

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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17TH AND 18TH JANUARY 2026 ✰ 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 (Ingatstone) & 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

Saturday 17th 5.30 p.m. Deceased Relatives of Una Bailey

Sunday 18th 9.00 a.m. Tom Hatton
10.30 a.m. Dominic D'Albuquerque **R.I.P.**

MONDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 23RD: NO MASS

Saturday 24th 5.30 p.m. Gerard Fraser **R.I.P.**

Sunday 25th 9.00 a.m. Ted and Jo Tiernan **R.I.P.**
10.30 a.m. Eric Spinks **R.I.P.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 10/ 11 January 2026

Hutton 10th Jan: £345.00

Ingatstone 4th Jan: £95.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 17 th – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Marian Anderson
Saturday 24 th – 5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson	Mark Brennan
Sunday 18 th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Tony Peluso
Sunday 25 th – 10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders	Lyn Birnie

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Response: *Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: John 1:14a,12a

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive Him, He gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:29-34

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 10th January - 5.30 p.m. 97

Sunday 11th January - 9.00 a.m. 36

Sunday 11th January - 10.30 a.m. 83

FR GARY

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and says, 'Behold the Lamb of God.' We might think of lambs as cute little creatures we see in a farm but, for the people of Israel, the lamb was the creature offered in sacrifice, most especially at Passover, when its blood marked their deliverance and its flesh became the food for the journey ahead. The eating of the lamb was their 'last supper' before escaping from the slavery of Egypt.

John is telling us who Our Lord truly is. He is not merely a teacher or a prophet. He is the One who will offer himself for the life of the world. His whole mission is gathered up in that single image: the Lamb who is given.

These same words return to us at every Mass. Just before Holy Communion, the priest lifts the Sacred Host and repeats John's cry: 'Behold the Lamb of God.' We are not simply recalling something from long ago. We are being drawn into the very sacrifice of Christ. The Mass is not a new sacrifice, and it is not a different one. It is the one sacrifice of Calvary made present among us, here and now, under the humble appearances of bread and wine.

At the altar, heaven bends towards earth. Christ offers himself to the Father, and we are invited to place our own lives upon that altar with him. We all bring our own 'crosses' and place them down next to His. Our joys and labours, our sorrows, our hopes and disappointments - all can be united to his perfect offering.

To attend Mass, then, is not merely to watch or to listen. It is to take part in the self-giving love of Christ. As we hear again the words 'Behold the Lamb of God', we are reminded that we stand before a mystery of love: the Son of God who gives himself so that we might have life.

May God bless you and your families this week.

Fr Gary

Crib Offerings

Our crib will remain up until the 2nd February, which is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. The offerings in our diocese go towards the wonderful work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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 to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

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 in memory of **Roland Sapsford**.

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 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.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983. Visit: www.retrouaille.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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

World Leprosy Day

Sunday 25th January is World Leprosy Day. What we often think of as a biblical, or even historic, disease, is tragically a daily experience of many people across our world. The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years. By supporting over thirty leprosy centres and projects, SFLG plays its part in carrying for those affected by the disease and working towards a leprosy-free world. Please keep its work in your prayers and, if you are interested, have a look at their website: <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

Fr Gary is one of its trustees, as is Clare Barton, one of our parishioners. Do feel free to speak to them after Mass.

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 17th 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!

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co Mayo

Led by Bishop Alan Williams. **Monday 15th June 2026**. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact: 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 Email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Parish Finance Administrator- Southend

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Finance Administrator.

All applicants should have good administrative and finance skills, although training will be given.

The post will be part-time working 6 hours per week – (working pattern tbc).

The salary is £12.60 per hour

The closing date for applications is **9th February 2026**, and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to southend@brcdt.org

Headteacher - Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet

Deadline for applications: 09:00am, Wednesday 28th January 2026
Starting date September 2026 or earlier.

Headteacher - St Francis Primary School, Braintree

Deadline for applications: 23:59 Sunday 1st February 2026

EVENTS

Diocesan Jobs – For further details, please visit

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

A Little Joke

What can you catch in the winter with your eyes closed?

A cold.

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.*