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Parish Hutton and Shenfield

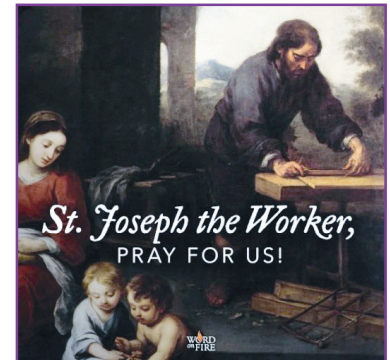
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Mission Statement

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.



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 20 August 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 6.00 p.m.
Intention David & Bridie Healy
Sunday 20 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
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)

Feast of the Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 22 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 23 7.30 p.m.
Feast of St Bartholomew (Apostle)

Thursday 24 9.00 a.m.
Ann Edwards
Arthur Edwards

Friday 25 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 26 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 6.00 p.m.
Members of the
McPherson Family
Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 19 August 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Ian Restall
Sunday 20 August 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks
Saturday 26 August 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Carol Turnbull
Sunday 27 August 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Mary Allum

Readers

Saturday 19 August 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Sunday 20 August 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey
Saturday 26 August 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 27 August 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Daseal



Welcome to our parish family and all our visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Marriage between a man and a woman is a fundamental part of God's plan and this sacred act is as ancient as it is practical because without this union the human race would not exist. "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen 1:26) is the privilege of the union of a man and woman in holy matrimony.

Jesus' first miracle took place at the wedding feast in Cana (John 2: 1-11). Vatican II stated, "The intimate community of life and love which constitute the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws God himself is the author of marriage (Gaudium et Spes). Jesus seems to acknowledge that his teaching on lifelong fidelity is demanding, and we need to recognise that our acceptance of it is a work of God's grace and blessing. It is God's grace and blessing. It is God who ordained marriage and generously provides his grace and the strength of the Holy Spirit to fulfil marital vows and responsibilities. His help is available if we ask for it.

Again can I encourage you to buy 'Bible Alive' as we can understand our faith through the sacred scriptures.

Despite the weather, I hope our families are enjoying their summer holidays and not too stressful.

We are still looking for donations to keep our parish property in good state of repair. Any donations will be a great help. We still have many of our parish family who have not returned to our parish church. If you know of anyone, please do encourage them to come back. Our Sunday Mass is the best way to show Our Lord our love for Him. It is also the third commandment of God's law. The church must be a space that invites us to the reconciliation and silent prayer that extend and internalise the great prayer of the Eucharist. Please take home this newsletter and take one for someone you may know that does not attend Mass regularly.

Again I wish you all a happy week and look forward to seeing you all next Sunday.
May Our Father bless you all .

First Communion Programme 2023/2024

For all parents that registered their child on the first communion programme.

The first parent meeting is on Wednesday 13 September at 8.00 p.m. in the parish hall.

The first Childrens meeting is Saturday 23 September 9.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety good practice as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

From Bishop Thomas (Parish Outing)

Bishop Thomas Emeritus has suggested a day out at our Cathedral - now that it is listed Grade II. He would like to do this with proposed 'link' parishes. The proposed schedule would be as follows:

Date: Saturday 16 September - Arrive at Cathedral 12 noon. Introductory talk by Fr. Martin or Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture and liturgical layout of the cathedral and its artefacts, then time for questions and tour. Picnic lunch in the hall (each are invited to bring their own lunch).

Concelebrated mass in the Cathedral. It would be great for a positive number from our parish as Bishop Thomas Emeritus has offered us this opportunity to learn about our Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

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

Children put all their trust in their parents and unquestioningly accept what they tell them. Being needy and dependent, they receive all they have as a gift. When they know they're loved, little children will go freely and without hesitation to their parents or guardians in the assurance that their needs will be met. They don't hide their emotions, but express their love and affection easily, directly and simply. Jesus teaches us that his kingdom belongs to those who have the hearts of little children. Those who are hard of heart and full of their own importance, who put their hope in money, status and power, cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus wants each of us to come to our Father like small children, humbly, with docile and open hearts that place all our trust in the boundless and unconditional love he has for us. He wants us to recognise how very needy we are and accept as a pure gift the wonderful salvation that he purchased for us by shedding his blood on the cross. When we possess childlike trust in God our Father and have our hearts set on the kingdom of heaven, then we can allow the Lord to transform us.

Music in the Church

We do need urgently to form a choir in order to offer praise to God in Song. It is an important part of our liturgy and we have some very good voices. Please, please come forward and don't leave it all to your priest. *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).

Feast of Saint Bartholomew (Apostle)

Saint Bartholomew is one of the Twelve Apostles. The name (Bartholomaios) means "son of Talmai" which was an ancient Hebrew name. Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers, and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John (John 1:45-51, and 21:2). The Gospel passage read at Mass on the feast of Saint Bartholomew is precisely this passage from John (1:45-51) where Nathaniel is introduced to Jesus by his friend Phillip, and Jesus says of him "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him (1:47)."

Holiday season

Fr. Leslie wishes everyone a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 2 days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 1 September 2023. 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

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Feast of the Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

Bible Alive

For August is available in the Narthex £3.00 – please purchase a copy to help you and your families to grow in faith.

"We are stewards of God's gift of creation – called to come and protect it, not damage or harm. Climate change, raising sea levels and global warming are all existential and real and present danger. Never has our vocation to be stewards of the earth of creation been greater or more urgent" Bible Alive 2025 is on the horizon, launched in June 1996, it will present again the opportunity to examine our lives, renew and discover our faith.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Finance News

For the week ending 6 August you gave £115.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid
For the week ending 13 August you gave £140.00 with £34.00 via Gift Aid.

Mass Attendance:

Saturday 5 August:	31
Sunday 6 August:	48
Saturday 12 August:	35
Sunday 13 August:	55



Pope on Twitter



How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! May our Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise

Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us.

Let us #PrayTogether for the victims of the fires that have devastated the Hawaiian island of Maui.

The Lord knows that the boat of our life is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, but invites us to face difficulties so they too might become opportunities to meet Him.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: John Rockford, Michael Fliz-Hugh, Sophie Eades, Henizietta Dudley, Robert Noble, Denham Waight, Peter Buckley, Bridget Luddy, John Mills, Gaetano Galise, and Lawrence Ford.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. George Gresley (1938), Fr. Sean Sheils (2015), Canon Vincent Cameron (1945)

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.

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Light
Laughter

Why did Billy get the sack from the banana factory?

He kept throwing away the bent ones!

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