

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

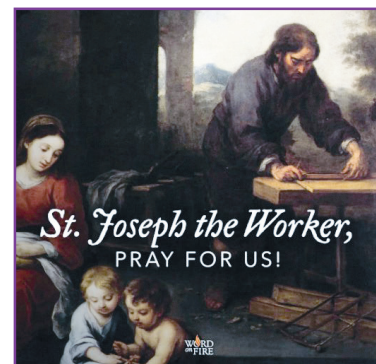
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Mission Statement

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 8 October 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7 6.00 p.m.
Pauric Curry RIP
Sunday 8 10.30 a.m.
Tino Morena RIP
A Edwards
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)
The name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday 10 9.00 a.m.
For our Parishioners
Wednesday 11 7.30 p.m.
Roy Family RIP
Michael Roy
Thursday 12 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls
Friday 13 9.00 a.m.
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Saturday 14 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14 6.00 p.m.
Bridget Massey RIP
A Turvey
Sunday 15 10.30 a.m.
Marion Barlow RIP
Jackson Family
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration 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

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).

Music in church

Urgently needed is a leader for our music, an organist or piano player. When we sing, we pray twice.



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

Search the Scriptures and seek and you shall find. Christ will not say to me that He said to the Jews: you erred, not knowing the Scriptures and not knowing the power of God.

Continuing from last Sunday in the newsletter on "Turning away from sin", this week we will consider our neighbour. The call of the Gospel to love, challenges each one of us to respond by looking beyond ourselves to the needs of others. In part, our response will depend on our state of life. For example, the reality of the cross

embraced by the sick is different from the one inspiring the young adult volunteering at a refuge centre or the one challenging parents to be the best and first teachers of the faith to their children. Each of us, in our own way, makes real Christ's sacrificial love in our world, a love that has a special concern for the weakest, the poorest and the most despised.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that "the Eucharist commits us to the poor" (no 1397). The Body of Christ that is broken for us at Mass moves us to respond to all that is broken, bruised, and hurting in humanity. The Blood of Christ shed for us provides us with the grace to shed our own self-interest in loving service of others. The honour we afford the Eucharist compels us to honour those considered "the least" by the world. And when this happens, we gather and support others along the path of salvation that is Christ the Lord.

May God bless our families and keep them close to one another.

10.00 a.m. Mass Consultation

Thank you to everyone who completed forms and sent emails in our Sunday Mass-Time consultation. We had a good response from large sections of the parish community with no clear result for a change. The Sunday Mass will therefore continue at 10.30 a.m. for the foreseeable future.

Thank you again for your responses.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday 6 October 2023

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is Friday 6 October 2023. CAFOD is supporting local experts, like Dr Nasha in Pakistan, to get help to families and communities when they need it most. Dr. Nasha runs a mobile medical clinic which got life-saving treatment to children in villages recently devastated by floods. Your donation to CAFOD will mean that more families can get the expert help they need. Please give what you can in this weekend's collection or by visiting the CAFOD website:

www.cafod.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 7 October 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Ian Restall
Sunday 8 October 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie
Willa Jackson
Saturday 14 October 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Carol Turnbull
Sunday 15 October 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles
Bill O'Regan

Readers

Saturday 7 October 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Sunday 8 October 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Saturday 14 October 6.00 p.m.
Sophie Newbould
Sunday 15 October 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Dareal

Mass Attendance

Attendance at Mass on Saturday 30 September: 46
Attendance at Mass on Sunday 1 October: 53

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

Today's parable has an interesting link to the theme of yesterday's Gospel, which focused on the joy of being made sharers in Jesus' mission. The parable declares that the vineyard will be more faithful and will deliver the produce when the season arrives. The context is that Jesus was being challenged by the chief priests and elders, who were questioning his authority. Jesus answered them in three ways. First of all, he asked them what they thought about John the Baptist's authority. Then he presented a scenario of two sons being asked by their father to go and work in his vineyard. One says he won't go, but then thinks better of it and goes, while the other says he will go but in fact doesn't. Jesus used this example to say that it was the tax collectors and sinners who responded to John Baptist's preaching and Jesus' own teaching, while the Jewish leaders didn't. The Parable of the Wicked Tenants was the third part of Jesus' response. Notably, Matthew tells us that 'When the chief priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them'. They were angry at this because the implication wasn't only that they were like the wicked tenants, but also that their position was to be given to others, who would take responsibility for God's vineyard. However, the deeper truth isn't that the Jewish leaders have simply been replaced by new Christian leaders. Something much more radical has occurred. It's Jesus himself who has replaced the tenants! In the end, no one could shepherd God's people faithfully, no one could really care for God's vineyard in the way God wanted. Only the Son could fulfil the role. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus is now and forever the One who cares for the vineyard.

BCYS Youth Gather – Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 October. Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island

Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on "The Voice" (many will remember her from Flame in March!) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

Parish Hall

Have you visited the Parish Hall recently? The renovation and refurbishment has transformed our Parish Hall and with the floor and painting finished, the transformation is complete! Please pop in after Mass.

Thank you for your donations which made the remedial work possible, and huge huge thanks to Sean Clarke, Jay Lockwood and Tim Murphy for all their hard work with hall and wall repairs, painting, woodwork, jet-washing chairs, maintenance, care of the gardens etc. etc.

The result is a Parish Hall that we can all be proud of. Well done team!

Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 Mass from the end of September, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00pm 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 Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota for October to December in the Narthex.

Baptism

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



Food Bank Collections



From 30 September/1 October we will be holding a monthly food bank collection to support Hutton Community Food Hub on the first Sunday of every month. Collections will also take place on 4/5 November, 2/3 December, and 6/7 January. 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.*

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker church is looking for a Parish Administrator. This is a paid position for approx. 12 hours per week with some degree of flexibility. The role is to provide complete and comprehensive administration for our church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. 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

Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. Working closely as part of a team, the successful candidate will:

- Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards
- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training
- Anticipate in the formulation of local level education policy.

Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Prayer and Adoration

The Holy Hour of prayer and adoration is on Sunday between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament.

First Communion Parents

Reconciliation – Once your child begins this journey, a good idea would be to have a meal to celebrate – invite grandparents, God parents and close friends. During the meal, give your child a card signed by all present with thoughts and blessings for a 'happy journey to first reconciliation.' (Ideally both parents will be part of this journey and will be involved as much as possible throughout the rest of this year).



Pope on Twitter



At the side of every person is a protector the Lord gives to help us, to nudge us to get up when we have stumbled, to show us the way when we have chosen the wrong path. Let us listen to the voice of our #GuardianAngels!

Today is the feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, the saint of confidence. This coming 15 October, an Apostolic Exhortation on her message will be published. Let us pray that Saint Thérèse help us have confidence and to work for the missions.

Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world.

For the sinner there is always hope of redemption; for the corrupt, instead, it is much more difficult. His hypocrisy, his false pretences, which had become habitual, are like a thick "rubber wall", behind which he takes cover from the qualms of his conscience. #GospelOfTheDay

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Jean Mateer, Ernest Ketley, Leslie Burrows, and John Castle.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Alfred Clements (1931), Pope Pius XII (1958), Fr. John Dempsey (1942), Mgr. Matthia Kearney (1979), Mgr. Michael McKenna (2000).

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.

Finance News

For the week ending 1 October you gave £160.00 with £24.00 via Gift Aid Thank you and God Bless

Canon Patrick Sammon RIP: Sale of Books and CDs

Over the last few weeks the late Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30 p.m., Sunday 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr. Pat to have a memento via books and CDs, £1.00 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr. Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

Light
Laughter

How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner!