

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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25TH/26TH JULY 2026 ✦ SEVENTEENTH 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 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 25th	5.30 p.m.	Mrs L E Briggs Intention	
Sunday 26th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	Anthony's Birthday Thanksgiving	
Monday 27th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Tuesday 28th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Wednesday 29th	9.15 a.m.	Chloe Castle Intention	
Friday 31st	9.15 a.m.	K. J. Briggs	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 1st	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo	
Sunday 2nd	9.00 a.m.	Sydney James Fisher	<i>(F)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 18/19 July 2026

Plate Collection:	Hutton 19th July	-	£265.00
	Ingatestone 12th July	-	£155.09
	19th July	-	£122.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 25th – 5.30 p.m.	David Donovan	Blane McKie
Saturday 1st – 5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson	Catherine Bray
Sunday 26th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashley	Willa Jackson
Sunday 2nd – 10.30 a.m.	Sati Ariya	Lyn Birnie

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Response: *O Lord, how I love your law!*

Second reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 18th July	-	5.30 p.m.	97
Sunday 19th July	-	9.00 a.m.	tbc
Sunday 19th July	-	10.30 a.m.	69

REFLECTION

Imagine walking across an ordinary field, seeing nothing remarkable, until your foot catches something hidden beneath the soil. In an instant, that field is no longer just another field. It has become priceless. Or think of the merchant who spends his life searching for pearls. He knows their value, but when he finally discovers one of incomparable worth, every other possession becomes secondary. He parts with everything, not reluctantly, but joyfully.

That is the point Jesus is making. The Kingdom of God is not simply one good thing among many. It is the greatest treasure there is. To discover Christ is to discover something worth more than wealth, success, comfort or reputation. The saints understood this. They did not give up lesser things because they despised them, but because they had found something infinitely better. Every sacrifice they made was really an exchange: they let go of what could never ultimately satisfy in order to possess the One who could.

That challenges us to ask an uncomfortable question. What do we treasure most? We all make sacrifices for the things we value. We make time for them, spend money on them, and shape our lives around them. If someone looked at our diary, our priorities and the use of our resources, what would they conclude is our greatest treasure? Jesus invites us to examine our hearts honestly. Christianity is not simply about adding a little religion to an otherwise unchanged life. It is about recognising that Christ is worth everything.

This week, perhaps we might ask the Lord for the grace to recognise the treasure already placed before us. Every Mass, every confession, every moment of prayer, every act of charity is another opportunity to possess more deeply the pearl of great price. Nothing we surrender to Christ is ever truly lost. In Him we receive a treasure that neither moth nor rust can destroy, and which will endure into eternal life.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Foodbank Collection

Our monthly foodbank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd August 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!

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Have you ever wondered about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have been attending Mass with a husband, wife or friend, were baptised in another Christian community, or simply feel that God may be calling you to something more. The journey of faith often begins like the tiny mustard seed in this Sunday's Gospel: small, almost unnoticed, yet full of extraordinary potential. You do not need to have all the answers or be certain where the journey will lead. You simply need to be willing to take the first step. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or would simply like to explore the faith in a relaxed and informal way, Fr Gary would be delighted to meet with you. There is no obligation or commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and discover more about the person of Jesus Christ and the life of his Church. Please speak to Fr Gary after Mass or contact the parish office to arrange a meeting. You would be most welcome.

Confirmation Programme 2026-27

Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year are invited to join our new Confirmation Programme. Confirmation is not the end of faith, but the beginning of a deeper life with Christ and his Church. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form. We look forward to accompanying our candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Gary's pilgrimage to Canterbury



On **Sunday 27th July**, Fr Gary will be setting out from **Blackheath** to walk approximately **50 miles** to **Canterbury** in a single day, following much of the ancient Pilgrims' Way. It will be the first time he has ever attempted anything like this. This pilgrimage is partly being undertaken to raise funds for the life and mission of our two parish communities. Every donation, large or small, will help us continue our work of worship, service, outreach, caring for those in need, and witnessing to the hope of the Gospel in our local communities. If you would like to support Fr Gary's pilgrimage, there are various ways of doing this. There are sign-up sheets at the back of both churches with an opportunity to put down your email so we can contact you when it has been completed. Alternatively, feel free to use this link https://www.justgiving.com/page/garydench?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL, or the QR code. Any donations received online will be split between the two parishes. Anything through the sign-up sheet will go to the parish in which it was signed. Thank you for your generosity and, above all, please keep him in your prayers as he undertakes this pilgrimage.

Alpha 2026

Would you like to know more about your faith and answer some of life's big questions? Then come along to Alpha, running at St. Joseph the Worker in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 7.15 to 9.00pm on Wednesdays 16 September until 02 December. There will also be a day at Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay on Saturday, 14 November, 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.

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of more volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions, this could be jointly with another person, with reimbursement of money for ingredients. We also need the prayers of the whole parish and school community 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 or email alphahutton@gmail.com expressing your interest.

Missio

The Summer 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2025. This year Missio is celebrating 90 years of the Red Box- please take a prayer card from 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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

3rd 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.

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 **Leo F. Kenny R.I.P.**

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.

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.

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass: There will be no refreshments after 10.30 am Mass during the summer break from 02 -23 August. Refreshments will resume on Sunday 30 August.

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

A Day with Mary

A Day with Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org/symposium.

Finance Manager- Cathedral House

We are looking for a finance manager to support the Diocesan central finance department in all aspects of general accounts administration.

The post will be full time working 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday or 21 hours per week worked over three days.

The salary will be dependent on qualifications, skills, and experience.

The full job description is available on our website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us and attached to this email.

The closing date for applications is 31st July 2026, and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to HR@BRCDT.ORG

Parish Bookkeeper- Cathedral House

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Bookkeeper, to provide dedicated support in respect of financial control and reporting functions to individual Parishes and manage the day-to-day parish related accounting function within the central finance department.

The post will be primarily based at Cathedral House with some travel to parishes required.

14 hours per week worked over two days.

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