

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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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Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 17 March 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16 6.00 p.m.
For our Parishioners
Sunday 17 10.30 a.m.
Anne Edwards RIP
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3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with the
Rosary for Peace

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 19 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 20 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 21 9.00 a.m.
Friday 22 9.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
Saturday 23 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Confession
with Rosary for Peace in
Middle East & Ukraine

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
J Greenfield
Sunday 24 10.30 a.m.
For Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with the
Rosary for Peace

Please note: The Newsletter is put together two weeks in advance. If you wish your Mass intention to be printed, you will need to have it handed in by then. *Thank you*
If you can come to weekday mass, the Eucharist is the Bread of Life, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of life Lord.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion in their homes, contact please Fr. Leslie for this important ministry. We also need Eucharistic ministers to help Fr. Leslie.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.



Lenten Reflection

"Jesus, food of strong souls, strengthen me, purify me, make me Godlike. (St. Gemma Galvani).

Welcome to our parish family and to all our visitors today's Sunday Eucharist. Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore or to give this dark reality other names would be futile (Second Vatican council, para.386). The battle against sin is one we have to wage every day. This is why in the Our Father we pray, 'lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matt6:13).

By God's grace we can live victorious and triumphant Christian lives, but only as we wage the good fight of faith through prayer, reading the scriptures and receiving the Eucharist. In preparation for Easter avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Confession. You are free to go to any church of your choosing.

O Lord, forgive me and I shall be forgiven: heal me and I shall be healed.

May the Lord Jesus bless our families.

Fr. Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 16 March 6.00 p.m.
Catherine Bray
Stella Walker
Sunday 17 March 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Sarah Barber
Saturday 23 March 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Mark Brennan
Sunday 24 March 10.30 a.m.
Chris Brooks
Percy Sam

Readers

Saturday 16 March 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Sunday 17 March 10.30 a.m.
Hannah Ola
Saturday 23 March 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Sunday 24 March 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Dareal

Holy Week Services

Please let Willa know if you are available to Minister during Holy Week.

GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following on the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle we are today, and for the next 5 or 6 weeks, raising much needed funds for the Church through a Giant Easter Egg Raffle. The Giant Easter Egg will be on display in the Narthex, and all you have to do to enter, raise some funds, and be in with a chance of winning this magnificent Easter Egg, is put your name and phone number on an envelope, place a £5 note inside, and we'll take care of the rest!

A Giant, smashable, Golden Easter Egg made from Belgian chocolate and filled with Easter treats!

Jack and the beanstalk has been given a chocolate makeover! This showstopping, Giant Golden Egg is made from a thick layer of Belgian milk chocolate.

The egg is filled with Easter Mallows, chocolate mini eggs, and 6x Malteser Bunnys! Plenty to share with Friends and Family this Easter!

And the good news? The Giant Easter Egg stays fresh for up to 6 months if stored in its original packaging. What's not to like?

Let's see just how much we can raise this Easter. Everybody loves chocolate, right?





Journey Home - continued

The cross transforms everything. An instrument of execution and death has become an instrument of life. Jesus did not recoil from his destiny: he recognised that in the cross his 'hour' had come and that his whole life had been a journey to this moment. So much of Jesus' teaching is taken from observing the natural world. He took note of a principle within nature that life is born from death. We all understand that in order for a plant to grow, a seed needs first to be buried in the earth. Unless this happens, it remains only a single seed – if buried in the soil, then many seeds are produced. Jesus saw his own death mirrored in this process of nature. Jesus knew that his entire life was a preparation for his suffering and death upon the cross. In the history of the world there has never been a more important death, for from this death would come life for the world.

Fasting Words of Pope Francis

As we get closer and closer to Holy Week, let us try to put into practice the words on fasting from Pope Francis.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words, be silent and listen.

Easter Offering

Is for your priest and forms a major part of his salary. Don't forget to pick up your Easter Envelope.

Easter Raffle

Easter Egg Chocolate & Bottle of Baileys.
Name, contact details and £5 in the envelope – Thank you – Please help our finances.

Parish Partnership

Our parish of St. Joseph's is now in a partnership with our Cathedral instead of being with Ingatstone, Stock and Ongar. The priests of this new partnership met two weeks ago to discuss this new change. The Cathedral parish council and our parish pastoral team will meet in our parish hall for a 'social' get together so that we can meet each other on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30 p.m. This happens to be the feast of St. Joseph.

Ministries needed

Readers, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic, Church Cleaners (Thursday 1 hour), Altar Servers from those who have made first holy communion plus year 5+6. These are all important ministries – Readers Proclaim the Word God. Extraordinary ministers – Bring Holy Communion to the sick and assist at Mass. Church Cleaners – keep the house of God clean Flower Arrangers to decorate the sanctuary Altar Servers (a great privilege to be close to Jesus and enhance our liturgy). Please do come forward.

Lenten Reconciliation Service – DATE CHANGE

Previously advised as Monday 25 March, the Lenten Reconciliation Service will now be held on Monday 18 March. It will still be held at the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. There will be a service of reconciliation (confession), with a number of priests available to hear your confession, at our cathedral in Brentwood. This is one very important way to spiritually prepare for Easter by seeking the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in this Sacrament.

200 club winners

JANUARY

1st. D & C Brentnall
2nd. M Hallinan
3rd. S & C O'Hare

FEBRUARY

1st. M Frost
2nd. A Smith
3rd. S Mc Cabe

Congratulations to our winners and, as always, many thanks to all our 200 Club members for their generous support.

Votive Candles

Please note the price of votive candles has increased when ordered.

Stations of the Cross



On Fridays during Lent at 7.00 p.m. we will hold Stations of the Cross. Please do come and walk in prayer with Jesus to Calvary out of love Jesus has for us.

Come with your young people too – all are welcome.

Refreshments after Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00 p.m. Mass.

All are welcome to come into the hall after Mass for a drink and a chat.

Volunteers to help prepare and serve the refreshments at 10.30 a.m. Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota.



St. Joseph The Worker School – Head Teacher Vacancy

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do.

The Governors of St Joseph The Worker are delighted to be in a position to offer the opportunity to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher to our successful and caring school. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils.

Applications are invited from existing Headteachers and experienced Deputy Headteachers with great leadership experience who are capable and interested in driving whole school improvement.

Full details of the post and application form are available on [www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key Information/Vacancies](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key%20Information/Vacancies).

Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk or to the school office marked CONFIDENTIAL
FAO MRS L WILLATS

Closing Date: 11 March 2024 at 12 Noon.



Pope on Social Media

God seeks the humble who hope in Him, not in themselves and their own plans. Christian humility is not simply one virtue among others. It is the basic disposition of life. We believe we are in need of God and make room for Him, putting all our trust in Him.

Prayer expands our hearts and takes us down from our pedestal of self-centredness. Prayer teaches us to listen to others and awakens in us the quiet of contemplation.

Let us pray for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as in martyred Ukraine and in the Holy Land. May the hostilities that cause immense suffering to the civilian population cease as soon as possible.

I follow with concern and sorrow the severe crisis affecting Haiti and the violent incidents that have occurred in recent days. I am close to the Church and the dear Haitian people, who have suffered from many hardships for years.

Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversaries of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

We pray for: Irene Murphy, Andrew Corbett, Edward Knight, Ester Gilmore, and John Ives. Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Donal Donegan (1988), Fr. Sidney Williams (1928), and Canon Arthur Holmes (1958)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 10 March 2024 you gave £205.00 with £51.00 via Gift Aid.

Giant Easter Egg Raffle: £200.00 making a running total of £370.00

Thank you and God Bless

Finance News - 2

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking. Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker

Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 9 March: 36

Sunday 10 March: 42

Light
Laughter
SPRING VERSION

So let's continue to cheer everyone up with some more Spring jokes!

Which month of the year is the shortest?
May. It only has three letters!