

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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.

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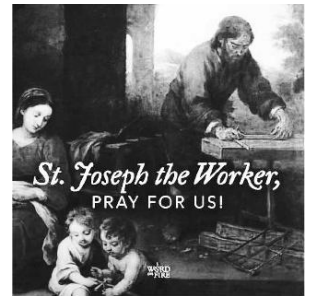
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 29 June 2025

This past week has marked a sombre chapter in our society's moral history, as the Assisted Suicide bill was by the House of Commons.

As Catholics we uphold the inviolable dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Life is a sacred gift from God, not a possession we may dispose of at will.

The Catholic understanding of compassion does not mean the elimination of suffering by eliminating the sufferer. True compassion accompanies the person in their weakness, never discarding them. And yet, the gruesome caricatures painted by the bill's proponents are so often avoided with good palliative care. It is telling that there is widespread opposition to assisted suicide from those on frontline accompanying those entering the final stages of their lives.

This law signals a troubling shift. It fosters the silent but insidious idea that some lives are no longer worth living. This is a notion that is fundamentally at odds with the Gospel.

We must also consider the impact on the vulnerable: the elderly, the disabled, those with other additional needs. They may begin to feel that they are a burden. When the option of assisted suicide is presented as a solution, it quickly becomes a pressure. What begins as a 'choice' for a few can, over time, become an expectation for many. Many of us are blessed with loving supportive families. Others are not so lucky. There will be few protections for those with less caring, or mercenary, relatives, or for those whose young, able-bodied doctor, tells them that this may be for the best. Concerns over the safeguards, which continued to be watered down throughout the legislative process, have been highlighted by numerous professional bodies. They were sadly ignored.

It has also been confirmed that there will be no exemptions for hospices which will not participate. Any hospice which does not agree to offer Assisted Suicide faces closure. This could gut an already pressured sector. And without a real alternative of good palliative care, the pressure upon the sick to end their lives will only increase. Where would the choice be there?

Let us not forget that ours is a faith of hope, even amidst a culture that embraces despair. In the face of this grievous development, we entrust our society, our leaders, and especially the most vulnerable to the mercy of God and the intercession of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week. *Fr. Gary*

apply for the programme. Forms are available from the back of the church after Mass. The deadline is 20th July and no applications will be accepted after this point.

Thank you

Our parish BBQ last weekend was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many there, catching up with old friends and making new ones. We are waiting on the final figures, but it looks like we raised something like between £1500-2000 for parish funds. There are too many dedicated volunteers to thank personally, but a huge thank you to all those who made the day such a great success. Particular thanks to Peter and Paola for hosting us. And, of course, to Marian for a level of organisation which is second to none!

Eileen Norman RIP

It was with great sadness that we announce the death of Eileen Norman who passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning. Eileen, and her husband Dennis, were both long-standing parishioners of St Joseph's. Dennis died some months ago now. We pray for the happy repose of their souls in the gentle peace of Christ, and for the consolation of their family.

Social Events Committee

I mentioned last time that I want to put together a social events committee. Do please come and speak to me if you would like to be a part of this. Fund-raising will be one aspect, but our main focus will be building community in our parish.

Peter's Pence

This weekend we have a second collection for Peter's Pence. This is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Please give as generously as you are able.

200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first, second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

Donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you

Food Bank

The next monthly foodbank collection will be on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th, July. Hutton Community Food Hub is currently supporting over 40 families

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES (SOLEMNITY)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28 5.30 p.m.

Deo & Julia Intention

Sunday 29 10.30 a.m.

Private Intentions

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 30 9.15 a.m.

Ann Edwards

R.I.P.

Tuesday 1 9.15 a.m.

Bernard Lenehan

Wednesday 2 9.15 a.m.

Alan Bailey

R.I.P.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 4 9.15 a.m.

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R.I.P.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 5.30 p.m.

Private intentions

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.

Private intentions

Anniversaries

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

We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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 21 June 5.30 p.m. - 47

Sunday 22 June 10.30 a.m. - 87

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 28 June 5.30 p.m.
Eva Kania

Saturday 5 July 5.30 p.m.
Catherine Bray

Sunday 29 June 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie

Sunday 6 July 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

First Holy Communion

We are now preparing for the 2025-26 Holy Communion year. If your child will be in year 4 in September then this means that you can

per week, so your donations are always gratefully received. They especially need tinned meats, breakfast cereals, shower gels and toothpastes, sanitary products and nappies, but any non-perishable products are acceptable, just bring them up to the church and put in the box outside the porch.

Thank you for your donations.

Card Reader



Just in case you've missed it, there is a card reader located in the porch for Card payments, donations (which can be gift aided), social events, repository, and so on. Thank you.

Retail Therapy

Do you enjoy shopping online? Would you like to support your parish as you do that, and at no extra cost? Go to - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and create an account through the website. When you need some online retail therapy, type the name of the company into the search bar of the website and it will take you to where you want to go. From there the parish will receive a donation for everything you buy through there. There is also a QR code if you prefer to use your phone. Jessie, one of our parishioners, will be parish coffee to assist anyone who needs help to set it up.



Missio

The Summer 2025 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2024. 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.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. www.stjosephshutton.org

Thank you!

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - July Youth Mass

On Thursday 3rd July, Youth Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be pizza in the parish hall from 6pm, followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral from 7:30pm where Bishop Alan will bless all those travelling on our youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join - there is no need to book! Get in touch at info@bcys.net for more information.

Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Good Counsel- Wickford

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

The post will be part-time working 12 hours per week - (4 Days per week, 3 hours per day).

The salary is £12.60 per hour

The closing date for applications is 12pm on 8th July 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

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

Alpha at St. Joseph's, Hutton

Alpha will be run at St. Joseph the Worker on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 17th September to 3rd December, with a break at half term, from 7.15 to 9.00pm. There will also be a day at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday, 15th November, from 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 volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions; this could be jointly with another person. We also need the prayers of the whole parish 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.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Brentwood Community Festival - Saturday 12th July, 1 PM - 3:30 PM, Brentwood Cathedral

Come along to this free event celebrating the work of SVP volunteers across Essex and East London and discover how you can help make a difference in our community and beyond. Music, food, and displays of life-changing projects. All welcome!

Book your free ticket:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-festival-svp-tickets-1404654331919

QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



Readers

Saturday 28 June	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Saturday 5 July	5.30 p.m. Aria Olatunde
Sunday 29 June	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Sunday 6 July	10.30 a.m. Keziah Ashly

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome.



Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome. Thank you!

Newsletters. Finance News - 1

Plate Collection for the week ending Sunday 22nd June, totalled - £150.

Finance News - 2

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking.

Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker

Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884

Thank you.

Mass intentions

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. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.

Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33(34):2-9

Second reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 16:18

Alleluia, Alleluia

You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

Summer fun fact

Which ocean-dwelling creature are most likely to see sunbathing?

Answer: Sea Lions.