

# 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 April 2024

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
*J Greenfield*

Sunday 21 10.30 a.m.  
Anne Edwards RIP  
*A Edwards*  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Divine  
Mercy Rosary and Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 23 9.00 a.m.  
For our Parishioners

Wednesday 24 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 25 9.00 a.m.

Friday 26 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 27 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Sacrament of confession

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

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

##### Holy Saturday

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.  
Brenda Conville RIP

Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.  
People of the Parish  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Divine  
Mercy Rosary and Exposition 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  
If you can come to weekday Mass, the Eucharist is the Bread of Life, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of life Lord.

## Rotas

Willa will shortly be preparing the new ministry rotas for May to August. Thank you to those people who have already sent in unavailable dates. If anyone else needs to send these to Willa, please do so by Saturday 20 April. New rotas expected to be available Sunday 21 April.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 13 April: 49  
Sunday 14 April: 39



## Family reflection

"Lord, May I always be prepared to stand up for my faith. May my desire to witness be contagious. Lord, I believe in you, help my unbelief".

Welcome to our parish family and visitors to our Eucharistic celebration today. Today in the reading from the first letter of St John we are reminded "to think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children"; and that is what we are - each one of us are called to be saints.

We are called to holiness. As we examine our conscience to see what is preventing us from being holy. Is it our failure to recognise

that as St. John says "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". Do we, as the first commandment commanded us "worship the one true and living God, by Faith, Hope, Charity and Religion"? Have we grasped that Jesus taught us in his ministry how to do what He teaches us? We have reflected on His Passion, Death and Resurrection (the season we are now celebrating). The great gift of Himself in the Eucharist, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. As we read in St. John's gospel "Jesus says I am the bread of life. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world". Jesus has showed us how to love one another, the sacrifices we need to make and how to reach out to those in need. As we return to today's letter of St. John "My dear people, we are already the children of God,...all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is". Lord God, may the peace of Christ which transcends all human understanding fill my heart and give me strength in the midst of trial and suffering.

May God bless our families and keep us in your love.

## Pilgrims of Hope

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



## 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.

## 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 13 April 6.00 p.m.  
Carol Turnbull  
Mark Brennan

Sunday 14 April 10.30 a.m.  
Bill O'Regan  
Willa Jackson

Saturday 20 April 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Stella Walker

Sunday 21 April 10.30 a.m.  
Sarah Barber  
Percy Sam

## Readers

Saturday 13 April 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson

Sunday 14 April 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Saturday 20 April 6.00 p.m.  
Naralie Coleman-Dale

Sunday 21 April 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders

## Journey Home - continued

Jesus loves everyone with great tenderness and compassion, willingly he laid down his life to save each person from sin and bring them into the Father's fold. Having brought us into the fold at great cost, he watches over us with tender concern to keep us safe. But his love reaches beyond his Church to all people, and he longs to bring them all under his protection. Today, we can reflect on what it means that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and thank him for all the ways in which he cares for us. Like obedient sheep, let us heed his voice, he will call us to him and teach us to share his concern to bring all people into one fold.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 25 May 2024

Arrival time 10.00 a.m. Departure 4.30 p.m.

Bring a packed lunch and something to sit on in the Abbey grounds.

I am looking for a volunteer to be the Parish Representative to take bookings for the coach.

Time Table:

10.00 a.m.	Arrival
12 noon	Holy Mass
1.00 p.m.	Lunch
2.15 p.m.	Procession to Little Walsingham Village
3.30 p.m.	Evening prayer & Benediction
4.30 p.m.	Departure

For Sat Nav use NR22 6AS, then follow road signs. It would be great if we could fill a coach. Parish Rep needed!

## First Communion

Parents Wednesday 24 April 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. Your children will meet on Saturday 27 April 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Please be faithful in helping your person, the depth of love in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A gift given to us all on the night before he died.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 July - Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes – Lourdes – Tangney Tours. For more details email Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at [lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:lourdes@brcdt.org)

## Sick or Housebound Parishioners

Any of the above who would like to receive Holy Communion in their homes, please contact the Presbytery. *Thank you.*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available on Saturdays 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. or on request.

## MISSIO

I have had a notification from MISSIO that our parish of St. Joseph the Worker raised £175.07 in 2023 through the Red Boxes and individual donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

The missionaries and the communities they serve have asked to pass on their thanks for supporting missionaries overseas through your prayers and financial assistance.

Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more, including how to donate online.

*Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.*

## Holy Souls

Please do not forget to pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. They need our prayers on their journey to eternal life. Most powerful prayer is our Holy Mass.

## Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways. There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

## 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.

## Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday



We continue our journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. This fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is also kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## Ministries needed

Readers, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic, Church Cleaners (Thursday 1 hour), Altar Servers from those who have made first holy communion plus year 5+6.

These are all important ministries – Readers Proclaim the Word God.

Extraordinary ministers – Bring Holy Communion to the sick and assist at Mass.

Church Cleaners – keep the house of God clean

Flower Arrangers to decorate the sanctuary

Altar Servers (a great privilege to be close to Jesus and enhance our liturgy).

Please do come forward.

## 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.



## Your information

Fr. Leslie's day off is on Mondays.

## Sick parishioners

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

## 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).

## Food Bank Collections –



The next collection is 4/5 May - 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.*

## Parish Partnership

Our parish of St. Joseph's is now in a partnership with our Cathedral instead of being with Ingatstone, Stock and Ongar.



## Pope on Social Media

Let us #PrayTogether for millions of children who live in conditions bordering on slavery. Every child who has been abandoned, marginalized, or left without healthcare or schooling is a cry that rises up to God!

Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt prayer.

No more war, no more attacks, no more violence! Yes to dialogue and yes to peace! Let us #PrayTogether for peace.

The #GospelOfTheDay (Lk 24:35-48) invites us to share the moments when we perceived the Lord living and close, kindling joy in our hearts or drying our tears, transmitting trust and consolation, or forgiveness, tenderness, and peace.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Patrick Mitchell, Jean Livesey, Joan McGready, Vera Newman, and Mary Heapy**

**Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Aruther Ryan (1919), Fr. Michael Enright (1966), Canon Thomas Smith (1977), Fr. Simon Sullivan (1921), Fr. Myles O'Reilly (1939), and Mgr. George Stokes (2017)**

**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 April you gave £170.00 with £25.00 through Gift Aid. Thank you so much, 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.

## 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.

Light  
**Laughter**  
SPRING VERSION

This spring, my mum opened a flower and gift shop.  
Business is blooming!