

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



17 Highview Crescent, Hutton, Essex, CM13 1BJ
Telephone: 01277 221917, **Email:** hutton@brcdt.org
Web: <https://www.stjosephshutton.org>

Parish Priest: Fr Gary Dench, **Administrator:** Ngozi Ekpechue
Safeguarding Coordinator (Hutton): Willa Jackson
Email: safeguarding-hutton@brcdt.org
Ingatestone Safeguarding Contact: 07534 950738



29TH / 30TH AUGUST 2026 ✱ TWENTY-SECOND 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 29th	5.30 p.m.	Kay Raleitte	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 30th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	John and Diane McCormack	<i>Int.</i>
Monday 31st	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	<i>Int.</i>
Tuesday 1st	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Wednesday 2nd	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Friday 4th	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Saturday 5th	5.30 p.m.	Annie Turvey	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 6th	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	<i>(F)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 22/23 August 2026

Plate Collection: Hutton 23rd August - £185.00
 Ingatestone 23rd Aug. - £115.50

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 29th – 5.30 p.m.	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
Sunday 30th – 10.30 a.m.	Cianna/Jophiel Dareal	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Response: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Second reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1: 17-18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which He has called us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 22nd Aug.	-	5.30 p.m.	-	71
Sunday 23rd Aug.	-	9.00 a.m.	-	55
Sunday 23rd Aug.	-	10.30 a.m.	-	79

REFLECTION

Taking Up the Cross

Last Sunday, we heard St Peter make his great profession of faith: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' This Sunday, however, Peter discovers that recognising who Our Lord is does not necessarily mean that he understands what He has come to do.

When Christ begins to speak about his coming suffering, death and Resurrection, Peter takes him aside and protests. He cannot reconcile his idea of the Messiah with the apparent weakness and humiliation of the Cross. He wants Christ, but without Calvary. Perhaps there is something of Peter in all of us. We want the comfort of faith, the promise of eternal life and the assurance of God's presence, but we would rather avoid the cost of discipleship.

But Our Lord does not conceal that cost: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' The Cross is not an unfortunate interruption in the mission of Christ. It stands at its very heart. Through the Cross, Christ offers himself completely to the Father and gives his life for the salvation of the world.

Taking up our own cross does not mean seeking suffering for its own sake, nor does it mean accepting injustice without question. It means remaining faithful to Christ when faithfulness is costly. It means placing duty before convenience, forgiveness before resentment and truth before popularity. It means accepting the sacrifices demanded by love: caring for someone who needs us, persevering in prayer when it feels dry, resisting temptation and remaining faithful when it would be easier to walk away.

St Paul describes the Christian life as offering ourselves 'as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God'. This is not something confined to priests or religious. Every Christian is called to make an offering of his or her life. Our work, our family responsibilities, our joys, disappointments and daily acts of charity can all be placed upon the altar and united with the sacrifice of Christ.

The way of the Cross may appear to the world to be a way of loss. But the opposite is true: the person who tries to preserve life at any cost will lose it, while the one who gives his life for Christ will find it. The Cross does not have the final word. Beyond it stands the Resurrection and the fullness of life which only Christ can give.

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 next weekend Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th September 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.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 12th September 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already committed to taking part in this year's Ride and Stride, and especially to the parishioners at Hutton for their generous response last weekend. If you require additional sponsorship forms or further information, please contact Pat McCarthy on 07534 950738. Helen Shaw, an Ingatestone parishioner, has kindly offered to lead a walk, with a possible bus extension, in support of the event. The walk will begin at St John and St Erconwald's, Ingatestone, at 10.00am on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to join the guided walk, please telephone Helen on 01277 354230. Thank you for your support and prayers for this fundraising day, which will benefit both our parishes and other churches across Essex.

Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the cream tea at Hutton Hall, CM13 1RX from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 20 September.

£10 per person. There will be prosecco and wine available to purchase at the event and a raffle. Please advise regarding allergies or dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets. Thank you to Paola and Peter Sanders for hosting this at Hutton Hall.

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Ingatestone Parish Garden Party – Sunday 6 September

There are a few places left for our Parish garden party on **Sunday 6th September at 12.30pm** in the private North Wing garden at Ingatestone Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners from both churches to enjoy good food, good company and a relaxed afternoon together. **Tickets are £25 per adult, £15 for senior citizens, and free for children.** For information, please feel free to contact Jacinta on 07949 270902.

Bishop's Visit to Ingatestone

The Bishop will be making his visitation to St John and St Erconwald's on Sunday, **20th September**. He will be looking forward to meeting parishioners after Mass, so do please come along to support the parish.

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on Saturday 03 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available to purchase at £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds.

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

03rd 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.

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.

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.

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 5.30 and 10.30 Mass:

The Saturday Mass refreshment team is taking a break in August and will resume Tea/Coffee on first Saturday of September after 5.30 p.m. Mass.

This Sunday, refreshments after the 10.30 Mass will resume, and everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church to assist. We always welcome new volunteers. You only need to provide the milk, and detailed instructions are given.

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.

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. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Trip to Rome

A three-night parish trip to Rome is being organised for 9–12 March 2027 by Jacinta, staying close to St Peter's Square. The approximate cost is £660 per person for a single room or £630 per person sharing, including flights, transfers, coach travel from Ingatestone and bed and breakfast. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Those wishing to come must commit by 8 September. Please contact Jacinta on 07949 270902. A substantial deposit will be required, although payment by instalments can be arranged. With all good wishes and kind regards.