

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

## 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.

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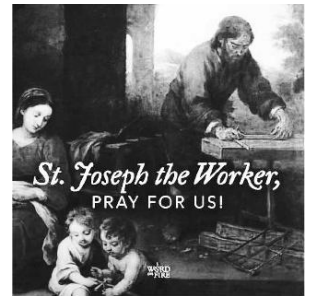
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 18 May2025

**'A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you.'**

In these words, spoken the night before His Passion, Our Lord commands us to love not merely as good people, but as He has loved. This means totally, sacrificially, and without condition. This is a divine love: a love that forgives, serves, suffers, and seeks the good of the other, even at personal cost.

Such love is the mark of a true disciple. 'By this shall all men know...' says Jesus, not by how much we know, but by how much we love. When we love one another with the Heart of Christ, the Church becomes a living witness to the Gospel.

This Easter season, let us ask: Do I love like Christ? Am I patient, forgiving, and self-giving? Let us pray to love more deeply, especially those who are hardest to love.

### Thank you

I want to thank all of you for your positive response to the news of the parish financial situation. It is a difficult subject to speak about publicly. A number of people asked for concrete figures. Our debt is just under £100k and the overspend (excluding one-off extraordinary expenditure) for the previous financial year worked out to just over £1k a month. A summary of the accounts will be available in due course, but this presents a picture of where we are. Ultimately, the best way we can put our parish back in a position to stand on its own feet is through regular giving, and gift-aiding it where possible. We know that the price of everything has increased in recent years and our parish faces this too. I also feel I need to be clear that I do not want to ask anybody to give more than they are able. Fund-raising is also an important (and potentially fun!) way of providing a supplement to income and much needed funds.

This is where I really do need your help. Fund-raising is not something I am particularly good at, and being a small parish we should try to focus our efforts on things which will generate a good return. Is there anyone who would be able to commit to being part of a fund-raising/social committee? While our situation will not correct itself, we should face the challenges ahead with confident and trust in the Lord. And whatever financial challenges we face, we should not lose sight of our primary mission.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

*Fr. Gary*

## Memorial Mass 11am - 24th May

Sheena Abraham, one of our parishioners, is organising a memorial Mass here at St Joseph's for her elder brother, Capt Shibu Isaac, who sadly died in February. This will take place at 11am on 24th May here in the Church. Please

do come along to support a member of our parish family in her time of loss and to pray for the repose of her brother's soul, and for the consolation of all of his loved ones. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

### First Holy Communion Children

Enormous congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who celebrate with us at the 10.30 a.m. Mass this weekend. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

### Confirmation candidates

Our confirmation candidates had their retreat at Walsingham House last weekend. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

### Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

### Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

### 200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

### St Stephen's Medals

We are blessed with a number of dedicated young men and women who serve at the altar. This weekend they will be enrolled into the guild of St Stephen and awarded their St Stephen's medals in recognition of this. If there are any children in the parish who would like to start serving, could their parents please email the parish office. Thank you.

### Retail Therapy

Do you enjoy shopping online? Would you like to support your parish as you do that, and at no extra cost? Go to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and create an account through the website. When you need some online retail therapy, type the name of the company into the search bar of the website and it will take you to where you want to go. From there the parish will receive a donation for everything you buy through there. There is also a QR if you

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17 5.30 p.m.  
*Alan Turvey* *R.I.P.*

Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.  
*Michael J. Collins*

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 19 9.15 a.m.  
*Tony Boynton* *(Intention)*

Tuesday 20 9.15 a.m.  
*Bernard Lenehan*

Wednesday 21 9.15 a.m.  
*Private Intention*

### NO MASS THURSDAY

Friday 23 9.15 a.m.  
*Private intention*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 5.30 p.m.  
*Ed Hooey* *R.I.P.*

Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.  
*ANTONIO & Marzgarida*  
*(Thanksgiving)*

### Anniversaries

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

### We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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.

### Mass Attendance

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5.30 p.m.	71
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30 p.m.	115
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 a.m.	78
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 a.m.	79

### For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 17 May	5.30 p.m.	Ian Restall
Saturday 24 May	5.30 p.m.	bill O'Regan
Sunday 18 May	10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks
Sunday 25 May	10.30 a.m.	Blane Mc-Kie

### Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

prefer to use your phone. Jessie, one of our parishioners, will be parish coffee to assist anyone who needs help to set it up.



### Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)

Thank you!

### VACANCY - housekeeper/support worker

A housekeeper/support worker (16 hours) is needed for a small religious community. Assisting elderly sisters to maintain their independence and social interests. Pay £12.60 per hour.

Contact Sr Kathleen on 01277220276 or email [kathleen.page@dcmillhill.org](mailto:kathleen.page@dcmillhill.org).

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people (18+), Saturday 24 May 2025

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit: [www.bcyys.net/events](http://www.bcyys.net/events).

### Vacancies at St. at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

#### Office administrator

Salary: Scale 4 Point 7

Contract Type: Part-Time - 21 hours per week - term time only.

Start Date: 1st September 2025

Monday - Thursday: 8.30 - 12pm

Friday: 8.30 - 4pm with 30-minute unpaid break on Fridays.

Essex Schools Jobs link:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=110571>

#### Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

Contract Type: 35 hours per week

Scale: Scale 6

Start Date: 1st September 2025

Essex Schools Jobs link:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=110629>

Please also see our school website:

[https://www.st-](https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/recruitment-1/)

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### Alpha at St. Joseph's, Hutton

Alpha will be run at St. Joseph the Worker on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 17th September to 3rd December, with a break at half term, from 7.15 to 9.00pm. There will also be a day at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday, 15th November, from 10am to 4pm. Every session begins with a welcome drink on arrival, then a meal, followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith and concluding with discussion in small groups. Everyone is welcome, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics alike. The course is for those who are enquiring about the faith, those who would like to know more, and those who would like to deepen their faith. More information about Alpha is available at [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk).

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions; this could be jointly with another person. We also need the prayers of the whole parish for the success of Alpha. If you are interested in the course or in volunteering, please include your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church.

### Vacancies

#### KS1/KS2 Class Teacher - St Aidan's Primary School, Ilford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 19th May 2025.

#### Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 6th June 2025

### God's presence

When a family meets for a meal, say grace, i.e. Bless Lord, our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go, Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children, and in the silence, experience Jesus' stillness and presence. When you pass a Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to acknowledge Jesus's presence, or pay a short visit. Never lose sight of God's presence.

### QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



### SAVE THE DATE.

Parish BBQ - Sunday 22nd June 1pm - Venue - Hutton Hall CM13 1RX.

More details to follow.

### Readers

Saturday 17 May	5.30 p.m. Aria Olatunde
Saturday 24 May	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 18 May	10.30 a.m. Keziah Ashly
Sunday 25 May	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome.



Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome. Thank you!

### Newsletters. Finance News - 1

Plate Collection for the week ending Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, totalled - £210. Collection for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, totalled - £395.

### Finance News - 2

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking.

Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker

Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884

Thank you.

### Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

### Adoration and Confessions

There is no adoration with confessions this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.

### Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:  
Psalm 144(145):8-13a

Second reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Jn13:34

Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35

## A Little Joke

How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape?

He eggs-ercises!