

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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28TH / 29TH MARCH 2026 ✦ PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY

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 Joseph's – every day 9am-5pm. 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 28th	5.30 p.m.	Joseph Garrett	R.I.P.
Sunday 29th	9.00 a.m.	John Sayce, and Jean & Roland Bill	
	10.30 a.m.	Desmond Maurice Fraser	R.I.P.
Monday 30th	9.15 a.m.	Frazer and Maria	Ints.
Tuesday 31st	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	R.I.P.
Wednesday 1st	8.30 a.m.	Fr Gary's Birthday	Ints.
Thursday 2nd	7.00 p.m.	Ray Weller	R.I.P.
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday 4th	7.00 p.m.	Seamus McGuigan	
	8.00 p.m.	Anne Anderson (100 th Birthday)	R.I.P.
Sunday 5th	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Anne West	R.I.P.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 21 / 22 March 2026

Hutton 22nd March: £215.00

Ingatestone 22nd Mar: £96.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 28th – 5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson	Catherine Bray
Saturday 11th – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Stella Walker
Sunday 29th – 10.30 a.m.	Sati Ariya	Amanda Spinks
Sunday 12th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi E

READINGS AT MASS

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Phil2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. *Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ: Matthew 26:14-27:66

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 21st March	-	5.30 p.m.	97
Sunday 22nd March	-	9.00 a.m.	43
Sunday 22nd March	-	10.30 a.m.	102

REFLECTION

Last week I wrote about the liturgy of Maundy Thursday. Good Friday is unlike any other day in the Church's year. There is no Mass. The altar is bare. The tabernacle is empty. We come to church not to celebrate but to witness, and what we witness is the death of God-made-man on the cross.

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which we celebrate at three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour of Christ's death, has a stark simplicity to it that speaks before a word is said. The ministers enter in silence. The priest prostrates himself before the bare altar. We kneel with him. In that moment of silence, the whole weight of what this day means settles over the church.

The Liturgy unfolds in three movements. First, the Liturgy of the Word, which brings us the Suffering Servant of Isaiah and Saint John's account of the Passion. John's telling is unhurried and deliberate. He wants us to see not a victim but a king. Even on the cross, Christ is in command. He hands over his spirit. He is not taken. He gives.

Then come the Solemn Intercessions, one of the most ancient prayers in the Church's entire liturgical life. We pray for the Church, for the Pope, for clergy and laity, for those preparing for baptism, for Christians not yet in full communion with us, for the Jewish people, for those who do not believe in Christ, for those who do not believe in God at all, and for all in public office. The reach of those prayers tells us something. On the day Christ died for the world, the Church prays for the world. All of it.

The third movement is the Veneration of the Cross. The cross is unveiled, and we come forward, one by one, to kneel and kiss it. This is not theatre. This is the Church doing in gesture what she cannot fully do in words: adoring the instrument of our salvation, the wood that bore the weight of God's love for us.

There is no dismissal at the end, and no blessing. We simply leave, in quiet. The liturgy, in a sense, is not finished. It will be finished at Easter.

Good Friday asks more of us than most days do. It asks us to sit with death, not to rush past it to the resurrection. The joy of Easter is real, but it is purchased here, in this silence, before this cross. The Church does not let us skip the cross to get to the empty tomb. She is right not to. We need the cross. We need to know what love actually costs.

Fr Gary

Easter Collections

The Church does not provide priests with a salary or pay into a pension for them. While basic living expenses are covered, priests depend to a great extent on the generosity of their parishioners. In smaller parishes like ours, a priest may claim up to just under £600 as a monthly allowance. Here, that amount is shared between Hutton and Ingatestone. This is topped up by the Christmas and Easter collections. These two collections form a significant part of a priest's income. They make a real difference to his ability to set something aside for retirement, to provide for times of illness, and to live a balanced life, with the possibility of rest, friendship, and an occasional holiday. The Easter collection is therefore a personal gift to your priest, and a very practical way of supporting his work and ministry. Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity, and continued commitment to the life of our parish.

Easter and Standing Orders

The diocese does not allow any donations made by standing order to be directed towards the Easter support of clergy unless the donor has specifically requested this in writing. For that reason, those who normally give in this way may wish to consider making an additional personal gift at this time. This can be done through the card machine at the back of the church, by bank transfer or online donation. If using the parish bank details, please mark the reference 'Easter'. For those more comfortable with their phone, a QR code is also available next to this notice. However, you choose to give, please know that it is very much appreciated, and received with real gratitude.



Easter Raffle: Our Easter Raffle has raised £545 so far. A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part. It would be amazing if we could hit the £600 mark so do please buy a ticket if you haven't yet done so. The draw will take place after Mass this weekend.

Easter Egg Smash: After Mass on Easter Sunday, we will have our Easter Egg Smash. It will only take a few minutes. This is a particular invitation to our children and their parents.

Good Friday – the collection at this service traditionally goes towards the support Christians in the Middle East and the upkeep of the sacred places in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Easter Cards: If you didn't get an easter card from the parish last week, there are still some left at the back of the church and each one has all the details for the Easter services.

Mass Time Change: As Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Fr Gary will need to be at the Cathedral early on Wednesday to prepare things for the Christ Mass. The Mass on Wednesday morning, 1st April, will be at 8.30am and Fr Gary will be offering it for his own intentions since it is his birthday. Thank you for your understanding. This notice is very much not an April Fool!

School Easter Performance: St Joseph's school will be putting on its Easter Performance on 27th March 2pm in the hall. All welcome to come and watch.

Easter Clean: We are aiming to have our churches looking at their best for the great celebration. Our cleaning teams will be getting everything ready on Thursday 2nd April at 10am at St John's and St Joseph's. Do you think you might have the time to help out? Cleaning materials (as well as tea, coffee, biscuits and good company!) are provided.

Easter Flowers: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collections for Easter flowers at both churches, and to those who made their own separate donations towards flowers, music and the liturgy.

Maundy Thursday is the day when the washing of the feet traditional takes place. If anyone might be willing to take part, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

PARISH NOTICES

Cathedral Penance Service: The Cathedral will be hosting the Lenten penance service at 7.30pm 31st March. There will be a number of priests from across the deanery, and it provides an excellent opportunity to come to confession and receive the Lord's forgiveness in time for Easter. Do please join us if you can. Fr Gary is also available to hear confessions at any time convenient for you.

Holy Week Services are as follows: These will also be advertised in the parish Easter card! Please do take one as you leave this weekend.

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.

St John and St Erconwald, Ingatestone

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock)

Good Friday, 3rd April

Stations of the Cross – 11.30am – followed by walk of witness (Ingatestone)

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock).

Holy Saturday, 4th April

Easter Vigil – 7 p.m. – celebrated by Fr John Corbyn at St John's, Ingatestone

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Mass – 9 a.m.

Social Events at St Joseph's: Please 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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, Lourdes Pilgrimage

A few last-minute places are still available for the BCYS Lourdes pilgrimage this July, for anyone in school year 10+. A powerful experience of faith, service, and community. Funding available. All information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl26