

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

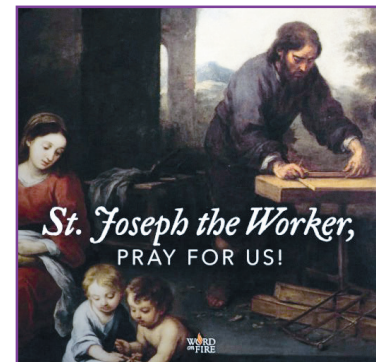
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Mission Statement

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.



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 27 August 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 6.00 p.m.
Members of the
McPherson Family
Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
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)

Feast of the Passion of St John the Baptist

Tuesday 29 9.00 a.m.
Fr Leslie’s Parents & Sister
Wednesday 30 7.30 p.m.
Brenda Conville RIP
O.Conville
Thursday 31 9.00 a.m.
Joe Duranti RIP
Fr Leslie

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 9.00 a.m.
Intention of David &
Bridie Healy
Saturday 2 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
Katie Greenfield
Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 26 August 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Carol Turnbull
Sunday 27 August 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Mary Allum

Readers

Saturday 26 August 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 27 August 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Daseal

Newsletter Production

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.



Welcome to all our friends and visitors to our Sunday Celebration.

I pray that in the coming weeks more of our parishioners will return to our Sunday Mass and even to our weekday Masses especially on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Jesus died on the cross because He loved us, and His mercy is without end. Please find time to come to Him as we need his presence as we try to navigate the rough seas of life.

The people of the Old Testament experienced God’s love as they consoled and encouraged themselves with memories of what God had done, and what he’d promised to do: “But now memories belong to the generation of this life, (God’s) presence is the possession of the kingdom of heaven” (St. Bernard of Clairvaux, On Loving God).

It’s God’s Spirit alive in us who gives us the power and strength to love. St. Bernard describes four degrees of love: The first is loving for our own sake, because we see the futility of our lives, and proclaim we need God; the second arises as we turn to him often and become acquainted with his ways and begin to see how wonderful he is; the third is when we start to love God not out of selfish motives but for God’s sake; and fourth is where we love ourselves for the sake of God. This is the love of heaven. This is what we pray for when we say, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”.

May God bless and protect our families.

First Communion Programme 2023/2024

The first parent meeting is on Wednesday 13 September at 8.00 p.m. in the parish hall.
The first Childrens meeting is Saturday 23 September 9.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. in the parish hall.

March for Life – Important. NEXT WEEKEND!

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2 September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it’s often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk
This is so important.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Holiday season

Fr. Leslie wishes everyone a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Fire Inspection

Recently we have had a fire inspection: Details can be had from parish administrator. Some important points –

Hall – All fire doors must have a long bar across them. The emergency lighting needs to be inspected at least one once a year. Outside door of the hall should be a fire door. Maximum attendance in the hall 150.

In the Church – No children to light candles - no crowding of people at any one time, when they had been lit. Fire Wardens need to be trained in what will be expected of them. Church doors all need to be unlocked.

When many people are gathered, a fire warden should be present. After a mass a practice run should be put in place.

Entrance to the school gates should be clearly marked as a fire exit and no parking. That’s just a few points to share with you.

Be ever watchful.

Music in the Church

We do need urgently to form a choir in order to offer praise to God in Song. It is an important part of our liturgy and we have some very good voices. Please, please come forward and don’t leave it all to your priest. Thank you.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope – Please read each week - (Continued)

There are many important questions: what should I do with my life? What career path should I pursue? Should I marry or enter the religious life? What's the meaning of life? What happens after death? However, there's one question that's more important than every other, that sets the course of our life and needs to be answered daily: who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is? This was the question put to the disciples by Jesus and which Peter answered so decisively and clearly; the fruit, we learn, of the blessing and grace of the Holy Spirit. While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. Another turned traitor. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only thing he owned on this earth – his clothing. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend and rose again on the third day. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he's the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

Feast of the Passion of St John the Baptist

The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

SPUC Petition Day 2023

SPUC - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state.

Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible rights abuse.

Either Scan QR code on the white board in Narthex or www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition

From Bishop Thomas (Parish Outing)

Bishop Thomas Emeritus has suggested a day out at our Cathedral – now that it is listed Grade II. He would like to do this with proposed 'link' parishes. The proposed schedule would be as follows:

Date: Saturday 16 September – Arrive at Cathedral 12 noon. Introductory talk by Fr. Martin or Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture and liturgical layout of the cathedral and its artefacts, then time for questions and tour. Picnic lunch in the hall (each are invited to bring their own lunch).

Concelebrated mass in the Cathedral. It would be great for a positive number from our parish as Bishop Thomas Emeritus has offered us this opportunity to learn about our Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

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).

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 2 days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 1 September 2023. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr. Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Flower Arrangers

We only have two or three flower arrangers, we would welcome new members who love arranging flowers, so that our church looks lovely. For informal chat, please contact Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Please Help.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Finance News

For the week ending 20 August you gave £100.00 with £9.00 via Gift Aid.

Mass Attendance:

Saturday 19 August:	46
Sunday 13 August:	36



Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether for Niger, so that the efforts of the international community might find a peaceful solution as soon as possible for everyone's benefit. And let us also pray for peace for all populations wounded by war and violence, especially for Ukraine.

How good it would do our relationships, as well as our lives of faith, if we were to be docile, to truly pay attention, to soften up in the name of compassion and the good of others, like Jesus with the Canaanite woman.

To be children of the Father and to build a fraternal world, the real challenge is to learn how to love everyone, even our enemies. Concretely, this means choosing not to have enemies, seeing in others not an obstacle to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved.

Those who love do not stand around doing nothing. Those who love serve. They hurry to reach others to serve in the name of Jesus. We love through our deeds and love makes us happy!

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Patricia Young, Ronald Smith, Anthony Slade, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, James Linsay, Christina Newman, Thomas Layton, and Kevin Rogers.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Bernard Collings (1988), Canon John Sloane (1962), Canon John Walsh (1973), and Canon Cyril Shepherds 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.

Light

Laughter

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer.

The bartender says "sorry we don't serve food here"!

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