

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY / 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026 ✦ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [YEAR A]

### REFLECTION

On the First Sunday of Lent we followed Our Lord into the desert. This Sunday, the Church leads us up a mountain.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is placed before us every year in Lent as a quiet assurance. Before we walk further towards Calvary, we are allowed to glimpse the glory that lies beyond it. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain. There, for a moment, the veil is lifted. His face shines like the sun. Moses and Elijah stand beside Him. The voice of the Father is heard: 'This is my beloved Son... listen to him.'

It is striking that this revelation happens in prayer. St Luke tells us that it was 'while he was praying' that the appearance of his face was changed. The glory is not theatrical display. It is the fruit of communion with the Father.

Lent calls us to prayer in a deeper way. Prayer is not merely saying words. It is going up the mountain with Christ. It is allowing ourselves to be drawn into His conversation with the Father. It is listening. The liturgy helps us with this. The prayers of the Mass, the hymns we sing, the music we have, all geared to prepare us for the Lenten journey leading to Easter.

The apostles fall to the ground in fear. But Jesus touches them and says, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' That gentle touch is important. Prayer is not about extraordinary experiences. It is about being touched by Christ, strengthened by Him, and then walking back down the mountain to live faithfully in ordinary life.

As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps we might ask ourselves: have I made space for prayer? Not hurried words, but quiet listening. The Father's command is simple: 'Listen to him.' Lent gives us the time to do exactly that.

I wish you and loved ones a blessed week.

*Fr Gary*

**Holy Week** services are as follows. These will also be advertised in the parish Easter card!

#### St Joseph's, Hutton

##### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m.

##### Good Friday

Children's Stations of the Cross – 10 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m.

##### Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – Świąconka – 10 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.

##### Easter Sunday

Mass – 10:30 a.m.

#### St John and St Erconwald, Ingatestone

##### Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock)

##### Good Friday

Children's Stations of the Cross – 11:30 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock)

##### Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – Świąconka – 10 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 7 p.m.

##### Easter Sunday

Mass – 9 a.m.

**Ingatestone** – over the past two years the tea and coffee we have hosted after Mass has raised over £1600. A big thank you to everyone who comes to support it.

#### Stations of the Cross

### 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 John's Tuesday & Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesday and Friday 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Fred Greenfield	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Winifred Ludia Martin	<b>Intentions</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Rudin	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Private intentions	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Peggy Kearns	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Tom Ayerst	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Winifred Mulholland	<b>R.I.P.</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Leo Francis Kenny	<b>R.I.P.</b>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**Date 21/22 February 2026**

**Hutton 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** £295.00

**Ingatestone 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** £143.60

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Catherine Bray	Marian Anderson
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Mark Brennan	Stella Walker
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Paul Downey	Lyn Birnie
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Tony Peluso

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Genesis 12:1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

**Response:** *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

**Second reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 17:5

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

### MASS ATTENDANCE

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	- 5.30 p.m.	<b>115</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	- 9.00 a.m.	<b>42</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	- 10.30 a.m.	<b>88</b>

Every Friday we will mark the Way of the Cross at Midday at St John's and 7pm at St Joseph's. Everyone is very welcome. This is a traditional Catholic devotion for Lent, and it takes about 20 minutes.

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

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](http://www.stfrancisleprosy.org). Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG. There will be support envelopes at the back of the church.



### Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026, at St Joseph's. Please bring along tinned and packet items, toiletries, nappies and toilet rolls, to support those in need in Hutton. Thank you.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join our bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? There are two options: either 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July ([lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:lourdes@brcdt.org)) or 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July ([info@anamcaratravel.com](mailto:info@anamcaratravel.com)).

## PARISH NOTICES

**Walk With Me Booklets:** A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1. A helpful spiritual companion for keeping focused during Lent.

**Social Events at St Joseph's:** The Social Committee met to plan out some of the social events for the year. Please do 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, holy communion and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

**Our Easter Hamper Raffle:** returns and tickets will be on sale after Mass. A chance to win a beautiful hamper as first prize, and a premium Easter egg as second. Proceeds go towards parish funds.

## 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 burns for *Our Parish Community*.

### 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.



**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.

**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.

**Marriage support** - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983.

Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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.

**FHC & Confirmation:** Email your inquiry to the parish office at [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

**Marriage:** Please contact Fr Gary via e-mail to organise a meeting.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

**Talk 2.** Wednesday 4th March: **Speaker:** Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30pm.

**Talk 3.** Wednesday 11th March. **Speaker:** Mr Mauro Iannicelli.

**Topic:** Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. Time: 7.30pm.

### Project 58.7 Feeding the Homeless - local support

For almost 6 years a solid group of volunteers from Brentwood Cathedral and St Joseph's Hutton, and lately some from Billericay parish as well, have been providing food for the homeless. Our group of local volunteers help by cooking a main meal or pudding, or by supplying fruit/yogurts or by delivering everything to a venue in Basildon. Volunteers are on the rota roughly once a month and according to your preferences and the days/dates you are available. The volunteer group are great at swapping and helping each other when unexpected things happen! We have a fund to help cover the cost of expenses. If you are interested to know more about what is involved, please contact Maddy on 07710 187292.

### 4th Hutton Guides

Would you like to inspire your daughter to develop individual, team and leadership skills whilst having fun? Activities are varied and include crafts, camping, climbing, first aid, games to name just a few. 4th Hutton Guides is for girls aged 10-14 and meet on a Thursday evening from 7.15 - 8.45 in the Parish Hall. If interested, please email [4thhuttonguides@gmail.com](mailto:4thhuttonguides@gmail.com)