

# 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 29 October 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28 6.00 p.m.  
Mary Dillane RIP  
Sunday 29 10.30 a.m.  
Lockwood Family 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament (Do come  
along to pray to Jesus)

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)  
The name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 31 9.00 a.m.  
For our Parishioners

##### Feast of All Souls - Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 1 9.15 a.m.  
Our children will be attending  
with parishioners  
7.30 p.m.  
Odette Claude Roy RIP

##### Commendation of all the faithful departed

Thursday 2 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Friday 3 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Saturday 28 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28 6.00 p.m.  
Jo Duranti RIP  
M Anderson  
Sunday 29 10.30 a.m.  
Anne Edwards RIP  
Edwards family grateful for  
their support  
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

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

## Masses

Don't forget to have a Mass said for  
members of your family or former  
parishioners. Envelopes are at the back of  
the church for this purpose. One day you  
will want someone to pray for you. 'It is a  
holy and wholesome thought to pray for  
our dead that they may be released from  
their sins' (Book of Maccabees).

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 21 October 6.00 p.m. 44  
Sunday 15 October 10.30 a.m. 52



Welcome to our parish families and their young people, and to our visitors as we gather together to celebrate our Holy Mass. You are all most welcome.

Christ sent his apostles so that "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations. The mission to baptise, and so the sacramental mission, is implied in the mission to evangelise, because the sacrament is prepared for the word of God, and by faith which is assent to this word: The people of God is formed into one in the first place by the word of the living God.....The preaching of the Word is required for the sacramental ministry itself, since the sacraments are sacraments of faith,

drawing the origin and nourishment from the Word." (Catechism of the Catholic Church). In four week's time we will arrive at the Advent Season. During the season of Advent we can prepare ourselves by spending time before the Blessed Sacrament reflecting on the great feast of Christmas. Also to pray for peace in our world of conflict. Advent is also a time to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "Do not be afraid" is repeated often by Jesus in the Scriptures.

As you leave church today have a look at our Christmas gifts that are available.

Please help our parish finances by joining our 200 club. You may win a monthly money prize. All for 24.00 a year (£2.00 per month via Standing Order). Donations in the white bucket which we are always very grateful and if you pay tax, why not Gift Aid what you give? Perhaps you could also increase what you already give?

May I wish you and all your families God's blessing on you all. Don't forget November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy day of Obligation. November 2 is the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls).

Mass times are in this newsletter. God Bless you all.

Fr. Leslie

## 200 Club

If you have not joined our 200 club - then please pick up a 200 club form. If only cost £24 per year (£2.00 per month by Standing Order) and you have the benefit of winning a monthly cheque and our parish will also benefit. Please help us and join. Thank you.

## Baptism

A Baptismal form can be got from [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org)

You must live in our parish - Godparents are one Godmother and one Godfather. Both should be Catholic or at least one. The Catholic Godparents should be practicing their faith. A letter from their parish priest confirming they are regular Mass attenders should accompany your baptismal form request.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 28 October 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Ian Restall  
Sunday 29 October 10.30 a.m.  
Percy Sam  
Will Jackson  
Saturday 4 November 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 5 November 10.30 a.m.  
Blane Mckie  
Lyn Birnie

## Readers

Saturday 28 October 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Sunday 29 October 10.30 a.m.  
Paul Downey  
Saturday 4 November 6.00 p.m.  
Natalie Coleman-Dale  
Sunday 5 November 10.30 a.m.  
Hannah Ola

## Journey Home Threshold of Hope – Please read each week - (Continued)

Jesus captured the heart of the Ten Commandments when he said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.... With all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." He brought together the first three of the Ten Commandments under his first commandment to love God, and the remaining seven under his second commandment to love our neighbour. He also declared that this was the heart of the teaching of the law and the prophets.

So, why does God require us to love not only him but also our neighbour? God has revealed himself as '... merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' He shows mercy towards us by forgiving us our sins, reconciling us to himself and adopting us as his beloved children. Because of the mercy and kindness that he bestows upon us, he demands that we respond to him with love, and with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for us. But since he's shown mercy to every single person that he's created, he also requires that we don't withhold mercy and kindness from others, since they're our brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, help me to live out the heart of the commandments by loving you and my neighbour to the best of my ability.

## Urgently Needed Ministers

1. Team of Flower Arrangers (Especially for Christmas)
  2. Team of Church Cleaners
  3. Readers to Proclaim the Word
  4. Stewards – 3 per Mass
  5. Eucharistic Ministers (especially to take Holy Communion to the sick)
  6. Altar Servers (Training will be given)
  7. Music Leader & Choir to enhance celebration
  8. Organist
  9. Rota for Refreshments, after Mass
- Please help your priest and parish – please respond.

## Mass Intention Bookings

At present I am not taking any bookings for next year until December – I would appreciate that next year Mass bookings will be for two months at a time. Please ask Fr. Leslie first when you book a Mass in 2024. *Thanks*

## November Dead Envelopes

November Dead Envelopes are in the Narthex on the table. Please take one and add the names of those who have died inside the envelope. It is customary to make a donation. They will be placed at the altar and Mass will be offered up for the repose of their souls during the month of November. May they Rest in Peace and Rise and Glory.

## Bible Alive £3.00

Scripture, the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly every day, is printed in Bible Alive. We need to be familiar with God's word, in order to live our call to holiness and family prayer. Please purchase a copy each month. In this month's edition, for example, we hear that 'Miracles do Happen.' response to such an amazing grace.

## Save The Date – Saturday 2 December

### PARISH PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Venue: St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall.

7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (after 6.00 p.m. Mass)

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Parish Partnership to meet up socially. We'll have Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Nibbles, Wine and Soft Drinks.

£4.00 per adult- to include glass of wine, nibbles and a mince pie.

It would be good to know in advance if you're coming – for catering purposes. Please email [sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com](mailto:sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com)

## Decorator

GPC Decorating Services. Painting and Decorating. Interior and Exterior. Wallpapering. Residential and Commercial. Call Gary on 07711 108 979

## Christmas Hamper

Donated by one of our Parishioners – We are so grateful.

Shortly we shall be selling tickets for our Christmas Hamper. It will be usual format – pick up an envelope – name and contact details on the envelope and place £5 inside and return to the church.

This is our annual money raiser. So please help us to raise funds for the maintenance of our building. Since COVID we have lost many families and our expenses each week are more than our income. Which is a cause of great concern.

GIFT AID is one way, if you're a Tax Payer, please gift aid your giving at no extra cost to you.

Join our 200 Club – £24 per year – Half of the amount will go on monthly prizes – the other half to our parish.

If you can increase your giving to our church via plate, please be generous. We do have an obligation to support our parish and priest.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Vacancy At St. Joseph School

Position Type: **Teacher. Pay Range: Main Scale/UPS**

Position Start Date: **01/01/2024**

Contract Type: Full-time; **Contract Term: Permanent**

Application Close: **25/10/2023 Midnight**

Date of Interviews: **30/10/2023**

The Governors of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Class Teacher who can demonstrate high standards of teaching and learning and be sympathetic to the ethos and aims of our Catholic School.

We are a popular and successful one form entry school with a supportive, friendly and committed team.

We would love to hear from you. Please email or telephone us to arrange a tour of the school.

Application forms and further details are available from the school.

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. This post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

## First Communion Parents

Reconciliation – Once your child begins this journey, a good idea would be to have a meal to celebrate – invite grandparents, God parents and close friends. During the meal, give your child a card signed by all present with thoughts and blessings for a 'happy journey to first reconciliation.' (Ideally both parents will be part of this journey and will be involved as much as possible throughout the rest of this year).

## 200 Club Winners

### September

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1st AnneMarie Ward  | 1st J. Dunne     |
| 2nd Caroline Peters | 2nd Clare Barton |
| 3rd Kevin Barber    | 3rd Angela Hills |

Congratulations to all our winners.

Following Fr. Leslie's appeal for new members, he eagerly awaits the return of your completed standing order form and thanks you in advance for your support.

## November

Please remember the first of November is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.15 a.m. with our school children and 7.30 p.m. in the evening.

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## Calendars for 2024

Are on sale for £5.00. They are beautiful with lovely prints on each page with a scripture quotation. They are going quickly – don't delay.



## Pope on Social Media

I am always thinking of the serious situation in Palestine and Israel. I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. I continue to pray for those suffering and hope for paths of peace in the Middle East and other regions wounded by war.

The mission is weaker without unity: a "splintered" Christ is a scandal for those who receive the proclamation. Today too, the Gospel will be more incisive if our unity in Christ grows

The demands that emerge from below throughout the world, committed people who help and support one another, can succeed in pressuring the sources of power. It is to be hoped that this happen with respect to the climate crisis. @iamCARITAS#TogetherWeBelong

We must not become accustomed to war, to any war. We must not allow our hearts and minds to be anesthetized at the repetition of these extremely serious horrors against God and humankind.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Bruce Wallace, John Connolly, Mich O'Dowd, Mary Jones, Julia Burrows, Kenneth Child, Catherine Wren, Marie Burns, Jenny Ayes, and Melina Yiangou.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. George Steadman (1942), Fr. Stephen Wyatt (1946), Fr. William Loveland (1983), Canon Thomas Bishop (1966), Canon Richard Gay (1969).

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – 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

For the week ending Sunday 22 October you gave £230.00 with £13.00 via Gift Aid  
Thank you and God Bless

## Canon Patrick Sammon RIP:

### Sale of Books and CDs

Over the last few weeks the late Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30 p.m., Sunday 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr. Pat to have a memento via books and CDs, £1.00 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr. Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

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**Laughter**

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Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town and was given a ticket for making a ewe turn?