

# 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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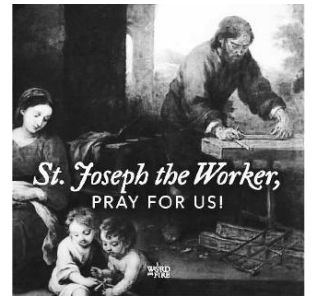
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 6 July 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to go before Him, into every town and village where He Himself would soon arrive. He tells them, 'The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few.' These words are as true for us today as they were then.

Our Lord does not send the disciples out in comfort or with many provisions. He tells them to take no purse, no bag, no sandals. They are to rely entirely on the providence of God. Their mission is simple but urgent: to bring peace, to heal the sick, and to proclaim that the kingdom of God is near.

It is easy to think that this kind of mission belongs only to priests or missionaries. But in fact, every Catholic shares in this work. Each of us is sent out, in our own way, into the places where Christ still desires to be known. Whether in our families, workplaces, schools, or even in quiet conversations with neighbours, we are called to be His witnesses.

Jesus also prepares us for the possibility of rejection. 'If a town does not welcome you,' He says, 'shake the dust from your feet as a warning.' Some will not receive the message. But our task is not to win every heart ourselves. Our task is to go, to speak the truth in charity, and to trust that God will bring the harvest in His time.

Clergy appointments have now been announced and so you will be aware that the Bishop has asked me to take on the parish of Ingatestone alongside Hutton. This will bring with it unique challenges, not least in terms of trying to run two places at once. I am not expecting any change to the weekend schedule here. It will simply mean I will say an additional Mass at Ingatestone before our 1030 Mass here. Do spare a prayer for the parishioners of Ingatestone, and for me as well!

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful week.

*Fr. Gary*

## Second Collection

There will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy this weekend. Making a donation is a tangible way to express gratitude for the many years of service given by these priests who have been by our sides in times of joy and times of sorrow. Priests of our diocese receive no pension provision and, which means some clergy serve in parishes which do not provide an adequate income to save for their future. Please be as generous as you can.

## First Holy Communion

We are now preparing for the 2025-26 Holy Communion year. If your child will be in year 4 in September then this means that you can apply for the programme. Forms are available from the back of the church after Mass. The deadline is 20th July and no applications will be accepted after this point.

## Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

## Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways.

There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

## Social Events Committee

I mentioned last time that I want to put together a social events committee. Do please come and speak to me if you would like to be a part of this. Fund-raising will be one aspect, but our main focus will be building community in our parish.

## 200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first, second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

Donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you

## Food Bank

Our monthly foodbank collection is the weekend Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, July. Hutton Community Food Hub is currently supporting over 40 families per week, so your donations are always gratefully received. They especially need tinned meats, breakfast cereals, shower gels and toothpastes, sanitary products and nappies, but any non-perishable products are acceptable, just bring them up to the church and put in the box outside the porch.

Thank you for your donations.

## Mission

The summer 2025 edition of "Mission Today" is

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (YEAR C)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 5.30 p.m.

*Private intentions*

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.

*Onyeka's Intention*

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 9.15 a.m.

*Private intentions*

Tuesday 8 9.15 a.m.

*Private intentions*

Wednesday 9 9.15 a.m.

*Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions. Martyrs.*

### NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 11 9.15 a.m.

*McGrath Family Intention*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (YEAR C)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 Wedding

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.

*Private intentions*

## Anniversaries

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

## We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 28 June 5.30 p.m. - 108

Sunday 29 June 10.30 a.m. - 101

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 5 July 5.30 p.m.

Catherine Bray

Saturday 12 July 5.30 p.m.

Marian Anderson

Sunday 6 July 10.30 a.m.

Willa Jackson

Sunday 13 July 10.30 a.m.

Chris Brooks

## Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2024. 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](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more or to donate online.

### Card Reader



Just in case you've missed it, there is a card reader located in the porch for Card payments, donations (which can be gift aided), social events, repository, and so on. Thank you.

### Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)  
Thank you!

### Retail Therapy

Do you enjoy shopping online? Would you like to support your parish as you do that, and at no extra cost? Go to - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and create an account through the website. When you need some online retail therapy, type the name of the company into the search bar of the website and it will take you to where you want to go. From there the parish will receive a donation for everything you buy through there. There is also a QR code if you prefer to use your phone. Jessie, one of our parishioners, will be parish coffee to assist anyone who needs help to set it up.



### God's presence

When a family gather 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

The bible alive will no longer be available at the Narthex. If you would like one, please subscribe to Bible Alive.  
Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600  
Email: [general@alivepublishing.co.uk](mailto:general@alivepublishing.co.uk)  
Website: [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk)

### Alpha at St. Joseph's, Hutton

Alpha will be run at St. Joseph the Worker on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 17th September to 3rd December, with a break at half term, from 7.15 to 9.00pm. There will also be a day at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday, 15th November, from 10am to 4pm. Every session begins with a welcome drink on arrival, then a meal, followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith and concluding with discussion in small groups. Everyone is welcome, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics alike. The course is for those who are enquiring about the faith, those who would like to know more, and those who would like to deepen their faith. More information about Alpha is available at [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk).

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions; this could be jointly with another person. We also need the prayers of the whole parish for the success of Alpha. If you are interested in the course or in volunteering, please include your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church.

### Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Good Counsel- Wickford

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

The post will be part-time working 12 hours per week - (4 Days per week, 3 hours per day).

The salary is £12.60 per hour

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 8th July 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to [wickford@brcdt.org](mailto:wickford@brcdt.org)

### St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Brentwood Community Festival - Saturday 12th July, 1 PM - 3:30 PM, Brentwood Cathedral

Come along to this free event celebrating the work of SVP volunteers across Essex and East London and discover how you can help make a difference in our community and beyond. Music, food, and displays of life-changing projects. All welcome!

Book your free ticket:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919)

### QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



### Readers

Saturday 5 July	5.30 p.m. Aria Olatunde
Saturday 12 July	5.30 p.m. Catherine Bray
Sunday 6 July	10.30 a.m. Keziah Ashly
Sunday 13 July	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome.



Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome. Thank you!

### Newsletters. Finance News - 1

Plate Collection for the week ending Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, totalled - £250.

### 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

Thank you.

### Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

### Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

### Sick parishioners

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

### Readings at Mass

First reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Jn15:15 or Col3:15,16

Alleluia, Alleluia

*May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, let the message of Christ find a home with you.*  
Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

### Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

## Summer fun fact

True or false: In the summer, squirrels use their big, bushy tails to protect themselves from the sun.

Answer: True