

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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14TH AND 15TH FEBRUARY 2026 ✦ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [YEAR A]

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.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm at Hutton, and 12.30pm at Ingatestone.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th	5.30 p.m.	Valentina Albuquerque	R.I.P.
Sunday 15th	9.00 a.m.	Theresa Ashton	Intention
	10.30 a.m.	Medhat Fadheel & Layla Petros	R.I.P.
Monday 16th	9.15 a.m.	Agnes Fraser	R.I.P.
Tuesday 17th	9.15 a.m.	Maria Magno	R.I.P.
Wednesday 18th	9.15 a.m.	Mgr David Manson	R.I.P.
Ingatestone	12.30 p.m.	Private intentions	
Hutton	7.00 p.m.	Fr Michael Kenny	
Friday 20th	9.15 a.m.	Pro Popolo	
Saturday 21st	5.30 p.m.	Breda Conville	R.I.P.
Sunday 22nd	9.00 a.m.	Anthony Holmes	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	Kumar John	R.I.P.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 7/8 February 2026

Hutton 8th February: tbc
Ingatestone 8th Feb: £157.50

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 14th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Bill O'Regan
Saturday 21st – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Mark Brennan
Sunday 15th – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Anne-Marie Ward
Sunday 22nd – 10.30 a.m.	Sophie Newbould	Chris Brooks

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Response: *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 7th January	- 5.30 p.m.	145
Sunday 8th February	- 9.00 a.m.	38
Sunday 8th February	- 10.30 a.m.	79

FR GARY

There is a gentle wisdom in the Church's calendar. She does not rush us abruptly from ordinary days into great seasons but, gives hints and invitations beforehand. The readings in these Sundays begin to turn our attention inward. They speak about the heart, about intention, about the deeper meaning behind our actions.

It is rather like seeing the first signs of spring before winter has quite finished. The light changes. The air shifts. You know something is coming.

In the Gospel, our Lord reminds us that holiness is not only about outward behaviour but inward truth. Not only what we do, but who we are becoming. He speaks about anger as well as violence, fidelity as well as appearances, truthfulness in speech as well as public reputation. He is gently but firmly moving religion from the surface to the centre.

That is exactly what Lent is for.

Lent is not meant to be a gloomy exercise in denial. It is an honest and hopeful return to essentials. Prayer, self-denial, generosity, confession, renewal. A spiritual clearing of the ground so that grace can grow more freely.

A good preparation for Lent can begin now with a simple question: 'Where has my heart grown a little careless?' Not in a scrupulous way, but in a truthful one. Where has prayer become rushed? Where has charity cooled? Where have habits slipped?

If we begin asking those questions now, Lent will not feel like an interruption. It will feel like a welcome opportunity. God does not ask for perfection at the starting line. He asks for willingness. And willingness is already the beginning of change.

May God bless you and your families this week.

Fr Gary

Thank you to everyone who made our parish disco last week such a success. It was wonderful to come together just before Lent to celebrate, and particular thanks to Leszek and the social committee for all their hard work. The dates for our upcoming events are in the newsletter. Do please put the dates in your diary!

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9.15am and 7pm at Hutton, and 12.30pm at Ingatestone.

Stations of the Cross - will be celebrated every Friday in Lent at Middy (12pm) at Ingatestone and 7pm in Hutton.

Walk With Me Booklets - A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG): St Joseph's Lenten Charity 2026

The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years. Sadly, leprosy is not just a disease of ancient biblical times. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and millions more are living with the consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease. Leprosy is curable today with antibiotics, but we need to find and treat people before they develop disabilities. By supporting over 30 leprosy centres and projects in Africa, Asia and Brazil, SFLG aims to work towards a leprosy-free world. You can find out more about SFLG's work on their website: www.stfrancisleprosy.org. Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG. There will be support envelopes at the back of the church.

Ingatestone Second Collection

In light of the much-needed works to be done on the house, to avoid problems becoming even more serious and costly in the future, there will be a second collection at St John's this weekend. Please do give if you are able.

Ingatstone Gift Aid

We have had two people volunteer to start the training to become our Gift Aid organisers. In the coming weeks, we will start the process of gift aid appeal, to encourage people to make use of this scheme to maximise the effects of their contributions. Gift Aid effectively means our parish receives an additional 25% on top of your contribution at no extra cost to you. If you are a higher rate taxpayer, then there is also the possibility that you can claim back tax relief in addition to the additional money our parish will receive.

Lourdes Fund Appeal

LOURDES FUND APPEAL: This Sunday, which follows the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day for the Sick. Each summer a large group of pilgrims from our diocese visits the place where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. If you would like to help, make it possible for people to go on pilgrimage who would be unable to spend this time in Lourdes without support from our team of doctors, nurses and helpers, or without financial assistance, please go to <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations> (specify 'Lourdes Fund' in the 'Other' box). Thank you for your support.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join our bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? There are two options: either 17th – 24th July (lourdes@brcdt.org) or 19th – 24th July (info@anamcaratravel.com).

PARISH NOTICES

Social Events at St Joseph's

The Social Committee met to plan out some of the social events for the year. Please do 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

28th June - Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

6th June - Wine Tasting!

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.

Missio Red Boxes: Please would everyone who has a Missio 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 2026 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 charity for world mission, helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration.

Save the dates: Friday 13th February 2026. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after.

Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends!

Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

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.

This week the sanctuary lamp burns for *Peace in the World*.

Tea and Coffee



Tea and coffee are available after both the 9am at Ingatstone 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.



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 Ingatstone then please email the Parish Office.

200 Club - Hutton: There are cash prizes to be one 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.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983.

Visit: www.retrouaille.org.uk

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.

FHC & Confirmation: Email your inquiry to the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?"

This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 1: Wednesday 25th February.

Speaker: Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. "I Believe..." Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. 7.30 p.m.

Brentwood Catholic Children Society (BCCS)

BCCS is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Set in the elegant ballroom of this prestigious venue, this fundraising event promises an experience of true luxury. Tickets are £35 per person - for more information or to book your place search [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

Contact Julie (jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912277413).

We hope you can join us!

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. Closing date: Friday 6th March 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Friday 20th March 2026. Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmeps.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Please pray for all those living out the vocation to marriage and couples preparing to marry. Support is available for those who need it, and your parish priest can point you in the right direction. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let your parish know so that you can be invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Saturday 11th July.