

# 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 22 October 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21 6.00 p.m.  
Ann Edwards RIP  
Arthur Edwards  
Sunday 22 10.30 a.m.  
Fr. D Mason Ints  
C. Waters  
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 24 9.00 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
Wednesday 25 7.30 p.m.  
Janet, Ken, Mark Kotulski &  
Family  
Thursday 26 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Friday 27 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.

#### 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 Anniversary  
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).

## Music in church

Urgently needed is a leader for our music, an organist or piano player. When we sing, we pray twice.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 14 October 6.00 p.m. 48  
Sunday 15 October 10.30 a.m. 69



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors. You are all most welcome.

It is very uplifting to see so many of our children with their parents at our Masses. As Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, to such as these belong to the Kingdom of Heaven".

Soon we shall be in the month of November. During this month we pray for all those who have left this world and reaching out to the presence of their Father. We remember especially all who have died this year: Ann Morris, Mary Fallan, Roy Weller, Margaret Fell, Joe Duranti, Marion Barlow, Madeline Daly and Sheila Grady

and so many past parishioners from our Parish family. In the Christian creed - profession of our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and in God's creative, saving, and sanctifying action - culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. We firmly believe, and hence that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day. Our resurrection, like his own, will be the work of the Most Holy Trinity...

Belief in the resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings. "The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live" (catechism of the Catholic Church 988).

The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church. "Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven".

May the souls of our parish family, our own family, our friends and all who die from acts of violence and the atrocities of war rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

May I wish you all the blessing of God on your families.

## 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 21 October 6.00 p.m.  
Ian Restall  
Ewa Kania  
Sunday 22 October 10.30 a.m.  
Chris Brooks  
Blane McKie  
Saturday 28 October 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Ian Restall  
Sunday 29 October 10.30 a.m.  
Percy Sam  
Willa Jackson

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00 a.m.  
Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## 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*

## Readers

Saturday 21 October 6.00 p.m.  
Anthony Ekpechue  
Sunday 22 October 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders  
Saturday 28 October 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Sunday 29 October 10.30 a.m.  
Paul Downey

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

Jesus is confronted by an unholy alliance between devout legalists and wealthy royalists who share a hostility towards him, it just goes to show how determined their opposition to Jesus was, as they sank their many differences to attack him.

On the question of taxation, however, the two groups were worlds apart. The Pharisees resented paying taxes to foreign government. They felt that to do so cast into doubt the supreme lordship of God over his people Israel. The Herodians, on the other hand, were friends and supporters of Herod Antipas, whom the Romans allowed to rule under them. They had no objection to paying Roman taxes.

What they wanted from Jesus was some rash statement either in favor of Roman rule or in total rejection of it. What they hoped for was that he would offend either the religious nationalists or the Roman authorities. What they got instead was an invitation to work out for themselves the proper interplay of religious and political loyalties.

We have dual citizenship, we must render to both God and Caesar. Our duties as Christians range from casting our vote to caring about our environment, from upholding the law to loving our neighbour. These obligations are part of our duty as God's people, as God's will is for peace and justice in this world. Above all, though, our duty is to give God what belongs to him – ourselves.

Lord, help me to live as a faithful citizen of your kingdom. Enable me truly to live as a person made in your image.

## 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)

## Lunchtime Recitals

To all our Music Friends - Our Wednesday Lunchtime Music Recitals between now and the end of the year are as follows:-

Wednesday 25 October	Christopher Hughes Organ RCM
Wednesday	Schumanns Dichterliebe
8 November	Josh Furtado-Mendez
Wednesday 15 November	Krassimira Jeliakova-Jones Violin. Stephen King Organ & Piano
Wednesday 29 November	Joanna Lam Piano

Winner of the Hall Memorial Trophy. Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition

Saturday  
30 December Trajecti Voices, Holland –  
Choral Concert at 12 noon

On Saturday 2 December at 4.00 p.m. Brentwood Cathedral Music presents seasonal music and carols for all sung by founder members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. Hilary Punnett – Organ; Joanna Smith – Piano, both directed by Roderick Elms.

## 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.*

## 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).

## 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.

On Thursday we commemorate all the faithful departed (All Souls). Mass will be at 9.00 a.m.

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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 quicky – don't delay.

## Bible Alive

For October and November are also available in the Narthex. Please do purchase a copy to help you to reflect on the scriptures.

## CAFOD

The parish raised £255.00. A Big thank you to everyone. Truly a great work of Mercy by our parish.

## Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 Mass from the end of September, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00pm 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 Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota for October to December in the Narthex.

## Parish Hall

Have you visited the Parish Hall recently? The renovation and refurbishment has transformed our Parish Hall and with the floor and painting finished, the transformation is complete! Please pop in after Mass.

Thank you for your donations which made the remedial work possible, and huge huge thanks to Sean Clarke, Jay Lockwood and Tim Murphy for all their hard work with hall and wall repairs, painting, woodwork, jet-washing chairs, maintenance, care of the gardens etc. etc. The result is a Parish Hall that we can all be proud of. Well done team!



## Pope on Social Media

I invite all believers to unite with the Church in the Holy Land, dedicating themselves today to prayer and fasting for peace, so that the hostages be freed, civilians not be made victims of the conflict, humanitarian law be respected, and innocent blood not be shed.

The fact that so many people cannot access to food, water and other basic necessities is an affront on their to their God-given dignity, an insult that should bring shame on all humanity and mobilize the international community.

Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war. I invite all believers to join with the Church in the Holy Land and to dedicate next Tuesday, 17 October, to prayer and fasting.

Humanitarian law is to be respected, especially in Gaza. Please, let no more innocent blood be shed, neither in the Holy Land nor in Ukraine, nor in any other place! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Rose Moule, Doris Waileneiak, 'Otty' Parker, Margaret Unt, Kathleen O'Harte, Thomas Riches, Daniel Ginn, Lilian Cairius, Jan Kotulski, Henry Panting, and Winifred Liversly.**

**Priests of our Diocese: Canon William O'Neill (1951), Mgr. Daniel Shanahan, and Fr. (James) Kieran Dodd (2022)**

**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 15 October you gave £255.00 with £24.00 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.

Light  
**Laughter**

There are three men on a boat, and they have four cigarettes, but nothing to light them with – what do they do?

They throw one cigarette overboard, and the boat becomes a cigarette lighter!