

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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31<sup>ST</sup> AND 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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 Joseph's – every day 9am-5pm. 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 31<sup>st</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Children and Grandchildren of Leo and Teresa Kenny intentions.	
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Helen Ellis	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Mary and Patrick Moriarty	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>		
Hutton	9.15 a.m.	Bertie Davorah	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Ingatestone	12.30 p.m.	Pat Walsh	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Irene Dooley	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Eddie Dooley	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Rita O'Connor	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Nora Walsh	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Ammanoeel Rassam	<i>R.I.P.</i>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**Date 24/25 January 2026**

**Hutton 25<sup>th</sup> Jan:** £255.00

**Ingatestone 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** £127.20

**25<sup>th</sup> Jan.:** £161.00

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Hannah Ola	Catherine Bray
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Sati Ariya	Amanda Spinks
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi Chue

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Zephaniah 2:3,12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 145(146):6-10

**Response:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 5:12a

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a

### MASS ATTENDANCE

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-	5.30 p.m.	96
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-	9.00 a.m.	35
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	-	10.30 a.m.	99

### FR GARY

The Gospel this Sunday brings us to the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Our Lord sits, as a teacher of Israel would and what follows are the Beatitudes, words so familiar that we can easily forget how radical they are.

The world around us has a very different understanding of what it means to be 'blessed'. We are encouraged to admire the confident, the successful, the assertive, the self-sufficient. Jesus, by contrast, points to those who know their need, who carry sorrow, who hunger for what is right, who make peace, who endure quietly.

To be 'poor in spirit' is not to be gloomy or defeated. It is to know that I do not save myself. It is to recognise that everything is gift. The meek are not passive, but gentle. The merciful are not naïve, but generous. The peacemakers are not silent, but brave in the work of reconciliation.

These are not simply admirable qualities. They are the portrait of Christ Himself.

In the Beatitudes, Our Lord is describing His own Heart. And in doing so, He is quietly telling us what a Christian life looks like from the inside.

These words describe the slow, patient work God desires to do in us. Through prayer, through the sacraments, through the ordinary trials and joys of life, He forms in us something of the likeness of His Son.

To live them is not to withdraw from the world, but to inhabit it differently. To be gentle where others are harsh. To be merciful where others are calculating. To hunger for goodness in a culture content with compromise.

May God bless you and your families this week.

*Fr Gary*

### Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place next weekend Saturday, 31st January and Sunday, 1st February 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.

### Second Collection – BCCS

this weekend we have the customary collection for the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. BCCS delivers vital mental health and emotional well-being services in schools across Essex and East London. They provide one-to-one counselling and direct therapeutic support to children and families at home as well. Please do support it if you are able.

### List of Parish Priests of St Joseph's

The brass plaque with the list of parish priests has now been updated. Please do remember to spare a prayer for the clergy who have served St Joseph's through the years.

### Tom Ayerst RIP

Many parishioners will be saddened to learn of the death of Tom Ayerst on 13th January this year. Tom was a long-standing member of the parish and of the local SVP. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family.

### Ingatestone Gift Aid

we are required by canon law to have a finance committee in place, and this is beginning to come together now. We still need someone willing to put a bit of time each week to manage our gift aid applications. Receiving gift aid on eligible donations can significantly boost parish income. Is there someone who might be willing to step forward? Confidence with computers, especially excel, numerical skills and attention to detail would be required. The volume of eligible donations is comparatively small so this would not be a huge commitment and training will be provided. Thank you for your support.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Parish Family Disco:** Following the success of last year's social, tickets will soon be on sale for the 2026 family disco taking place on Saturday 7th February, 6.30 to 9.30pm in the Parish Hall. Adults £10, children free. Wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase or bring your own drinks/snacks. Due to space for the dance floor capacity in the hall is limited to 100, so please buy your ticket in advance to ensure your place for this popular event. Tickets are available after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

**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.

**Missio Red Boxes:** Please would everyone who has a Missio red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2026 is available to collect from the table in the church porch. If anyone who does not have a Missio red box would like one, please speak to me. 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](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

**CAFOD:** Join CAFOD to find out about our work in Ukraine and the 2026 Lent Fast Day appeal. Josie O'Reilly will talk about CAFOD's Ukraine Emergency Programme Jane Crone from CAFOD in Brentwood will talk about the Lent Appeal on: Saturday 14 February 2026.

Time: Coffee from 10.45 am, starting at 11 am, finishing around 1pm.

At: The Beckett Centre St Thomas of Canterbury Church 557-559 High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 0SG plenty of parking. All Welcome!

## 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.

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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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

### Brentwood Catholic Children Society (BCCS)

BCCS is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Set in the elegant ballroom of this prestigious venue, this fundraising event promises an experience of true luxury. Tickets are £35 per person - for more information or to book your place search [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

Contact Julie (jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912277413).

We hope you can join us!

### The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6pm on St Valentine's Day, Saturday 14th February 2026 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £135 each. Or a table of ten for £1,300. For bookings and enquiries email [GCNBall@gmail.com](mailto:GCNBall@gmail.com) or telephone 07795205117

### St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. Closing date: Friday 6th March 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Friday 20th March 2026. Enquiries can be made by email to [admin@stmcp.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmcp.sch.uk), or phone 01708 448430.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

<https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/>

## EVENTS

**Diocesan Jobs** – For further details, please visit

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

## A Little Joke

What's for breakfast on really cold January days?  
Snowflake!



### 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.*