

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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12TH / 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ✱ TWENTY-FOURTH 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 – Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri 9.15am – 3pm, Sunday 10am – 1pm. 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 12th	5.30 p.m.	Domingo D'Albuquerque	R.I.P.
Sunday 13th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	Miss Kathleen and Mary Andrews	(F)
Monday 14th	9.15 a.m.	Private	Int.
Tuesday 15th	9.15 a.m.	Private	Int.
Wednesday 16th	9.15 a.m.	Private	Int.
Friday 18th	9.15 a.m.	Private	Int.
Saturday 19th	5.30 p.m.	Breda Conville	R.I.P.
Sunday 20th	9.00 a.m.	Tim Burchett	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	George Charles Harper & Harriet Harper	(F)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 05/06 September 2026

Plate Collection: Hutton 6th September - tbc
 Ingatestone 6th Sep. - £143.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 12th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Ian Restall
Saturday 19th – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Marian Anderson
Sunday 13th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi Ekpechue
Sunday 20th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Amanda Spinks

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8

Response: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Second reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 5th Sep.	- 5.30 p.m.	- 108
Sunday 6th Sep.	- 9.00 a.m.	- 42
Sunday 6th Sep.	- 10.30 a.m.	- 87

REFLECTION

CHRIST AT THE CENTRE

This Monday, 14th September, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Cross stands at the very heart of our Christian faith. What once appeared to be an instrument of shame and defeat becomes, through Christ, the sign of His victory. The Cross is His throne, the place from which He reigns in love, and that is why the Crucifix features so prominently in our sanctuary. Everything points to Christ.

At the beginning of the summer, I wrote about this in relation to the tabernacle at St Joseph's. Christ should be at the centre. At present, however, the visual centre of our sanctuary is actually the priest's chair. The priest sits prominently and on a higher level than the tabernacle. This is simply the arrangement we have inherited, but the symbolism is unfortunate. The priest has an important place in the sacred liturgy, but the focus should not be me. It should be Our Lord. The positioning of the chair makes me very distant, gives a distorted impression of priestly authority, and it turns the altar into a barrier between me and you, the people I am called to serve.

The original plans, carefully put together by Fr Leslie, and approved by the Parish Council and Finance Committee, proposed moving the tabernacle to the centre and adapting the disused side altar to create a beautiful reredos behind it. Unfortunately, carrying out the whole scheme properly proved to be beyond the parish's present means.

Recently, and in response to that previous article, an anonymous parishioner has very generously offered to contribute towards moving the tabernacle. Although this will not cover the whole cost, it has encouraged me to look again at what we might achieve in stages. I will be very frank. This is something I feel passionately about and is a project I would donate to personally insofar as I can a priestly allowance.

Stage One would therefore be much simpler: to move the tabernacle to the centre of the sanctuary. It would immediately make something important visible. As we enter the church, our eyes should be drawn beyond the priest's chair, which would be placed at the side, and everything else to Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Stage Two, when circumstances allow, would involve moving the disused side altar back against the wall and developing that area as a proper shrine and place for private prayer. I had thought this would be the perfect place to have Our Lady of Walsingham, which would allow us to have another statue where she is presently. As well as creating a more prayerful use of the space, this would open up the view of the sanctuary for those seated in the side chapel at Christmas, Easter and other larger celebrations.

If anyone would like to be part of this project by contributing towards it, please speak to me privately. There is no expectation whatsoever, but I would like to give parishioners the opportunity to contribute specifically towards something which, God willing, will remain at the heart of our church for generations to come.

Monday is the Feast of the Holy Cross. The Cross is Christ's throne; the altar is the place of His sacrifice; the tabernacle is the place of His abiding presence. Our church should proclaim, even before a word is spoken, the same truth proclaimed by our faith: Christ is at the centre.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Lost Property

Have you left something behind?

We have the following items of lost property: 2 pairs of sunglasses in the church porch; a long umbrella, black gilet, and small child's blue coat in the hall. If these items are not claimed by the end of September they will be disposed of.

Lift for Supply Priest:

Since the Bishop is coming to visit Ingatestone on 20th September, Fr Stewart Foster will be celebrating the 1030 Mass at Hutton. Is there someone who might be willing to bring him to St Joseph's? He lives in Brentwood and would like to be picked up from the front of the Cathedral at 10am. Thank you!

Annual Mass Count

The last two Sundays of September and the first two Sundays of October are the designated days when our Mass attendance figures are submitted to the diocese. These, among other factors such as finances, are taken into account for future strategic planning. This involves priorities for the deployment and appointment of priests. Ours are vibrant little parishes and it would be good to be able to show that. I understand things can be difficult, and that sometimes people are away for the weekend, but please do try to make an extra effort these four Sundays so that the figures are an accurate reflection of the size and commitment of our parish families.

Ingatestone BBQ

Below is a message from Jacinta to which I can only add my own thanks and appreciation. It was a marvellous day. Thank you again to Jacinta for organising the event, to Dominic and Marisa for hosting us, to David and Guy for cooking skills that would give Heston Blumenthal a run for his money, and to everyone who made the day such a success with their contribution, assistance and support! A huge thank you to all who attended the Parish BBQ at Ingatestone Hall last Sunday. I am pleased to say that, as well as the good food and enjoyable company, we also raised £700 for the church. This is a terrific result so thank you so much for supporting the event. I will be in touch closer to Christmas with details of our Christmas parish meal. Thank you again for coming and for those who also supported by making sides or desserts. Jacinta.

Alpha 2026

Please remember the participants and leaders of Alpha in your daily prayers: 'Heavenly Father, I pray for my friends, my parish community and for Alpha. Lord, let your kingdom come and your will be done. Holy Spirit come fill me today that I might share the good news of Jesus to those around me. Amen.'

Missio

The Autumn 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. 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.

PARISH NOTICES

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on **Saturday 03 October** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available to purchase at **£10** per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds.

Bishop's Visit to Ingatestone

The Bishop will be making his visitation to St John and St Erconwald's on Sunday, **20th September**. He will be looking forward to meeting parishioners after Mass, so do please come along to support the parish.

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.

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

03rd October - Talk by Arthur Edwards on his life as a royal photographer

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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.

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.

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 at St. John's burns for **Marianne O'Sullivan intention.**

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.

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.

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.



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

BCYS Youth Mass

The BCYS Youth Mass takes place at Brentwood Cathedral on the first Thursday of each month. The evening begins at 6pm with pizza and activities, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. It is a great opportunity for young Catholics (Year 8 upwards) to meet others their own age and grow in their faith. Parents are warmly encouraged to bring their young people along and give it a try! Fr Gary is hoping to bring a small group from our parish on Thursday October 1st.

Maranatha at Upminster 17 September 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 Joseph's Catholic Church, Upminster RM14 2SY on Thursday 17 September 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us!

St Margaret's Canning Town 150th Anniversary

The parish of St Margaret's Canning Town, wish to invite any former parishioners to the **150th Anniversary** Mass to be celebrated in the grounds of St Helens School, Falcon Street, E13 entrance, on Saturday **26th September, Mass begins at 12 noon**. Seating is limited so if you would like to sit we would advise bring a chair.