

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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6TH / 7TH DECEMBER 2025 ✦ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Saturday 6th	5.30 p.m.	Breda Conville and Family	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 7th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Popolo	
	10.30 a.m.	Marion & Peter Barlow	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Monday 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception:		
Hutton	9.15 a.m.	Patrick Dooley	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Ingatestone	12.30 p.m.	Monica Kenny	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 9th	9.15 a.m.	Michael Dunne	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 10th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Friday 12th	9.15 a.m.	Joe and Norman O'Herlihy	
Saturday 13th	5.30 p.m.	Brian Green	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 14th	9.00 a.m.	Colin Ware	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Private Intention	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 29/30 November

Hutton:	£260.00
Ingatestone (Sunday 23 Nov.):	£260.86
Sunday 30 November:	£186.63

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 6th – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Bill O'Regan
Saturday 13th – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Stella Walker
Sunday 7th – 10.30 a.m.	Cianna Dareal	Chris Brooks
Sunday 14th – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Blane McKie

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Response: *In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.*

Second reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 29th November	– 5.30 p.m.	104
Sunday 30th November	– 9 a.m.	45
Sunday 30th November	– 10.30 a.m.	82

FR GARY

St John the Baptist is central to Advent. He is the man chosen by God to be the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. He helps to prepare us for the coming of the Lord. His words are also ones which we hear at Mass daily: *behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world.* As St John prepared the way of the Lord, may we prepare for the Lord Jesus in our hearts as Christmas approaches.

While it is not Christ yet, it does no harm to plan ahead. On Christmas Eve we will have the first Christmas Mass at 4.30pm. This is aimed at the younger members of the congregation and their families. Children encouraged to dress up as kings, angels and shepherds, and anything else from the scene of the Nativity which strikes your imagination! Then there will be a 7pm Mass at Ingatestone, where we will illuminate the church with candles. Our Mass of the Night will be at 9.30pm. We will celebrate on Christmas Day with the usual 10.30am sung Mass. While the 4.30pm Mass is specifically aimed at families with young children, I hope it goes without saying that anyone is welcome to attend any Mass that fits their busy Christmas schedule.

Christmas Eve

4.30pm – Mass for our Children

7.00pm – Sung Mass (Ingatestone)

9.30pm – Mass during the Night (Hutton)

Christmas Day

10.30am – Mass of the Day

Maybe you know someone who has not been to Mass for a while? Without nagging them, perhaps this Christmas might provide you with an opportunity to invite them to join us? Christmas is a time for families. And that includes our parish family. Welcome them home this Christmas.

May God bless you and your families.

Fr Gary

National Youth Sunday

A huge thank you for your support of our second collection for National Youth Sunday. We raised £167.85 from St John's and £240 from St Joseph's. Thank you!

Funeral Arrangement for Bishop Thomas

Sunday 14th December

Reception of the body of Bishop Thomas McMahon into Our Lady and St Joseph, Mill Road, Stock at 4.00 p.m. with Mass for the repose of his soul celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams.

Monday 15th December

Reception of the body of Bishop Thomas McMahon into Brentwood Cathedral. Solemn Vespers at 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday 16th December

11.30 a.m. Requiem Mass for Bishop Thomas McMahon at Brentwood Cathedral. Main celebrant: Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend 6th/7th December, 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.

Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Please sign up for these ministries over the Christmas Period on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you for your service in our parish.

Parish Christmas Cards

Parish Christmas cards will be available at the back of the church. Would you consider delivering some to your road? Or perhaps you could give it to someone who know is Catholic but has drifted away for whatever reason. Something as simple as a Christmas card may be just the thing to welcome them back to our parish family.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Last year our children decorated our Christmas trees so beautifully with their

hand-made Christmas decorations. I would if our younger members might be able to step forward again to make our trees look their best? Decorations can be hung on the trees anytime between now and Christmas. Parents, please accompany your children if they are coming into church to pray or place their decorations on the tree. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers

We will have our usual Christmas flower appeals. They will take place this weekend at St John's and next weekend at St Joseph's.

Christmas Clean

We are aiming to have our churches looking at their best for the great celebration. Our cleaning teams will be getting everything read on Tuesday 23rd December at both our churches. 10am at Ingatestone and after the 9.15 Mass at Hutton. Do you think you might have the time to help out? We will all be getting out own homes looking their best for Christmas. Could we do the same for the Lord as we prepare to celebrate his birth? Cleaning materials (as well as tea, coffee and biscuits!) are provided. Thank you!

PARISH NOTICES

Ingatestone Parish Treasurer: A huge thank you to Kirsten Smith who has agreed to take on the role of ensuring that the parish finances for St John's are in order. We are enormously grateful to her for giving up her time to take on such an important role.

Advent Daily Reflection Booklet: Walk With Me Advent Booklets are on sale at the back of the church at St Joseph's, priced at £1.50. They are a useful short daily reflection as part of your advent preparation. Please put monies in the Repository wall box.

St Joseph's Christmas Hamper Raffle: We have been donated a wonderful Luxury Hamper for our Christmas raffle, with a giant Toblerone as second prize and a bottle of Champagne as third prize. To be in with a chance of winning these marvellous prizes please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it with £5 inside, and your name and phone number on the front. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 21 December after 10.30 Mass. Our target is to raise £1000 for church maintenance funds. Thank you!

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 range of religious Christmas Cards, candles and calendars at reasonable prices.

Hutton Alpha: Thank you to all leaders and helpers of our inaugural Alpha course in Hutton. Thank you also to all in our parish who prayed for Alpha. We hope all guests enjoyed the experience and receive many blessings. Look out for details of Alpha 2026 in the spring.

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.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration.

Save the dates: Friday 16th of January and Friday 13th of February 2026. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after.

Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends!

Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

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 *Cecilia's Intention*.

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

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.

First Holy Communion: The deadline for submitting forms has now closed.

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

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay - are seeking an Administration Assistant to join our school Office team.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:-

<https://www.essexschools.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=115226>. Closing date is Midday on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office by **phone 01277 653770** or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk.

🎁 Angel Tree Christmas Appeal 🎁

This Christmas help bring joy to children whose parents are in prison. Through Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree, mums and dads behind bars can send a personalised gift and message to their children — reminding them they are loved and not forgotten. Each gift costs about £20. Donations can be made by BACS to Prison Fellowship Chelmsford Angel Tree (Charity No. 1102254), Sort code 09-01-54, Account 88473489.

To find out more, contact Sophie Newbould at 07919118823 or sophienewbould@icloud.com. "You didn't send gifts — you sent happiness and smiles."

PARISH SCHOOLS

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY - Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8EU

Calling all Canon Palmer Catholic School Alumni to come to our 65th Anniversary on **Friday 9th January 2026 at 2pm**. Visit our website at www.tpc.academy for further details and to register an interest for future events.

A Little Joke

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? **Rude-olph!!**

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.