunday has many changes. This Creed gets its name from Nicea where a council took place at the request of Emperor Constantine in 325. The purpose of the Council was to deal with the debate about the nature of Christ – his humanity and divinity. It was not until another Council at Chalcedon in 451 that Christ was declared to be: **'The Only begotten Son of God, born of the Father...'**

These words are now included in the new translation which we also find in the Gloria. This Creed was first introduced into the Eastern Christian liturgy in the sixth century, and in the ninth century it was adopted in the Western Church. In 1014, it was included in the Roman Mass by Pope Benedict VIII. This continued to be the only Creed used at Mass until the Apostle's Creed was included in the 1975 Missal with permission for its use.

The first change we will notice is the change from –

- ✘ **'We believe' to 'I believe'**. Although we are professing our faith as a community, we are also professing our personal faith along with those who share that faith - *'There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism...'* (Eph 4:5)

Many countries have been using these words since the Second Vatican Council.

The next change is:

- ✘ **'Of all things visible and invisible'**. We find reference to these words in the Bible *'...for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible'* (Col. 1:16) – indicating that God, though invisible, is shown by his presence visibly in the world he creates.

Other noticeable changes:

- ✘ **Consubstantial with the Father** – the word 'consubstantial' means *'of one being with'* which is a direct translation from the original Greek.
- ✘ **Adored** – this replaces the word *'worshipped'*.
- ✘ **I Confess** – the words not implying sorrow for sin but a stronger expression of our profession of faith as a response of the heart.
- ✘ **And I look forward** – expresses our confidence in God's promise of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

MUSIC

The Missal tones include English text versions of the traditional plainchant Credo I & III for singing. Although Credo III is relatively well known, Credo I is in some ways a simpler alternative, being more psalm-tone based.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

After the Creed, we remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful. We pray not only for the needs of the Church but also for all creation.

- ✘ Our prayers are made to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ✘ As a general rule the sequence is (a) intentions for the Church; (b) for civil authorities; (c) for those oppressed by any needs; and (d) for the local community.
- ✘ For particular celebrations the intentions composed may be more closely related to that special occasion. These short intentions are not, in themselves, prayers but statements of intention for which we are invited to pray.
- ✘ The Presider invites all to pray and then the Bidder announces each intention. After a short period of silent prayer and following the invitation of the Presider with these or other words -*Lord hear us, all respond with the following words; Lord graciously hear us*". (Other suitable forms may be used.)
- ✘ The Hail Mary should not normally be included in the Prayer of the Faithful, since in the liturgy all prayer is addressed to the Father, through Jesus his Son and by the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our Lady joins us in the liturgy in offering worship to God.

We may, however, express our devotion to the Blessed Virgin at this time of prayer by adding a final intention in these, or similar, words: *"We join our prayers to those of Our Lady as we ask the Heavenly Father to bless and protect us."* ...Lord, hear us...

MUSIC

The Missal tones provide tones for the Prayer of the Faithful for when this can be sung.

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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24	6.00 p.m.	Peter and Michael Copnell	M Whittle
Sunday 25	8.30 a.m.	Yvonne Marston R.I.P.	G Giles
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday 26	9.15 a.m.	Margurite Gautier Int	

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesday 27	9.15 a.m.	Int of family and friends	E Pattle
Wednesday 28	8.30 a.m.	Margaret Coyle R.I.P.	B Cabras

SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS

Thursday 29	9.15 a.m.	Parents of Margaret Gautier R.I.P.	
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ST JEROME

Friday 30	9.15 a.m.	Michael Kent R.I.P.	Elizabeth Kent
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ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saturday 1	9.15 a.m.	James and Mary Hughes	J Hughes
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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.	C Giles
	10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE FOR THE SELECTION 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 Edward Bridge, Patricia Young, Ronald Smith, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, James Linsay, and Christine Newman, and Priests of our Diocese Pope John Paul I (1978), Fr. Gordon Godfrey, and Fr. Bernard Wakeling (1990). 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

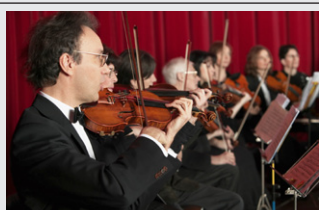
We are now looking for names of those who wish to serve at the altar. Blessed Pope John Paul II called on all young people to offer themselves to the various ministries in the church. If you are eight years old or over please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

GREAT CONCERT – AND NOT TO BE MISSED

Please do support

To be held on Friday 30 September At 7.30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker, featuring Kenneth Eady – Tenor (and parishioner) with singers from Witham Theatre, and a classical guitarist.

Admission Free



Fr. Leslie writes

Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker

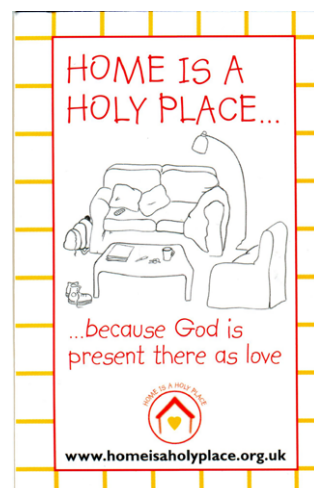
Our Autumn Sunday celebrations continue with yet another scripture reference to workers in the field. This time the words and actions of two sons are compared and contrasted. Can we identify ourselves with this parable? How often have we said we'll do something, but not done it? Sometimes we might be agreeing to an activity to be polite, with no intention of doing it. At other times, we might agree to take part in something, or do something for someone, with the very best intention and a determination to do what we say. Then events overtake us and we do not complete the task. We come to Church on Sunday but do we do God's will?

The message of today's parable can be boiled down to the saying "Actions speak louder than words". We profess our faith and say "yes" at Sunday Mass, but do we live out our faith in our daily lives? Our society tries to remove religion and faith from day to day living. Pope Benedict said "There can be no separation between what we believe and the way we live our lives". We have been urged as a Catholic community to make our faith more visible. Neither of the two sons responds well to their father. One says no, but then changes his mind and does what he knows is right. The other pays lip service to his father, but does not do his will.

President Jimmy Carter said "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... I am free to choose what that something is, and the something I have chosen is my faith. My faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, for as long as I can, with whatever I have, to try to make a difference.

Fr Leslie

Many thanks and God Bless for a good week



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

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.

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*

FINANCE MATTERS

Envelopes: £24.00

Loose: £415.89

Thank you and God Bless



Children's Corner

A Prayer to say

Dear Jesus, in today's Gospel you tell us what matters is not saying that we will do God's will, but actually doing God's will. From now on, I will do what you ask and be loving and good to everyone. Amen

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

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.

GRIEF JOURNEY

Are you lonely, grieving, coping with a loss? Let us walk with you on your Grief Journey. Working in association with world renowned grief counsellor Dr. Bill Webster, Bennett's are sponsoring six weekly sessions to help you through those difficult times "Your grief is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign you cared".

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(refreshments from 5.45 p.m.) at Christchurch Hall, Christchurch, Warley, Brentwood.

Parking is available. To reserve a place on this course please call Lucienne on 01277 624 289

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.

CATHOLIC WITNESS - FRIDAY PENCEANCE

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



A man asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. One says, "No", but later changes his mind and goes. The other says, "Yes", but then does not go to work. Jesus tells us that, even if we say no to God, we can always change our mind and God will always welcome us back.



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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