

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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14TH / 15TH MARCH 2026 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [YEAR A]

MASS TIMES

All liturgies and devotions are at Hutton unless otherwise stated.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm (Hutton), Sunday 9.00am (Ingatestone) & 10.30 a.m. (Hutton).

WEEKDAY MASSES – 9.15 a.m.: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS: St John's Tuesday & Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th	5.30 p.m.	Douglas Bennie	R.I.P.
Sunday 15th	9.00 a.m.	John and Margaret Galvin	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	John Wright	R.I.P.
Monday 16th	9.15 a.m.	Ann Edwards	R.I.P.
Tuesday 17th	9.15 a.m.	Fr. Michael Kenny	R.I.P.
Wednesday 18th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Friday 20th	9.15 a.m.	Tom Ayerst	R.I.P.
Saturday 21st	5.30 p.m.	Felipe Rivdalbas	R.I.P.
Sunday 22nd	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Private Intention	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 7 / 8 March 2026

Hutton 8th March: £230.00

Ingatestone 8th March: £95.26

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 14th – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Ewa Kania
Saturday 21st – 5.30 p.m.	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
Sunday 15th – 10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders	Willa Jackson
Sunday 22nd – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashley	Anne-Marie Ward

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23): 1-3a. 3b-4. 5-6.

Response: *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: John 8: 12

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 7th March	-	5.30 p.m.	93
Sunday 8th March	-	9.00 a.m.	tbc
Sunday 8th March	-	10.30 a.m.	98

REFLECTION

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday, the Church allows a note of quiet joy to enter our penitential journey. The Gospel presents us with the healing of the man born blind. It is no coincidence that the Church gives us this Gospel in Lent. It is not merely a story of physical sight restored. It is a revelation of what the liturgy itself is doing in us.

From the beginning, the Church has associated this Sunday with illumination. In the early centuries, those preparing for Baptism would undergo scrutiny, prayer, and exorcism during these weeks. The Church was asking the Lord to remove blindness from their hearts. The same prayer is still being offered, not only for catechumens, but for all of us.

Notice how the miracle unfolds. Our Lord does not simply speak. He makes clay, anoints the eyes of the blind man, and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. There is something sacramental here. Christ uses matter. He sends the man to wash. Grace works through visible signs.

That is precisely what the liturgy does.

In Lent, the liturgy is not decorative. It is direct, even austere. The absence of the Gloria, the restrained music, the violet vestments, the simplicity of the altar. All of it speaks. It teaches us that we are not yet fully in the light. We are on the way.

Yet today, rose vestments may be worn. Flowers may appear. The Church, like a wise mother, encourages her children. The journey has a destination. The darkness will give way to Easter light.

The blind man's greatest blindness was not in his eyes, but in the world around him. The Pharisees see, yet do not see. The healed man comes to faith gradually. At first, he calls Jesus 'the man called Jesus'. Then 'a prophet'. Finally, 'Lord'. That is the movement of Lent. From partial understanding to adoration.

Every Mass enacts that same pattern. We listen to the Word. We profess the Creed. We are led to worship. The liturgy opens our eyes step by step. It teaches us who Christ truly is.

Perhaps this week we might pray very simply: 'Lord, that I may see.' See my sins more honestly. See your grace more clearly. See my neighbour with greater charity. See the beauty of the Church's worship not as routine, but as healing.

For the One who anointed the eyes of the blind man continues, through His Church, to anoint us with grace, until at last we see Him face to face.

I wish you and loved ones a blessed week.

Fr Gary

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday we will mark the Way of the Cross at Midday at St John's and 7pm at St Joseph's. Everyone is very welcome. This is a traditional Catholic devotion for Lent, and it takes about 20minutes. Fr Gary is away on retreat this week so there will be no celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Friday 6th March at 7pm, but the Midday Stations at Ingatestone will go ahead as normal.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG): St Joseph's Lenten Charity 2026

The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years. Sadly, leprosy is not just a disease of ancient biblical times. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and millions more are living with the consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease. Leprosy is curable today with antibiotics, but we need to find and treat people before they develop disabilities. By supporting over 30 leprosy centres and projects in Africa, Asia and Brazil, SFLG aims to work towards a leprosy-free world. You can find out more about SFLG's work on their website: www.stfrancisleprosy.org. Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary

or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG. There will be support envelopes at the back of the church.

PARISH NOTICES

Our Easter Hamper Raffle: returns and tickets will be on sale after Mass. A chance to win a beautiful hamper as first prize, and a premium Easter egg as second, Proceeds go towards parish funds.

Walk With Me Booklets: A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1. A helpful spiritual companion for keeping focused during Lent.

Missio: The Spring 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission, helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

Holy Week Services are as follows: These will also be advertised in the parish Easter card!

St Joseph's, Hutton

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m.

Good Friday, 3rd April

Children's Stations of the Cross – 10 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday, 4th April

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – Świąconka – 10 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Mass – 10:30 a.m.

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Social Events at St Joseph's: The Social Committee met to plan out some of the social events for the year. Please do put these dates in your diary and keep an eye on the newsletter for more details. Our Saturday events take place after the 5.30pm Mass.

16th May - Parish Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Consecration

6th June - Wine Tasting!

28th June - Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

First Holy Communion: FHC parents can find the Mass attendance register at the back of the church. Please sign this after Mass so that we know you have attended with your child. Many thanks.

Cards and Gifts: The Repository is open before and after mass every Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We have a wide range of cards including mass cards, baptism, holy communion and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

REGULAR NOTICES

Keep a Flame Burning (Ex. 27:19-20) - Our sanctuary lamp always burns to honour Christ and His presence in the Blessed Sacrament. It represents Our Lord among His people, and the fulfilment of His promise that He will be with us always. Would you like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or for a specific intention? Please contact Ngozi who will make a note of the date.

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration forms are available in the Church porch, or you can

register on the website. If you are a parishioner at Ingatestone then please email the Parish Office.

Tea and Coffee



Tea and coffee are available after both the 9am at Ingatestone and the 10.30am Mass at Hutton.

Refreshments are also served after the Saturday evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church to help. New volunteers are always welcome. You only have to provide the milk, and full instructions are given.

Giving: A huge thank you for your continued support. By far the best way for us is standing orders which enable to budget more effectively. It is also possible to give via the card machine (in the church porch) or online. Donations can be made to specific projects. To set up a standing order please contact the parish office or via on-line banking.



200 Club - Hutton: There are cash prizes to be won through our popular 200 club. For just £2 per entry, you could be eligible to win prizes of £50, £30 or £20 each month. Half the proceeds go to boost parish funds. Please complete a 200 Club standing order form and hand it to Marian Anderson or Fr Gary.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill, please contact Fr Gary to arrange a visit. Please pray for all the sick people of our parish.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Hall Hire: The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. It is by Baptism we become part of the Body of Christ. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office.

FHC & Confirmation: Email your inquiry to the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Gary via e-mail to organise a meeting.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mrs Poulter Staff and Pupils have kindly extended an invitation for parishioners to attend the following events.

- Mass and Big Lent Walk – 23rd March - Mass in Church then Walk - 9.15am Mass and Walk after Mass.
- Easter Performance – 27th March - School Hall - 2pm

SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 4. Wednesday 18th March. **Speaker:** Rev Msgr John Armitage.

Topic: The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society. **Time:** 7.30pm

Project 58.7 Feeding the Homeless - local support

For almost 6 years a solid group of volunteers from Brentwood Cathedral and St Joseph's Hutton, and lately some from Billericay parish as well, have been providing food for the homeless. Our group of local volunteers help by cooking a main meal or pudding, or by supplying fruit/yogurts or by delivering everything to a venue in Basildon. Volunteers are on the rota roughly once a month and according to your preferences and the days/dates you are available. The volunteer group are great at swapping and helping each other when unexpected things happen! We have a fund to help cover the cost of expenses. If you are interested to know more about what is involved, please contact Maddy on 07710 187292.

Class Teacher – St Antony's Catholic Primary School, Woodford Green:

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Thursday 19th March 2026

Deputy Headteacher – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Friday 20th March 2026