

# 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 10 March 2024

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9 6.00 p.m.  
Roy Weller RIP  
Sunday 10 10.30 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
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 12 9.00 a.m.  
Fr. John Taylor RIP (Pact Mass)  
Wednesday 13 7.30 p.m.  
Fr. Michael Butler RIP (Pact Mass)  
Thursday 14 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Friday 15 9.00 a.m.  
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7.00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross  
Saturday 16 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.

#### 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  
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: "Shake off all your sins - it is the Lord who speaks - and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit".

Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. We are now getting close to Holy Week, the great week of the church's year. Remember during Lent we are called to pray, fasting and abstinence. Our lives during Lent should be different than normally. We are preparing to walk with Jesus to His death and Resurrection to redeem you and I from our sins. It's a time when we look at ourselves and seek the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. It's a time to

make an effort to follow the way of the cross on Friday evening, or purchase a copy of the Stations of the Cross to say at home with your families. Or to say one Station of the Cross each evening.

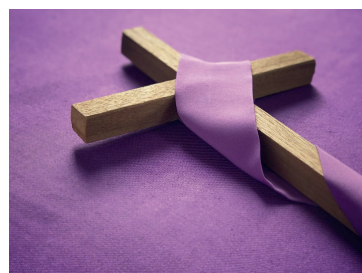
Likewise with the Rosary. Can you imagine the anguish and sorrow when Mary held her dead Son in her arms? Through our sins we are the cause, but His death and Resurrection is His forgiveness for our waywardness. Jesus said "If you want to be a follower of me, you have to deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me". This Lent provides an opportunity to follow Jesus by loving God and our neighbour. An opportunity to accept our crosses in life and to trust in God's will, whatever that might be, and to reach out to the sick, the homeless, and the lonely and to daily pray for peace in our world.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 26 we hear "You have today made this declaration about the Lord; that he will be your God, only if you follow his ways, keep his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and listen to his voice".

"The glory of the cross... has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set us free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race". (St. Cyril of Jerusalem).

May God bless our families.

Fr. Leslie



## 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?



£500

total raised  
to date: £170

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 9 March	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Marian Anderson
Sunday 10 March	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Lyn Birnie
Saturday 16 March	6.00 p.m. Catherine Bray Stella Walker
Sunday 17 March	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Sarah Barber

### Readers

Saturday 9 March	6.00 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale 10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Sunday 10 March	
Saturday 16 March	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 17 March	10.30 a.m. Hannah Ola

### Holy Week Services

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



### Pope on Social Media

We are invited during #Lent to stop for a moment. We should pause in prayer, in order to welcome the Word of God, and to pause like the Good Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are a single love.

I carry daily in my heart, with sorrow, the suffering of the people in Palestine and Israel caused by the ongoing hostilities, with tremendous consequences on the young and the defenceless. Enough, please! Stop!

I encourage ongoing negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region, so that the hostages may be immediately released and civilians may safely access the necessary and urgent humanitarian aid. And let us not forget martyred Ukraine.

Jesus does not allow the house of God to become a marketplace where sales tables take the place of the family table. We are invited on our Lenten journey to create a greater sense of home and less of a market within ourselves and around us.

### Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Frederick Pinford, Michael Kent, Audrey Daly, Edward Madigan, Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley, Daniel Heaphy, and John Fordham**

**Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Edmund Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roche (1989), Mgr. Michael Corley (2017), Fr. William Luby (1993), Canon Martin Horkan (1980), and Fr. John Taylor (2024)**

**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 3 March 2024 you gave £185.00 with £31.00 via Gift Aid. Giant Easter Egg Raffle: £55.00 making a running total of £170.00 CAFOD collection: £25.00, making the total parish donation £330.00  
*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 2 March: 41  
Sunday 3 March: 51

### Journey Home - continued

Most of us were baptised as babies and this is, without doubt, a wonderful grace and blessing. However, in one way it is a shame that such a momentous, incredible and amazing event occurs when we are too young to grasp its significance. In a very real sense, our journey through Lent is a time for us to re-discover the grace of our baptism, and within the liturgy of Easter Sunday we are further blessed to have the chance to renew our baptismal promises, made for most of us by our parents and godparents when we were babies.

### 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.

### Votive Candles

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

### MISSIO

The Spring 2024 edition of 'Mission Today' is available on the table in the porch. The magazine has a particular focus on the support of future priests and nuns.

Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) to find out more or to donate online.

*Thank you for your support* Clare Barton

### Easter Offering Envelopes

Please pick up an Easter offering envelope for your priest. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. Thank you so much.

### Lunchtime Recitals/Evening Concerts

The Musical Programme at the Cathedral for March is as follows:-

**Wednesday 13 March** Benjamin O'Riordan (Tenor) will be giving a Lunchtime MUSICAL Recital accompanied by Sammy Li on the Piano. Programme tba.

**Saturday 16 March at 7.30 pm** we are delighted to welcome back the WIENER MOZART TRIO. Their Programme will consist of music by Mozart, Schumann and Dvorak. Admission of £15 payable at the door (under 18's free).

*Hope you can join us for some of these splendid musical events. More details to follow.*

### 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.

### St. Joseph the Worker School – Admissions Policy

After consultation the Governing Body have agreed the Admissions policy for 2025-26. Further details can be found on the school website.  
[www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk)

### 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.

### Lenten talks on the Synod

The Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last year and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese. These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; the first talk was on Wednesday, 21 February and the last talk in the series will be held on Wednesday 13 March.

**Please do try to attend.**

### 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.

Light  
**Laughter**  
SPRING VERSION

It may be a little early to discard the Winter Jokes but we could all do with cheering up and, you never know, it may even stop raining soon! So let's move on with some Spring Jokes.....

**Does February march?**

**No, but April may!**