

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

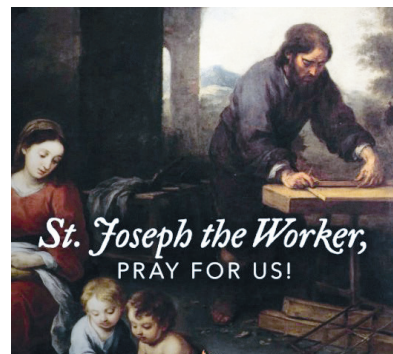
Parish Hutton and Shenfield

## 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 18 February 2024

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.  
Leo Kenny RIP  
Mrs. Briggs  
Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.  
Joan Williams  
K. Boisvert  
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 20 9.00 a.m.  
Deceased members of the  
Dillane Family  
Wednesday 21 7.30 p.m.  
For our Parishioners  
Thursday 22 9.00 a.m.  
John & Nora Dillane RIP  
Friday 23 9.00 a.m.  
Bridget Brennan RIP  
M Brennan  
7.00 p.m.  
Station of the Cross  
Saturday 24 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.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 6.00 p.m.  
Claude Toy RIP  
Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.  
Patrick & Catherine Dooley  
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.



Welcome to our parish families, new parishioners, and visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Pascal Mystery.

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year from Advent 2024. Our Holy Father has asked us to prepare for the Jubilee Year now by prayer, fasting once a week, and to reach out to the lonely, the sick, the homeless and all who are walking the way of the cross through suffering. At the heart of the Jubilee Year is this sense of mission based on a personal conversion that changes our hearts and minds. We are invited to proclaim faithfully the Church's mission and to reflect on the Good

News. We can do this now and next year by bringing the gift of hope to each other and pointing each other to the Lord's mercy.

We are also invited to be open to discerning what the Lord is offering us. We can do this by dedicating more time to reading the scriptures that speak to us so beautifully of His life and being faithful to receiving the Lord in Holy Communion as often as we can. We need to love Jesus and to trust in His will in our lives.

St. Catherine of Siena said "Everything comes from love, all is ordained for our salvation, God does nothing without this goal in mind".

May God continue to bless our families, and our school. *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 Bunnies! 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?**



#### Eucharistic Ministers

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| Saturday 17 February | 6.00 p.m.<br>Stella Walker<br>Mark Brennan     |
| Sunday 18 February   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Lyn Birnie<br>Bill O'Regan       |
| Saturday 24 February | 6.00 p.m.<br>Catherine Bray<br>Marian Anderson |
| Sunday 25 February   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Chris Brooks<br>Blane McKie      |

#### Readers

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| Saturday 17 February | 6.00 p.m.<br>Natalie Coleman-Dale |
| Sunday 18 February   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Sati Ariya          |
| Saturday 24 February | 6.00 p.m.<br>Mark Brennan         |
| Sunday 25 February   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Peter Sanders       |

#### Holy Week Services

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

## Journey Home - continued

Just as Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness, so are we. Jesus was tempted and tested for forty days and so too are we. Lent is our time in the desert, our wilderness, we too can expect to be tempted, tested and enter into spiritual conflict, an interior battle. No servant is greater than his or her master; just as Jesus was tempted and tested, so too are we. Jesus emerged from the desert with a message, which was, if you like, the fruit of his tempting and testing. His message was this; 'the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel'. We do well to ponder it and reflect on its meaning for our lives.

Repentance and conversion aren't popular ideas these days - but this begs the question, have they ever been? There can be no doubt that our culture has lost a sense of sin, and in losing a sense of repentance and conversion. Sin conjures up all kinds of negative thoughts about our human condition, which we would prefer to push under the carpet. Nevertheless, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states; 'Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile'. Sin isn't a cold judicial or forensic list of things we have or haven't done, but rather it involves not believing or trusting in the Father's tender love, not believing or trusting that Jesus has a wonderful plan for our lives, not believing or trusting that the Holy Spirit forgives and heals us.

## Lenten Reconciliation

On Monday 18 March 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.

## 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.*

## The Marillac

The Marillac Neurological Care Centre located in Eagle Way, Warley (less than ten minutes from our Church), is an independent ABI (Acquired Brain Injury facility) having some 52 beds and specialising in the rehabilitation of patients.

Having previously been run by the Daughters of Charity it is now completely independent and acts as a non-profit making charitable company and is registered as a charity.

We are seeking additional Trustees to assist in the running of this wonderful institution.

It is not an onerous task with a maximum of 4 board meetings per year and a monthly attendance (personal or by zoom/teams) on particular committees which are for no more than an hour or so.

If you feel that such a voluntary role would be of interest to you please contact the signatory below to discuss further.

Peter Nicol - Chair of Trustees - [chair@marillac.co.uk](mailto:chair@marillac.co.uk)

## 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.

## Holy Hour

The holy hour of prayer and adoration will take place before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. with the rosary for Ukraine and peace in our beautiful world.

## CAFOD - Next week

Family Fast Day will be Friday 23 February. Collection after Mass for CAFOD. Please see the Notice Board in the Narthex. (one of the corporal works of mercy).

## Sick parishioners

Please pray for our many sick parishioners and those in care homes.

## Lunchtime Recitals

Please do join us for a Lunchtime Organ Recital to be given by Matthew West from the Royal College of Music next Wednesday 21 February at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.

As our local schools are on Half Term break, this is an opportunity to bring any young students with an interest in playing the organ in the future.

Matt's Programme is to include the following pieces:-

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| Olivier Messiaen      | <i>Communion from Messe de la Pentecote</i> |
| Johann Sebastian Bach | <i>Trio Sonata No.5</i>                     |
| Charles-Marie Widor   | <i>Adagio 7 Toccata from Symphony No. 5</i> |

Refreshments will be available in the Song School afterwards.

## 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-Information/Vacancies).

Completed applications should be sent to [recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

## Forward Planning - 1

Just to inform you that the Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP who was the preacher and spiritual director of the whole synod; the Revd. Dr. Jam Notnik, Director of Missions for the Bishops conference and its National ecumenical officer, Mr. Austin Ivereigh, Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis. Writer, Speaker on contemporary church affairs, Bishop Nicolas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (Former rector of the Ven English College in Rome), appointed delegate at the Synod this year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese.

## Forward Planning - 2

As mentioned above. The talks of the outcome and what took place by four speakers who were present - Dates for your diaries below. These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; Wednesday 21 February, Wednesday 28 February, Wednesday 6 March and Wednesday 13 March. Please do try to attend.

## Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year under the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.



## Mass Attendance

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| Saturday 10 February: | 33 |
| Sunday 11 February:   | 61 |



## Pope on Social Media

Prayer is not an escape from our duties. It helps us accomplish the good we are required to do, here and now.

Today we think of María Antonia de San José, "Mama Antula", a wayfarer of the Spirit who travelled thousands of kilometres on foot, crossing deserts and taking dangerous paths, bringing God with her.

We must bring our wounds - those of our heart and soul - to Jesus. Let us put our miseries, fragilities, falsities, and fears at the feet of Christ. At Jesus' 'touch', the best parts of us are reborn: let us rediscover the joy of giving ourselves to others.

Leprosy and marginalisation: there are two evils from which Jesus wants to save the man he meets in the #GospelOfTheDay. Even today there is so much marginalisation, there are barriers to break down, "leprosy" to cure. How can we do it?

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Willaim Woods, Patricia Lowen, Gerald James, Irene Huggins, Joan Williams, Florence Fernades, Ellen Watson, Joseph Redknapp, Florence Tucker, Mimie O'Donovan, William Ward, and Fausto Biagioni

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Thomas O'Connor (1956), Fr. Archibald O'Brien (1969), Deacon Sydney Lewis (1994), Deacon Dwight Hayter (2021) Canon Aloysius Roche (1968), and Fr. Gerald Murphy (2009).

**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 11 February 2024 you gave £190.00 with £21.00 via Gift Aid 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.

Light  
**Laughter**

WINTER VERSION

How did the snow globe feel after listening to a scary story?  
A bit shaken up!