

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 21 January 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.
Kathleen Green RIP
Sunday 21 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 23 9.00 a.m.
Intention Willa Jackson
Wednesday 24 7.30 p.m.
Private Intention for Fr. Leslie
Thursday 25 9.00 a.m.
Fr. Michael Butler RIP
Friday 26 9.00 a.m.
Bill Brennan
Saturday 27 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00pm – 4.00pm
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.

Sick parishioners

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

Mass Attendance

Saturday 13 January: 32
Sunday 14 January: 52



Welcome to our parish family, to our visitors and to all our children and young people to Our Sunday celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols says: "Bible Alive is a great way to get to know the Scriptures from the Daily and Sunday Liturgy, the daily reflections are accessible, informative and encouraging".

In our homes we should all have a Bible and a catechism of the Catholic Church. Together with family prayer and visiting the Most Blessed Sacrament and having a special devotion to Mary that we grow to love Jesus with our hearts.

As parents especially we have the responsibility to teach our children and our young people about our Catholic faith and to be prepared to answer any questions that our put before us. Perhaps we can make time to set aside a quiet period to reflect on our faith and how we can come to know Jesus and how much He loves you.

As we will soon be in the Lenten season and journey with Jesus to His Passion, Death and resurrection, this could be a good time to prepare our hearts and minds for the Great Feast of Easter. Out of this flows the Easter season, with its fifty days culminating in Pentecost. As Pope Saint John Paul II said "Jesus Christ himself is the greatest grace of Lent".

May the God of love bless our families and keep us safe. *Fr. Leslie*

Journey Home - continued

In John's Gospel, the similarities between Jesus' death and the Passover lamb are striking. Jesus was crucified at the very hour when, according to the Torah, the lambs for the Passover sacrifice were killed in the temple. Like the sacrificial lamb none of Jesus' bones were broken. Jesus is the innocent Lamb of God, the sacrifice that takes away the sin of the world.

Season of Lent

Is a preparation for Easter. This year 'Ash Wednesday' is Wednesday 14 February. Please prepare for this great season of prayer and penance.

Pilgrims of Hope

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

Finance Monthly Statement

Payments In £8,558.26
Payments Out £5,967.08
Current Overdraft stands at £48,483.52
We would welcome any suggestions now to raise our income. Please contact Fr. Leslie.
One problem we have is no car park plus Health & Safety issues.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 20 January	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Ewa Kania
Sunday 21 January	10.30 a.m. Sarah Barber Percy Sam
Saturday 27 January	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Marian Anderson
Sunday 28 January	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Bill O'Regan

Readers

Saturday 20 January	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 21 January	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders
Saturday 27 January	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 28 January	10.30 a.m. Hannah Ola

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024



Saturday 27 January 6.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. at Hutton & Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton, CM13 2NA. You are warmly welcomed to hear the powerful story. Light Refreshment available following the meeting. We need representatives to come together with other churches. More details on the notice board in the Narthex.

Forward Planning

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 (More information soon).

Gift Aid & Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donation it means that for every £1 that you give to our parish, we are able to claim back from HMRC an extra 25p. If you are a Tax Payer, you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the parish website www.stjosephshutton.org

The Gift Aid form needs to be returned to the parish office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number, which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a standing order to the parish. Standing orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass, except when we have a second collection. If you email the Parish Office hutton@brcdt.org we will be able to provide you with the sort code and account number, and account name. Or alternatively you can download a standing order form from the parish website, and take this to your bank. Or use the QR codes. *Thank you for helping your parish to maintain itself.*

God's presence

When a family gathers together for a meal, say grace; i.e. Bless Lord our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children and in the silence experience the stillness and presence of Jesus. When you pass any Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to recognize the presence of Jesus, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

Urgently Needed Ministers

1. Team of Flower Arrangers
 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.

Prayer and Adoration

The Holy Hour of prayer and adoration is on Sunday between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive. It is a reflection on the word of God and helps us to understand and live the teaching of Jesus in our lives so that we truly come to know him as our friend and draw closer to his heart of mercy and love.

Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US.
IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker church is looking for a Parish Administrator. This is a paid position for approx. 12 hours per week with some degree of flexibility. The role is to provide complete and comprehensive administration for our church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr. Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

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.



Food Bank Collections



The next collection is the weekend – 3/4 February - to support Hutton Community Food Hub. Please bring along your donations of non-perishable tinned and packet goods, toiletries, nappies and non-food items and place in the boxes at the back of the church. If you are unable to donate at this time, please remember all those in need in your prayers. *Thank you.*

200 Club

Many people took a 200 Club form recently – thank you. May I ask you to join the 200 club by filling in the form and returning it to Marian or Fr. Leslie? Half the proceeds go to our parish fund and the other half is paid out in prizes each month. Next month a cheque could be on its way to you – but you have to complete the Standing Order form first! The more members in the 200 Club the greater will be the prize each month.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart.

O Most holy heart of Jesus, foundation of all blessing, I adore you, love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine, make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your divine will. Grant Dear Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my affliction. Give me heart of body, assistance in my tempered needs, your blessing in all that I do, and the grace of a Holy death. Amen.

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 January at 8.00 p.m. If you can offer any help with this ministry, please come along – amongst the items for discussion will be sacred Liturgy and various ministries.



Pope on Social Media

The #WordOfGod is a gift addressed to everyone. We can never restrict its field of action, for beyond all our calculations, it springs forth in a spontaneous, unforeseen, and unpredictable way, in the ways and times that the Holy Spirit knows

At the start of the year, we exchanged wishes for peace, but weapons have continued to kill and destroy. Let us pray that those who wield power over these conflicts may understand: War is in itself a crime against humanity.

The Lord does not want superficial “followers”. He wants people who question themselves and let themselves be challenged by His Word. So, to be Jesus’ disciples, we must first of all seek Him and keep our hearts open and searching, never satiated or satisfied.

Peace requires respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Attempts to introduce new rights, which are not always acceptable, lead to instances of ideological colonization that create divisions rather than fostering peace, as in the case of gender theory.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Victor Dragoni, Anita Laidlaw, Kathleen Elliot, Fergal McDonagh, Anna Bloomer, Dorothy Hunt, Maurice Mansfield, Frank Lowen, Stephen Eagle, Patricia Gower, Longin Czuprinski, Anthony Fleming, and Edward Williams.

Priests of our Diocese: BP. Bernard Ward (1900), Fr. Christopher Quirke (2000), Pope Benedict XV (1922), BP. Arthur Doubleday (1951), Fr. John O’Sullivan (1999), Fr. John Hibbert (1975), Fr. Alfred Field (1946) and BP. Patrick Casey (1999)

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 14 January 2024 you gave £130.00 with £22.00 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

Why did Dad stop using his loyalty card to scrape ice from his windshield?
He only got 10% off!