

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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23<sup>RD</sup> / 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 ✱ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

Fr. Gary's day off is 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

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| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>5.30 p.m.</b> | <i>Maria Owogu</i>                      | <i>Intention</i> |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.00 a.m.        | Pro Popolo                              | (Ingatestone).   |
|                                  | 10.30 a.m.       | <i>William Ohalloran</i>                | <i>Intention</i> |
| <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.15 a.m.        | <i>Paddy Domellan</i>                   | <i>R.I.P.</i>    |
| <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.15 a.m.        | <i>Holy Souls</i>                       |                  |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.15 a.m.        | <i>Private Intention</i>                |                  |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.15 a.m.        | Bethy Dinan                             | <i>R.I.P.</i>    |
| <b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | 5.30 p.m. -      | <i>Private Intentions</i>               |                  |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>    | 9.00 a.m.-       | <i>Private Intentions</i> (Ingatestone) |                  |
|                                  | 10.30 a.m. -     | <i>Eileen Norman</i>                    | <i>R.I.P.</i>    |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

**Date 16/17 August**

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| Hutton      | £190 |
| Ingatestone | tbc  |

### ROTAS

|   | Readers         | Eucharistic Ministers |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b> | Mark Brennan    | Marian Anderson       |
| <b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b> | Nina Hackett    | Catherine Bray        |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>  | Keziah Ashly    | Willa Jackson         |
| <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>  | Sophie Newbould | Lyn Birnie            |

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 116(117)

**Response:** *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News*

**Second reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 14:6

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia*

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

### MASS ATTENDANCE -

**Saturday 16 August** – 5.30 p.m. 54

**Sunday 17 August** – 9 a.m.

**Sunday 17 August** – 10.30 a.m. 68

### FROM FR GARY

The words of Our Lord in this Sunday's Gospel are stark and sobering: *'Strive to enter by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.'* (Luke 13:24)

The imagery is vivid. The door is narrow, not because God wishes to keep us out, but because the way of discipleship requires effort, honesty, and conversion of heart. It is the path of the Cross. It is not widened to suit our convenience, nor does it swing open for the lukewarm.

The original Greek word used for 'strive' (*agonizesthe*) implies struggle, even combat. Salvation is a gift, yes, but it is not a passive one. We must co-operate with grace just as gifts must be accepted and received. We must resist the ease of sin, the pull of comfort, and the temptation to delay our conversion.

Yet the Gospel is not a message of fear. It is a call to urgency, and above all, to hope. Though the door is narrow, it remains open, and Christ Himself stands at the threshold. The Master will welcome all who approach with humility and repentance. And indeed, He tells us that people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at table in the Kingdom of God.

This is no cold exclusivity. It is the generous hospitality of heaven, but received on God's terms, not ours. As St Augustine once wrote, *'God created you without you, but He will not save you without you.'*

The saints did not take salvation for granted. They examined their lives daily and walked with the humility of those who knew they were saved by mercy alone. May we do likewise.

So let us not delay. Let us begin again today, choosing the narrow path in prayer, in love, in sacrifice. For the door is open now, and our Saviour is waiting.

May God bless you this week.

*Fr Gary*

### Raffle Prizes

Are you going away on holiday this year? Are you someone whose eye is always caught by the delights of duty-free? Would you consider buying something to donate for one of our events. We are always looking for good raffle prizes so if you able to donate something on your return from your well-deserved break then we would very much appreciate it. Safe travels!

### PARISH NOTICES

**Alpha at St. Joseph, Hutton** Enrolment is now taking place for the Alpha course running in our parish from Wednesday 17 September 7.15pm until 9.00pm for 11 weeks. Alpha is about finding out about key questions of life, Jesus and Christianity in an informal way, with a meal, video resource and discussion. It is open to Catholics, non-Catholics, other faiths or none.

If you would like more information or to join the course, please sign the list at the back of the church or email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org) to be put in contact with the organisers.

We also need volunteers to help cook the meal each week, if you can help, please let us know as above.

### Diary Dates for Autumn:

21 September – Confirmation with Bishop Alan at 10.30 a.m. Mass

18 October – Family Quiz Night in the Hall

6 December – Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening

## First Holy Communion

The first meeting for parents who have signed up to the First Holy Communion course will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> September** in the parish hall at 8pm. Further information about the course will be given at this meeting. Please note that this meeting is only for parents of children who have been accepted on to the course.



CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is looking for people to join our small team of volunteers who visit local schools to inspire children and young people and raise their awareness on issues of global poverty and Catholic social teaching. CAFOD provides full- training and support and welcomes applications from people with a range of experience. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at [cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493 162.

## 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 the **Intentions of Harding Family**

## Tea and Coffee



Tea and coffee are available after both the 9am at Ingatestone and the 1030am Mass at Hutton.

Refreshments are also served after the Saturday evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

*Please note that there are no refreshments after the 10.30 Mass during August.*

**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.

**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.



**200 Club:** There are cash prizes to be one 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.

**Funerals:** To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to offer a Mass, the envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes into the offertory basket during Mass.

**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.

## Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost,

as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcvys.net/events](http://www.bcvys.net/events)

## 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.

**First Holy Communion:** The deadline for submitting forms has now closed. Details regarding the opening meeting are above.

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Ride & Stride Day – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Come and join the Friends of Essex Churches Trust as we raise funds for the repair and improvement of churches and chapels across Essex. Gather your friends, make a plan, seek sponsorship and visit as many places of worship as you can. Open up your church and welcome visitors from all over the county. All details are on the website. This is a great out with fun for all the family. <https://www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride>

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### EVENTS

**Diocesan Jobs –** For further details, please visit <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

## Summer fun fact

Which former US president welcomed his first daughter into the world on July 4, 1998?

**Answer:** Barack Obama

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Please pray for our departed parishioners:  
+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. Amen+*

*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.*