

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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9TH / 10TH MAY 2026 ✦ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.15pm 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 9 th	5.30 p.m.	Fr Leslie Knight Intention	
Sunday 10 th	9.00 a.m.	Jane Shrub	
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Community Intention	
Monday 11 th	9.15 a.m.	Kathryn Eley	R.I.P.
Tuesday 12 th	9.15 a.m.	Silvestro Peluso	R.I.P.
Wednesday 13 th	9.15 a.m.	Given Walsh	R.I.P.
Thursday 14 th	9.15 a.m.	Ma & Ba Vo	
	12.30 p.m.	Jean Reader	
	7.00 p.m.	Pro Populo	
Friday 15 th	9.15 a.m.	Ian Hunt	R.I.P.
Saturday 16 th	5.30 p.m.	Maria & Constancio Gonsalves	R.I.P.
Sunday 17 th	9.00 a.m.	Fr Paul Dynan & Maggie Galvin	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	Michael Collins	R.I.P.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 2/3 May 2026

Hutton 3 rd May:	£190.00
Ingatestone 3 rd May:	£110.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 9 th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Ewa Kania
Saturday 16 th – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Bishop Alan
Sunday 10 th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi Ekpechue
Sunday 17 th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Willa Jackson

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

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

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

Second reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to Him. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 2 nd May - 5.30 p.m.	76
Sunday 3 rd May - 9.00 a.m.	37
Sunday 3 rd May - 10.30 a.m.	89

REFLECTION

There is something deeply reassuring in the Lord's promise at the Last Supper. As He prepares to leave His disciples, He does not leave them alone. He speaks instead of a gift: the Spirit of truth, who will remain with them and guide them into all truth. The Church has always understood that this promise was not only for those gathered in that upper room, but for the whole life of the Church in every age.

We live in a world where certainty is often treated with suspicion. Opinions shift, fashions change, and what was once taken for granted is quickly set aside. In such a climate, it is natural to ask how the Church can continue to teach with confidence, and how she can remain steady when everything around her moves. The answer is not found in human wisdom or institutional strength. It lies in the quiet, faithful work of the Holy Spirit.

At Pentecost, when the Spirit descended upon the Apostles, something decisive took place. Those who had been uncertain and fearful were given clarity and courage. They began to preach, not their own ideas, but the truth entrusted to them by Christ. That same Spirit has remained with the Church ever since, not as a passing influence, but as a constant presence guiding her from within.

This does not mean that every member of the Church is wise or holy, or that mistakes are never made in her life. History shows us clearly enough that there have been failings. Yet alongside these human weaknesses, there is something steadier and more enduring. The Church, in her official teaching, has been preserved from error in what she definitively proposes as true. Not because of her own merits, but because the Holy Spirit safeguards her.

This is what we mean when we speak of the Church being protected in her teaching. Christ has not abandoned His Church. He continues to guide her, so that the truth He revealed is not lost or replaced over time. For us, this is a quiet source of confidence. We are not left to find our own way alone. We belong to a Church that is guided, protected, and sustained by the Spirit of God, who leads us, patiently and faithfully, into the truth that sets us free.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

Fr Gary

Parish Celebration 16 May 2026

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Alan and Fr Gary to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Joseph the Worker Church at 5.30pm Mass on **Saturday 16 May**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are planning to come so we know numbers for catering, or if you can help before, during or after the event. Thank you!

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

St Francis Leprosy Guild was the parish's Lenten charity this year. If you have not yet made a donation, please take a support envelope from the porch and return it in the weekend Mass collection.

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.

Wine Tasting Evening 06 June

Tickets are now available for the Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 06 June, 6.30 for 7.00pm start in St Joseph's Hall. Led by sommelier Tim Haslam, there will be 6 Italian wines with accompanying cheeses for tasting. Tickets are £25 each (over 18s only) and numbers restricted to 60 only so get your ticket early! Tickets available at 5.30pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday Masses; card or cash payment can be made. Entrance to the event will be by advance ticket only.

Volunteers needed!

We are looking to expand our team of welcomers/stewards and fire marshalls for weekend masses at St Joseph's. Fire marshall training will be organised shortly. If you think you can help, it does not need to be every week, please give your name and contact details to Fr Gary, Marian (5.30pm Saturday), or Willa (10.30am) Sunday.

Servers' Training

We are blessed with a number of young men and women who serve at the altar and who, through their dedication and service, help to make our celebration of the liturgy smoother and more reverent. We will be having a training session on **31st May at 2pm** here in the church for all present servers and for any children, who have made their First Holy Communion, who would like to start serving. This is for all current and prospective servers. After the training we will have some pizza and soft drinks in the hall so that all our servers can get to know each other a little better. Parents are invited to stay as well.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Retreat to Clare Priory in Suffolk on 17th June 2026

One of the friars will lead the day on the topic of prayer. The coach will leave from St John's, **Ingatestone at 8am** and will return back at **3.30pm**. Lunch, and tea and coffee, will be provided. The cost for the day is **£55 +** a voluntary donation for the priest leading the day. Spaces are limited so do book in if you are interested.

To book or for more information please contact Jacinta at jacintaconway@hotmail.com or 07949 270902 to reserve a seat. Deadline is **29th May**.

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, FHC 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

Maranatha at Grays 15 May 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on **Friday 15th May 2026 at 7pm to 9.00pm** led by Fr. Paschal Uche. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) Youth Mass

The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on **Thursday 4th June and 2nd July**. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 23rd May 2026

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

A Day with Mary pilgrimages this year

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026.
Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026.

Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

St John Bosco Children's Camp, Summer 2026.

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

CAFOD are hiring

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Brentwood. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date: 18 May 2026. See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

Deputy Headteacher - St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am Monday 11th May 2026