

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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£1,000



£85
so far!



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE!

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 19 November 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18 6.00 p.m.
Pauric Curry RIP
A Turvey
Sunday 19 10.30 a.m.
Marian Barlow RIP
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 21 9.00 a.m.
For our Parishioners
Wednesday 22 7.30 p.m.
Mary Guirndon (Sick)
Thursday 23 9.00 a.m.
November Dead
Friday 24 9.00 a.m.
Anne-Marie & Sean Clarke
J Jarvis
Saturday 25 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25 6.00 p.m.
Janice & David Masters RIP
I & C Restall
Sunday 26 10.30 a.m.
Romando Fernandes RIP
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).

Food Bank

Next collection will be weekend of 2/3 December.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 11 November 6.00 p.m. 27
Sunday 12 November 10.30 a.m. 57



A warm welcome to our parish family, and to our visitors who have joined us today, and to our children and young people. If you know of any of our people who are not joining us because our Mass times are not suitable for them, please explain that Father Leslie can only manage two Masses per weekend. We would love to have them back among us or at least give them a copy of our newsletter to see the great things that are happening in our parish, for example our Parish Partnership Christmas celebration in December.

Our reflection this week is from "Evening prayer with bishops, priests and women religious, and pastoral movements, in Galilee on 20 July 2008 from Pope Benedict XVI". What is the power of the Holy Spirit? It is the power of God's life! It is the power of the same Spirit who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation and who, in the fullness of time, raised Jesus from the dead. It is the power which points us, and our world, towards the coming of the Kingdom of God. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that a new age has begun, in which the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all humanity. He himself, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, came among us to bring us that Spirit. As the source of our new life in Christ, the Holy Spirit is also, in a very real way, the soul of the church, the love which binds us to the Lord and one another, and the light which opens our eyes to see all around us the wonders of God's grace.

May God bless our families and keep us close to Jesus. As Advent draws close let's not forget our spiritual preparation for the feast of the birth of Our Saviour

Fr. Leslie

Christmas Hamper Raffle - It's Back, Bigger And Better!!

Same rules as usual! Please just put £5 in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside and you'll be entered into a great Christmas Hamper raffle. The hamper itself is bigger and better than last year's so don't delay and get your envelopes in asap please. And Good Luck to you all. The Twelfth Night Christmas Gift Hamper. Nestled in a sophisticated Lidded Kubu Basket, this selection of treats will delight the senses. Savour the whisky-infused shortbread, milk chocolate oat biscuits, and a round salted caramel cake, followed by an array of chocolates and milk chocolate buttons. Savoury delights such as Real Ale Chutney, Hummus and smoked mixed nuts add contrast, whilst a cup of premium hot chocolate offers comfort. The final flourish comes with an array of wines and prosecco, alongside an alcohol-free sparkling option.

Hamper contains:

Prosecco Millesimato DOC Zonin Italy (11%), 75cl
The Black Stump Durif Shiraz Australia (14.5%), 75cl
The Black Stump Chardonnay Pinot Grigio Australia (12.5%), 75cl
Belle & Co Alcohol Free Sparkling Brut, 75cl
Butlers Chocolates Assorted Chocolates, 300g
Williams Hand Baked Milk Chocolate Oat Biscuits, 290g
Maxwell & Franks 4™ Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel, 280g
Odysea Houmous, 265g
SlumberJack Premium Hot Chocolate, 250g
England Preserves Bermondsey Bramble Jam, 225g
Highfield Preserves Real Ale Chutney, 215g
Fairfields Farm Crisps Maple Glazed Ham, 150g

Hebridean Baker Whisky Shortbread, 150g
Olives Et Al Verde Green Olives, 150g
Seggiano Sesame Seed Grissini Handmade Breadsticks, 150g
Linden Lady Decorated Milk Chocolate Buttons, 100g
Mr Filbert's Somerset Applewood Smoked Mixed Nuts, 100g
Radfords World's Best Crumbly Salted Caramel Fudge Box, 100g
Rendles Cheese Palmiers with Honey & Mustard, 100g
Joe & Seph's Eggnog Gourmet Popcorn, 80g
Grand Illusions Partridge Crackers x 6
Maxwell & Franks 4 Mince Pies
Lidded Kubu Basket



Saturday 2nd December

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish Partnership
Family Christmas Social Evening
7pm to 9.30pm (after 6pm Mass)**

* **£4 per adult** - which includes a glass of mulled wine or red/white wine, nibbles, and a mince pie.

* **Children Welcome** (free entry and fruit juice)



Bring along games to play and don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas outfit!

* **It would be great to know in advance if you're coming** (for catering purposes) please email us at.....

sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com



Journey Home

Jesus likens God's Kingdom to a rich man inviting guests to a great banquet. As the feast approaches, many begin to give excuses for not going. They sure wouldn't be the last ones to do this! Frequently, such events seemed like a good idea when the time was far away, but as the day draws near we realize that we have other priorities. Going to a banquet involves a certain sacrifice, it's not always what we want to do, even though we know we will enjoy it and that it will probably renew and refresh us in some way. Yet it can feel like a lot of trouble, and so the excuses begin.

In recounting this parable, Jesus is recalling the way things often are in our world. A snubbed invitation can provoke an angry response. Jesus wasn't, presumably, telling us that God would behave in the same way; God would never force anyone into his kingdom. And he's always more than ready to welcome anyone who returns to him. At the same time, we need to be aware of God's enormous generosity, a generosity that excludes no one, but at the same time shouldn't be disregarded. In fact, responding to God's invitation is probably the most important decision we will ever make!

Christmas Hamper Raffle:

Big Fund Raiser from this Sunday, we ask you to pick up an envelope or two - reach out to your friends - envelopes will be provided at the back of the church. Please take one, two, or more! Put your name and telephone number on the envelope with £5 inside and Return to Fr. Leslie or on Saturday/Sunday as soon as possible. Please see the newsletter for details of this great prize for someone at Christmas.

200 Club

Thank you to all who joined 200 club. Please can you return your forms that you received - filled in. Money prizes are monthly and for £24 per year or £2 a month both our parish and yourselves benefit. *Thank You.*

Decorator

GPC Decorating Services. Painting and Decorating. Interior and Exterior. Wallpapering. Residential and Commercial. Call Gary on 07711 108 979



Pope on Social Media

The Gospel's compassionate outlook leads us to serve those who are poor, excluded, outcast, discarded, frail, and defenceless - those most beloved of God, who made Himself poor for us (2 Cor 8:9). They are the Church's true treasure. They are God's "favourites"!

Every human being, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that a sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart.

Our thoughts turn every day to the very serious situation in Israel and Palestine. I am close to all those who suffer, Palestinians and Israelis. May the weapons be stopped: they will never lead to peace, and may the conflict not widen! Enough! Enough, brothers! Enough!

I am close to the sufferings of those dear populations of Sudan, and I address a heartfelt appeal to local leaders to facilitate access to humanitarian aid and, with the contribution of the international community, to work in search of peaceful solutions.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Stanley Paczusko, Earnest Barry, Kevin Stimpson, Lucy Cooper, Kathleen Duonsfield, Abina Southgate, Dorothy (Carla) Bright, George Steptoe, Theresa Bolton, Patricia Mary Mills, and Janice Masters. Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Harden (1987), Fr. James Limburgh (2007), Mgr. Edward Watson (1929), Canon Martin Hancock (1993) & November Dead.

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 - 1

For the week ending Sunday 12 November you gave £190.00 with £29.00 via Gift Aid Great Christmas Hamper Raffle: £85.00 this week making £85.00 total. Great start - keep those envelopes coming please! 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

Calendars for 2024

Are on sale for £5.00. They are beautiful with lovely prints on each page with a scripture quotation. They are going quickly - don't delay.

Parish Expenditure this month:

£974.04 Fire Inspection on the Church & Parish Hall.

Catholic Universe

There are two copies of the universe at the back of the church for you to browse over. Let Fr. Leslie know whether you would purchase a copy - we would like to re-introduce this Catholic newspaper with all Catholic news and how we can grow stronger in our faith. Also, news of the church throughout the country. If enough people would like to purchase a copy - let Fr. Leslie know and he will order a few.

Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned? Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address.

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2024 is available to collect from the table in the church porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. *Thank you for your support,* Clare Barton.

Baptism

A Baptismal form can be got from hutton@brcdt.org

You must live in our parish - Godparents are one Godmother and one Godfather. Both should be Catholic or at least one. The Catholic Godparents should be practicing their faith. A letter from their parish priest confirming they are regular Mass attenders should accompany your baptismal form request.

Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass from the end of September, 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 for October to December in the Narthex.



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.

Gift Aid & Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donation it means that for every £1 that you give to our parish, we are able to claim back from HMRC an extra 25p. If you are a Tax Payer, you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the parish website www.stjosephshutton.org

The Gift Aid form needs to be returned to the parish office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number, which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a standing order to the parish. Standing orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass, except when we have a second collection. If you email the Parish Office hutton@brcdt.org we will be able to provide you with the sort code and account number, and account name. Or alternatively you can download a standing order form from the parish website, and take this to your bank. Or use the QR codes. Thank you for helping your parish to maintain itself.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 18 November	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Mark Brennan
Sunday 19 November	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Percy Sam
Saturday 25 November	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Marian Anderson
Sunday 26 November	10.30 a.m. Chris Books Bill O'Regan

Readers

Saturday 18 November	6.00 p.m. Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 19 November	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Saturday 25 November	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 26 November	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal

Light

Laughter

When I was a boy, my dad got fired from his job as a road worker for theft. I refused to believe he could do such a thing, but when I got home, the signs were all there!