

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.

FR. GARY DENCH

The Presbytery

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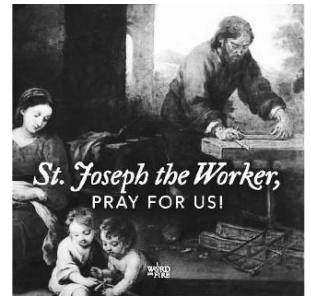
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 13 July 2025

In this familiar and searching parable, Our Lord holds up before us an image of charity that transcends boundaries. A lawyer, seeking to justify himself, asks Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' The question sounds pious, but it reveals a heart wishing to know the limits of love.

Jesus answers not with a definition but with a story: a man robbed, stripped, beaten, and left half-dead. The priest and the Levite pass by. Perhaps they feared ritual impurity, or perhaps they were simply indifferent. But it is the Samaritan, a foreigner regarded as 'other' by the Jewish people, who is 'moved with compassion.' He tends the man's wounds with oil and wine (symbols the Fathers often saw as prefiguring the Sacraments) and bears the burden of care without counting the cost.

The early Church Fathers saw in this parable a figure of Christ Himself. St Augustine taught that we are the wounded traveller, stripped by sin and left for dead by the powers of darkness. Christ, the true Good Samaritan, comes to us in our helplessness. He binds our wounds, pours the healing oil of grace, and carries us to the inn (the Church) where we are cared for until He returns.

Yet the Lord also tells us to 'go and do likewise.' We are commanded to imitate this boundless mercy. No person is beyond our compassion. The measure of authentic faith is the charity we show to those in need.

This parable confronts us.

May we ask the Lord for hearts like His: hearts moved with compassion; hearts ready to be inconvenienced; hearts willing to pour out the oil and wine of love upon a wounded world.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful week.

Fr. Gary

Fr. Leslie

Tuesday 15th July is Fr Leslie's anniversary of ordination and will mark 53 years of priestly service. We keep him in our prayers, and commend him to the protection of St Bonaventure, as he marks this milestone and we send him our good wishes and congratulations. *Ad multos annos!*

Raffle Prizes

Are you going away on holiday this year? Are you someone whose eye is always caught by the delights of duty-free? Would you consider buying something to donate for one of our events. We are always looking for good raffle

prizes so if you able to donate something on your return from your well-deserved break then we would very much appreciate it. Safe travels!

Gift Aid Reimbursement

We received £8450.50 from HMRC this year for your gift-aided donations. A huge thank you to those of you who are able to gift aid your offerings to our parish. Gift aid is a way by which you can make your donations go further at no extra cost to you. Our sincere thanks as well go to Chris, our gift aid administrator, and Cormac, our accountant, who have spent countless hours navigating a complex system.

Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first, second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

Donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you



CAFOD Brentwood Cathedral - have taken on a project to raise funds and awareness through different events till the end of this Jubilee year. Your hope is to raise enough funds for water aid through CAFOD that will make some difference.

One of our events will be taking place in the Cathedral large hall for a tabletop sale on the Saturday 19 July from 11am - 3pm. There will be recycled goods and clothes, refreshments and cakes will be on sale in the small hall.

Entry is £1 which includes entry into small raffle. Please come and support this project. Thank you

Mission

The summer 2025 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the impact. Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2024. Mission is the Pope's charity for world mission, helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 Wedding

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.

Private Intentions

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 9.15 a.m.

Kevin O'Brite

R.I.P.

Tuesday 15 9.15 a.m.

Fr. M Walsh

R.I.P.

Wednesday 16 9.15 a.m.

Jimmy Kilmartin

R.I.P.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 18 9.15 a.m.

Lee Kenny

R.I.P.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 5.30 p.m.

Breda Conville

Sunday 20 10.30 a.m.

Jim Jarvis

R.I.P.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 5 July

5.30 p.m. - 77

Sunday 6 July

10.30 a.m. - 85

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 12 July

5.30 p.m.

Marian Anderson

Saturday 19 July

5.30 p.m.

Ewa Kania

Sunday 13 July

10.30 a.m.

Chris Brooks

Sunday 20 July

10.30 a.m.

Blane McKie

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

God's presence

When a family gather 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.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. www.stjosephshutton.org

Thank you!

Card Reader



Just in case you've missed it, there is a card reader located in the porch for Card payments, donations (which can be gift aided), social events, repository, and so on. Thank you.

Retail Therapy

Do you enjoy shopping online? Would you like to support your parish as you do that, and at no extra cost? Go to -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and create an account through the website. When you need some online retail therapy, type the name of the company into the search bar of the website and it will take you to where you want to go.

From there the parish will receive a donation for everything you buy through there. There is also a QR code if you prefer to use your phone. Jessie, one of our parishioners, will be parish coffee to assist anyone who needs help to set it up.



Knights of Saint Columba Holy Relic Tour

The Knights of Saint Columba are delighted to announce that between Friday 1st August and Sunday 10th August we will be touring the First-Class Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. Visiting Clacton, Kelvedon, Chelmsford (Blessed Sacrament), Eastwood, Basildon, Brentwood Cathedral, Hornchurch, West Ham, Elm Park and Chingford.

The Holy Relics will be available during periods of each day for private prayer and veneration. Next week we will announce the exact timings and venues as we build up to this remarkable opportunity to be close both physically and spiritually to these remarkable saints. For further

information please email Liam Rand
prov10.ippgk.liamrand@gmail.com

Alpha at St. Joseph's, Hutton

Alpha will be run at St. Joseph the Worker on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 17th September to 3rd December, with a break at half term, from 7.15 to 9.00pm. There will also be a day at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday, 15th November, from 10am to 4pm. Every session begins with a welcome drink on arrival, then a meal, followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith and concluding with discussion in small groups. Everyone is welcome, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics alike. The course is for those who are enquiring about the faith, those who would like to know more, and those who would like to deepen their faith. More information about Alpha is available at www.alpha.org.uk.

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions; this could be jointly with another person. We also need the prayers of the whole parish for the success of Alpha. If you are interested in the course or in volunteering, please include your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - St Mary Mother of God- Hornchurch

St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and carry out some financial duties.

The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience.

Hours: 20 to 22 hours per week working three or four days per week.

Pay is dependable on skills and experience.

The full job description can be accessed on our diocese website Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese Please apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org.

Closing date for applications is Monday 14th July at 12 noon.

Bible Alive

The bible alive will no longer be available at the Narthex. If you would like one, please subscribe to Bible Alive.

Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600

Email: general@alivepublishing.co.uk

Website: www.alivepublishing.co.uk

QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



Readers

Saturday 12 July	5.30 p.m. Catherine Bray
Saturday 19 July	5.30 p.m. Ian Restall
Sunday 13 July	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Sunday 20 July	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome.



Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome. Thank you!

Newsletters. Finance News - 1

Plate Collection for the week ending Sunday 6 July, totalled - £220

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

Thank you.

Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Sick parishioners

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

Readings at Mass

First reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Response: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: Jn10:27 or Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, Alleluia

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

Summer fun fact

Which country gives students the longest summer vacation?

Answer: Italy (12 weeks).