

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

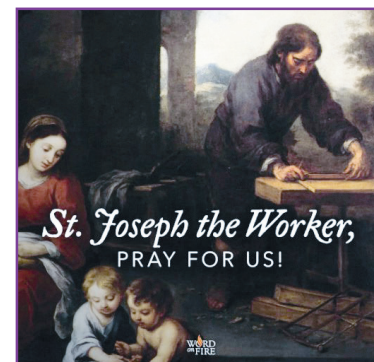
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Mission Statement

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 16 July 2023

THE SUNDAY MASS IS A MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BERNADETTE ROSSITER WHO RETIRES FROM OUR SCHOOL AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AS HEAD TEACHER

UPCOMING MASSES

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
J.Greenfield

Sunday 16 10.30 a.m.
Bernadette Rossiter
St Joseph's Governors
For her service and devotion to our school as she retires after 30 years.
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 18 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday 19 9.15 a.m.
End of Term School Mass
7.30 p.m.

Thursday 20 9.00 a.m.

Friday 21 9.00 a.m.
Intention of David & Bridie Healy

Saturday 22 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 6.00 p.m.
Sister Marian Therese
90th Birthday

Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners

This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.
Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety good practice as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Mass Attendance

Saturday 1 July: 70 Saturday 8 July: 61
Sunday 2 July: 53 Sunday 9 July: 67



Welcome to our parish family and most welcome to our visitors. This weekend marks my 51st year as a priest. I have much to thank God for my vocation. It is also my twenty fifth year as your priest in our wonderful parish of St Joseph. We should all have a devotion to Him as He is patron of the Universal Church and patron that we should pray to Him for a happy death. But more importantly our 10.30 a.m. Mass is a Mass of thanksgiving to Miss Rossiter as she retires as headteacher of our parish school after thirty years. The music will be led by our children. Miss Rossiter will be present with the staff and our governors.

In Matthew's gospel we are reminded that our vocation is to be saints and to Love God with all our heart, our mind and soul, and our neighbour as ourselves. In the 10th chapter of Matthew he reminds us that we are called to discipleship which is very demanding; it demands our hearts, strength and lives. If it doesn't make these demands on us, then we are not disciples. Pope Francis is inviting us to choose the way of discipleship: to opt for a simpler lifestyle, to choose to serve the poor and to lay down our lives for others.

Lord God your Word is sharper than any double-edged sword. It divides, purifies and cuts through the hardness and selfishness of our hearts so that we may serve you with enthusiasm and joy.

May God bless our families and keep us safe.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 15 July 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Stella Walker

Sunday 16 July 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles
Sarah Barber

Saturday 22 July 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Mark Brennan

Sunday 23 July 10.30 a.m.
Jan Jarvis
Willa Jackson

Readers

Saturday 15 July 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson

Sunday 16 July 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

Saturday 22 July 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue

Sunday 23 July 10.30 a.m.
Sati Ariya

Finance News

For the week ending 2 July you gave £220.00 with £34.00 via Gift Aid. *Thank you and God Bless*
For the week ending 9 July you gave £155.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid. *Thank you and God Bless*
Second collection for Sea Sunday: £90.00

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.

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Friday Obligation

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

Church Cleaners are always welcome

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

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

Jesus' parables were composed to ignite and stimulate our imaginations. As we contemplate them, their imagery and composition speak deeply to both our conscious and subconscious minds. They reveal that the truths of the kingdom cannot be assimilated simply cerebrally but need to enter our consciousness at a deeper level. The parable of the weeds invites us to ponder what the kingdom of God is like: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.'

'How then would the wheat, the good people, be uprooted as well if the angels gathered up... the wicked.... To separate them from the just?' The fact is that many godless sinners who live among people who are upright and devout repent in time and are converted, and by learning new habits of piety and virtue they cease to be darnel and become wheat.

'And so some wheat would be uprooted... if the angels snatched the wicked away before they repented... This is why he who sees everything before it comes into being would not permit the darnel to be uprooted until the appointed time.'

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Next Sunday

The Mass to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held on Sunday 23 July. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young.

BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with the potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

Baptism

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

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at CatholicListeners@gmail.com

March for Life

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life – TODAY

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know! At present, he has not had any applications for anyone to attend this Mass.

Music at Mass

A whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music, in the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass. Are you able to help?

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.



Pope on Twitter



With sorrow, I learned that blood has been poured out again in the Holy Land. I hope that the Israeli and Palestinian leaders can resume direct dialogue to bring an end to the spiral of violence and open paths of reconciliation and #peace.

The little ones are those who, like children, feel their need and are not self-sufficient. They are open to God and allow themselves to be amazed at his works. They know how to read the signs, to marvel at the miracles of his love!

Let us #PrayTogether that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others, a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters, someone who helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit, to understand God's plans and correspond to them.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Klana Mierison, Francis Dodson, William Gig, Mary Swift, Marie Tofts, James Jarvis, Leslie Regan, and Isabella Russell.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Daniel Harnett (1833), Fr. Edmund Dobson (1996), Fr. Patrick Taylor (1996), and Deacon David Balmer (2019)

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.

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Light

Laughter

I told my friend ten jokes to get him to laugh. No pun in ten did!

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