

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

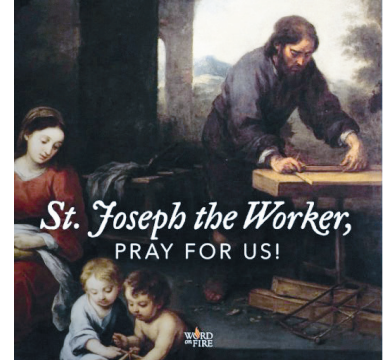
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## Mission Statement

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.



## 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 19 February 2023



*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus didn't come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. The Sermon on the Mount fulfils and completes the Ten Commandments. He underlines certain teachings - 'You have heard that it was said...' (v.38) - and moves on to, 'But I say to you...' (v.39). His new understanding expands, rather than reduces, the message of the law, making it more radical, yet, at the same time, more loving: 'Be perfect... as your heavenly Father is perfect' (v.48). That perfection includes loving both your friends and your enemies.

We're all called to a radical commitment to the good news, which involves being more generous, more prayerful and more willing to set aside our own needs for the good of others. But loving our enemies sounds like an impossible goal. Jesus is trying to show us the world as God sees it; for God, there's goodness within each person.

Our task is to make room for everyone, firstly because that's what God does, but secondly because we don't want to be in bondage to our resentments and thus fail to grow in our own relationship with the Lord of love. Our efforts will demand much of us spiritually and emotionally, but will pay dividends in a new kind of interior freedom. We've already seen this attitude lived out in Jesus himself, who shows us what God is like.

Jesus loved his enemies, and forgave those who mocked, scourged and crucified him. In this sense, we can say that the Sermon on the Mount predisposes us to live a life of self-giving, in imitation of Christ. Of course, we can't live like this, but God's grace enables us to live in a different way, that of the Spirit.

Love your enemy - it will drive them nuts!! Going the extra mile and being accommodating, kind and understanding drives those who oppose, resist and loathe us into confusion. Resentment, anger, revenge, etc., is the human way, whereas God's way is the way of the Spirit and where the Spirit is there's freedom.

*Lord, help us to be attentive to your Word, to re-discover in Jesus the living God in our midst, and to radiate his love in our needy world.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Claude & Odette Roy RIP
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. People of our Parish 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 21	9.00 a.m. Veronica, Vivien Kinsey, Ann & Michael Mahoney – All deceased relatives
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#### THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday 22	9.15 a.m. Sheila Haswell RIP 7.30 p.m. <i>Both Masses – Ashes will be distributed.</i>
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#### Feast of St. Polycarp

Thursday 23	9.00 a.m. Bridget Brennan RIP <i>M Brennan</i>
Friday 24	9.00 a.m. Patrick and Catherine Kelly <i>B Dooley</i> 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Saturday 25	10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

*Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.*

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Mariah Contancio Gonsalves RIP
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. People of our Parish 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

#### Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.



Welcome to our parish community and our visitors today. Please note that on Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at Mass at 9.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. On this day we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving: it is the human heart that good overcomes evil. None of us are too frail or housebound to be involved in this battle. None of us are so important that our real battle is on the externals of life. Our external life realises the reality in our heart. This is why religious are at the forefront of battle; why our prayer life is central to Lent. Temptation is overcome in prayer,

strengthened by scriptures, the word of God. One of the devil's more successful temptations is to convince you that you are no good at prayer so either play safe or do not bother. So many lives are wasted because, in a spirit of fear or false humility, we don't walk into the desert with Jesus when he calls us. So I challenge you, this Lent, to commit to private prayer, pray with your family, especially the Holy Rosary to ask for Mary's help to enter the desert. Reflect on the scriptures. Remember we are called everyday to walk the way of the cross. Every Friday at 7.00 p.m. during Lent we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. On Fridays abstain from meat. On Sundays we have Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. Above all persevere in our undertakings. During Lent Christ reveals his glorious body to us in the Transfiguration, he invites us to drink from him who is our living water, to trust in his healing power as the Light of the World who can help us to see, and to believe in him as our Resurrection and life.

This Lent stand up to the temptation and fight against it whatever it might be. Jesus can only enter your heart and mind if you invite him to enter there with you and you stay there with him in helpless trust. Jesus we love you. Jesus we trust in you. Jesus you are my Lord and God. Jesus bring us safely through Lent to celebrate the Resurrection with mind and heart renewed.

Every blessing on you and your families.

#### Lent 2023

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (22 February). It is a day of fasting and abstinence (if you are over 18 and under 80). We are asked to not eat meat on Fridays and have only a small meal. It is a timely reminder that in our daily lives we walk the way of the cross. This devotion will be on Fridays at 3.00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 9.15 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.**

#### Lent Hunger Lunch 10 March 13.00

Please join us for soup and a roll in the Hall on Friday 10 March at 13.00.

Suggested donation £5 or whatever you can afford.

All proceeds to CAFOD.



#### Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church – other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. – Please help us!

#### Diocesan Directory

Brentwood Diocesan Directories 2023 are available to purchase from the Narthex – cost £2.95

#### Lent Foodbank Collection Sat/Sun 25/26 February

Please help us support the Hutton Community Food Hub by bringing tinned items, toiletries, nappies etc to the church on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February. There are increasing numbers of people asking for support from the foodbank at this time, so give generously if you can. We understand that not everyone is able to give a donation; please remember those in need in your prayers.

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage

##### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. For more details please go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes> or contact Suzanne or Kathryn at [Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you are interested in going as part of a parish group please let Fr. Leslie know.

#### Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

#### Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson Ewa Kania
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Bill O'Regan

#### Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson Mark Brennan
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Sarah Barber Chris Brooks

#### Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

#### Readers for next week's Masses

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles

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## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

### IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

#### The signs of bread and wine.

At the heart of the Eucharist celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread..." "He took the cup filled with wine..." The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ; they continue also to signify the goodness of creation. Thus, in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine, fruit of the "work of human hands," but above all as "fruit of the earth" and "of the vine" – gifts of the creator. The church sees in the gesture of the king priest Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine," a prefiguring of her own offering.

## Taking Liturgy Seriously & Eucharist

On Sunday 7 February we distributed a course on the above with six modules. All self-explanatory on your leaflet. On Thursday via Zoom Monsignor Kevin McGuinnell will continue to explore the meaning of the eucharist from 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. On 23 February this is particularly relevant for first communion parents and all who wish to develop a deeper knowledge of the liturgy. Module 2 – Word of Prayer will take place via zoom on 16, 23, 30 March 7.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

## Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

All we love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

## Our Lady Of Walsingham

The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to ask the Holy See to elevate the Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to the status of a Feast in England.

## Banking Coins

The banking of Coins has become a challenge as HSBC refuse to accept them. We now bank coins in the post office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers waiting to be served. Therefore, if possible, please support our parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking.

## First Year Of Preparation For The Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis has announced a two-year preparation for the Holy Year 2025. This first year, 2023, invites us to re-visit the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council on the Sacred Liturgy, the Church, Divine Revelation and the Church in the Modern World.

## Exciting Youth Event coming 3 – 5 March 2023!

D-Max is a great weekend for 14-18 year olds (school years 10 -13) to go deeper in faith as they approach adulthood. With fun and friendship, we explore what our faith looks like in our lives and how to be encouraged and grow!

This year we have an amazing opportunity as the weekend will include a day at Flame which is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, and takes place at the Ovo Arena in Wembley.

It's going to be an exciting day with loads of international speakers, great music including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – Adenike was herself a 17 year old at a previous Flame, and since then has been a Finalist on The Voice. Plus loads of young people passionate about their faith!

So, come and join us in Brentwood for an amazing weekend from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime! It's an event not to be missed!!

The cost for the whole D-Max event is £95 plus transport into London

To book onto D-Max go to the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/nzecz27n>



## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. *Thank you.*

## Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP**

## Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk) you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or [email@ewtn.co.uk](mailto:email@ewtn.co.uk).

Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High ST, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.



## Pope on Twitter



Each one of us needs other people. Even weakness, if endured together with others, can become a strength that will make the world better.

Where love becomes tangible, become closeness, becomes tenderness, becomes compassion, God is there.

Let's #PrayTogether for all those who are suffering in #Nicaragua, for Bishop Alvarez of Matagalpa, whom I care about greatly, and for the people who have been deported. May the Lord open the hearts of political leaders and all citizens to the sincere search for peace.

Let us continue to stay close, with prayer and concrete support, to the earthquake victims in #Syria and #Turkey. And let us not forget tormented Ukraine: may the Lord open ways of peace and give those responsible the courage to follow them. Let's #PrayTogether

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 12 February you gave £185.00 (including a donation of £30) with £24.00 via Gift Aid.

*Thank you and God Bless.*

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Gerald James, Irene Huggins, Joan Williams, Florence Fernades, Ellen Watson, Joseph Redknapp, Florence Turkin, Mim O'Donovan, William Ward, and Fausto B'Agioni.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Deacon Sidney Lewis (1994), Fr. Thomas O'Connor (1956), Fr. Archibald O'Brien (1961), Deacon Dwight Hayter (2021), Canon Aloysius Roche (1968), and Fr. Gerald Murphy (2009).

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and 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 11 February: 44

Sunday 5 February: 72

Light

# Laughter

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

Great food, no atmosphere!

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## CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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## SPUC Pro-Life News

Ten thousand prayers needed from 10 million lives lost to abortion. The society is calling for a national day to pray to help secure an end to abortion.

Go online to [spu.org/national-prayer](http://spu.org/national-prayer) campaign to make your pledge. SPUC 2023 youth conference 24-26 February, Yardfield Park Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL

## Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

### Funds can be remitted to:

**Account Name:** Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

**Account Number:** 20927317

**Sort Code:** 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to

**Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing Winter Appeal in both cases.

The address for cheques is:

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain,  
22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

## Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass –

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. **Dates for 2023**

4 March · 1 April · 6 May – *Coronation Day* · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2 September · 7 October · 4 November · 2 December

*Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.*



## Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass.

## Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

## Knit and Natter

### Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278 Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29 May 2023, led by Bishop Alan. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00.

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