

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

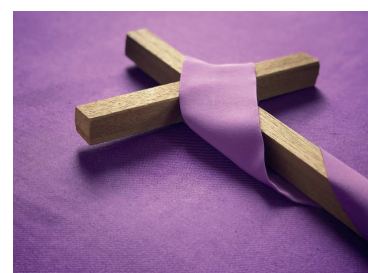
Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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 7 April 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Holy Saturday

Saturday 6 6.00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Dillane Family

Sunday 7 10.30 a.m.
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
A Fadheel

3.00 – 4.00 p.m. Divine Mercy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 9 9.00 a.m.
For Our Parishioners

Wednesday 10 7.30 p.m.
For Deceased Members of Fr Leslie Family

Thursday 11 9.00 a.m.

Friday 12 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 13 No confession except on Request

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Holy Saturday

Saturday 13 6.00 p.m.
Antoni Sznernch RIP
Kania Family

Sunday 14 10.30 a.m.
Fr. John Taylor RIP
Jackson Family

3.00 – 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.

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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 30 March: 41
Sunday 31 March: 86



Reflection: "Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst, who thirsts for us that we may thirst for him".

Welcome to our parish family and visitors to our Eucharistic Celebration today.

Monday is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. It's both a wonderful and significant and holy feast day. It marks the arrival of our salvation. From the very beginning God chose a people through whom he would reveal his plan to save and redeem the human race. Israel was that people, and we will always be thankful because through them the Saviour was revealed and in the fullness

of time made known.

The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures, leads us to understand that the birth of the Saviour was a promise fulfilled in the Virgin Mary of Nazareth. The title "God is with us" sums up the essence and the wonder of the incarnation. The truth that God became man is fundamental to our faith. We understand readily enough the idea of "Eucharistic awe and wonder" but a preliminary to this is the awe and wonder in the incarnation. We should never cease to marvel that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son....."

How grateful our hearts should be to Mary, the Mother of God, who became obedient, even unto the death of Jesus on the cross. I love you Jesus, my love above all things. Sweet heart of Jesus give me the grace to love you daily more and more.

May God bless our families and keep us all close to Him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday. "He who trusts in My mercy will not perish".

This extraordinary promise of the Saviour, the essence of the devotion to the Divine Mercy which Saint Pope John Paul II called "the best antibiotic for the illness of the contemporary world" in his conversation with Cardinal Andrzej Maria Deskur, was conveyed to us by the Apostle of the Divine Mercy - Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. Our Lord chose this simple, uneducated woman to remind the world of the forgotten truth about the Divine Mercy.

During adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament on this Sunday we shall recite the Divine Mercy prayers on our rosary. Please do come and pray with us.

Fr Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 6 April	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Marian Anderson
Sunday 7 April	10.30 a.m. Chris Books Blane McKie
Saturday 13 April	6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull Mark Brennan
Sunday 14 April	10.30 a.m. Bill O'Regan Willa Jackson

Readers

Saturday 6 April	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 7 April	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Saturday 13 April	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 14 April	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Today Is Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified".

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.

Lunchtime Recital

Our next Lunchtime Music Recital will be on Wednesday 10 April at the usual starting time of 1.00 p.m.

This will be given by our Cathedral Organist Stephen King who will be accompanied by Sophia Assitzoglou on the Violin and Owen Romhany who will be playing the Trombone and Cello. Both Sophia and Owen are in the sixth form at Brentwood School.

The Programme is as follows:-

Gustav HOLST	Duo Concertante for Trombone and Organ
Josef RHEINBERGER	Suite for Violin, Cello and Organ

We look forward to your support.

Parish Partnership

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

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.

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.

Votive Candles

Please note the price of votive candles has increased when ordered.

Refreshments after Mass - THIS SATURDAY (and SUNDAY)

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.



Journey Home - continued

Thomas made two contradictory and diametrically opposed statements, in quick succession, one after the other. One expressed unbelief: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my fingers in the marks of the nails, and place my hands in his side, I will not believe". The other was a marvellous proclamation of faith in Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas was divided in himself. He was a believer; he had believed in Jesus, followed him and become a disciple. But when faced with the crisis brought about by the death of Jesus, his faith faltered and failed him. He was cast into doubt and unbelief. Jesus himself overcame Thomas's doubt and unbelief by speaking to him and showing him his hands, feet and side. Jesus revived Thomas's faith.

Sick parishioners

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

Easter Offering

Thank you so much for your Easter Offering. This forms a major part of his salary. Thank you and God Bless.

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 - THIS WEEKEND



The next collection is 6/7 April - 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.

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.

Pilgrims of Hope

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



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.



Pope on Social Media

I reiterate my firm call for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. I express my deep sorrow for the volunteers who were killed while distributing humanitarian aid in Gaza. I pray for them and their families.

The righteous person is honest, simple, and straightforward. They do not wear masks, but present themselves for what they are. "Thank you" is a word they use frequently, knowing that no matter how generous we strive to be, we always remain indebted to our neighbour.

Let us #PrayTogether that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Jesus broke through the darkness of the tomb and lives forever: His presence can fill anything with light. With Him, every day becomes a step in an eternal journey, every "today" can hope for a "tomorrow", every end a new beginning.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Arthur (Bill) Stone, Eithane Pattle, Florence Mileson, Kathleen Fehily, Mary Anderson, Kaminmierz Kotulski, Jean Manning, Len Manning, and Ethel Dragoni.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Thomas Adkins (1937), Fr. Anthony Lawson (2003), and Fr. Patrick Donohoe (1985)

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 Holy Places collection on Good Friday you gave £130.00.

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

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims!