

# 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 25 February 2024

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 6.00 p.m.  
Claude Toy RIP  
Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.  
Patrick & Catherine Dooley RIP  
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 27 9.00 a.m.  
For Parishioners  
Wednesday 28 7.30 p.m.  
Fr. Leslie Intentions  
Thursday 29 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Friday 1 9.00 a.m.  
Mary Glavey  
M Brennan  
7.00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross  
Saturday 2 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Confession with Rosary for Peace in Middle East & Ukraine  
*Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.*

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2 6.00 p.m.  
Intentions of Bridget Dooley  
A Turvey  
Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.  
Mary Rudin RIP  
J. Jarvis  
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

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.

### 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.



"Through examining our conscience and being led through the door first of repentance and then conversion".

Welcome to our parish family and visitors to our celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

We are now in the season of Lent. We are called to prayer, fasting and abstinence. It's an opportunity to put into practice the corporal works of mercy, namely: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to bury the dead and visit those in prison.

May I suggest that we put aside a "mercy jar". For example, if you give up a particular drink or cut out snacks. Then the money you would have spent on them, put it into the "mercy jar". Likewise make some kind of sacrifice, for instance give up buying some material item if you really don't need it. The money you would have spent, put it into "the mercy jar" and so on. Then at the end of Lent you can make a donation from the "mercy jar" to whatever charity you wish to give.

Pray together as a family especially the rosary. Maybe come to an extra Mass during the week. This task can become a great family way of "walking the way of the cross".

The season of Lent is such a season of grace through the sacrament of Reconciliation and doing good works of mercy.

Lord, I have received mercy; help me to show mercy.

*Fr. Leslie*

## GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following on the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle we are today, and for the next 5 or 6 weeks, raising much needed funds for the Church through a Giant Easter Egg Raffle. The Giant Easter Egg will be on display in the Narthex, and all you have to do to enter, raise some funds, and be in with a chance of winning this magnificent Easter Egg, is put your name and phone number on an envelope, place a £5 note inside, and we'll take care of the rest!

**A Giant, smashable, Golden Easter Egg made from Belgian chocolate and filled with Easter treats!**

Jack and the beanstalk has been given a chocolate makeover! This showstopping, Giant Golden Egg is made from a thick layer of Belgian milk chocolate. The egg is filled with Easter Mallows, chocolate mini eggs, and 6x Malteser Bunnys! Plenty to share with Friends and Family this Easter!

And the good news? The Giant Easter Egg stays fresh for up to 6 months if stored in its original packaging. What's not to like?

**Let's see just how much we can raise this Easter. Everybody loves chocolate, right?**



### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24 February 6.00 p.m.  
Catherine Bray  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 25 February 10.30 a.m.  
Chris Brooks  
Blane McKie  
Saturday 2 March 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Carol Turnbull  
Sunday 3 March 10.30 a.m.  
Percy Sam  
Willia Jackson

### Readers

Saturday 24 February 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Sunday 25 February 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders  
Saturday 2 March 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 3 March 10.30 a.m.  
Paul Downey

### Holy Week Services

Please let Willa know if you are available to Minister during Holy Week.

## Journey Home - continued

Today Jesus teaches us about prayer. Once again, we need to recognize that he teaches essentially about the prayer of one who is baptismally united with Jesus. As such, we actually share in Jesus' own prayer to the Father. We can say, therefore, that the 'Our Father' stands as a sort of description of Jesus' own relationship with the Father. It is what Jesus lived by and reveals the confidence in the Father that Jesus lived. At its heart, the 'Our Father' expresses the daily desire of Jesus to carry out the Father's will. It is significant that Jesus encourages us not to 'heap up empty phrases' when we pray, because 'your Father knows what you need before you ask him'.

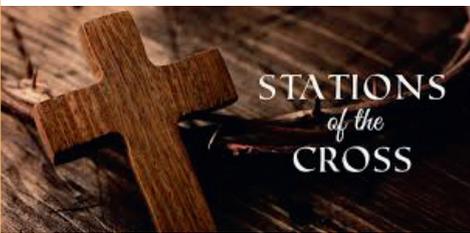
## St. Joseph the Worker School – Admissions Policy

After consultation the Governing Body have agreed the Admissions policy for 2025-26. Further details can be found on the school website. [www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk)

## Lenten Reconciliation

On Monday 25 March at 7.30 p.m. there will be a service of reconciliation (confession), with a number of priests available to hear your confession, at our cathedral in Brentwood. This is one very important way to spiritually prepare for Easter by seeking the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in this Sacrament.

## Stations of the Cross



On Fridays during Lent at 7.00 p.m. we will hold Stations of the Cross. Please do come and walk in prayer with Jesus to Calvary out of love Jesus has for us.

*Come with your young people too – all are welcome.*

## Refreshments after Mass

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.

## The Marillac

The Marillac Neurological Care Centre located in Eagle Way, Warley



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(less than ten minutes from our Church), is an independent ABI (Acquired Brain Injury facility) having some 52 beds and specialising in the rehabilitation of patients.

Having previously been run by the Daughters of Charity it is now completely independent and acts as a non-profit making charitable company and is registered as a charity.

We are seeking additional Trustees to assist in the running of this wonderful institution.

It is not an onerous task with a maximum of 4 board meetings per year and a monthly attendance (personal or by zoom/teams) on particular committees which are for no more than an hour or so.

If you feel that such a voluntary role would be of interest to you please contact the signatory below to discuss further.

Peter Nicol - Chair of Trustees - [chair@marillac.co.uk](mailto:chair@marillac.co.uk)

## 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.

## Sick parishioners

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

## St. Joseph The Worker School – Head Teacher Vacancy

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do.

The Governors of St Joseph The Worker are delighted to be in a position to offer the opportunity to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher to our successful and caring school. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils.

Applications are invited from existing Headteachers and experienced Deputy Headteachers with great leadership experience who are capable and interested in driving whole school improvement.

Full details of the post and application form are available on [www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key-Information/Vacancies](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key-Information/Vacancies).

Completed applications should be sent to [recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk) or to the school office marked CONFIDENTIAL  
FAO MRS L WILLATS

**Closing Date: 11 March 2024 at 12 Noon.**

## Lenten talks on the Synod

The Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last year and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese.

These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; the first talk was last Wednesday, 21 February and will be followed by talks on Wednesday 28 February, Wednesday 6 March and Wednesday 13 March.

**Please do try to attend.**

## 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

The next collection is 2/3 March - 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.*

## Pilgrims of Hope

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



## God's presence

When a family gathers 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.

## 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.



## Pope on Social Media

War is always a defeat. Wherever fighting occurs, people are exhausted. Let us #PrayTogether tirelessly, because prayer is effective. May we ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts dedicated concretely to #Peace.

In this season of #Lent, let us retreat into the "desert." May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness.

The #GospelOfTheDay presents us with Jesus tempted in the desert (Mk 1:12-15). We too are invited during #Lent to "enter the desert," that is, into silence and our inner chamber, as we listen to our heart in truth.

Jesus has lovingly cared for us, mercifully tended our wounds, opened our hearts to joy with His Spirit. All these are goods that we cannot keep only to ourselves or hide away. We have been showered with gifts, so we are called to make ourselves a gift for others.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Fausto Vasco Biagioni, Alma Tincey, Edward Pearce, and Audrey Field. Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Jules Van Meenen (1966), Fr. Clifford Beecroft (2012), Fr. David Chapman (1998), and Fr. John Wall (1952)**  
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 week ending Sunday 18 February 2024 you gave £145.00 with £11.00 via Gift Aid  
*Thank you 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.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 17 February:	39
Sunday 18 February:	36

Light

# Laughter

WINTER VERSION

How does a North Pole carpenter fix something broken?  
Igloos it together!