

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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15TH / 16TH AUGUST 2026 ✱ SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 John's Tuesday & Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.15pm 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 15th	5.30 p.m.	Fred Greenfield	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 16th	9.00 a.m.	Margaret Green	<i>Int.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	James Calvert	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Monday 17th	9.15 a.m.	Sheila Robertson	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 18th	9.15 a.m.	Pro Populo	
Wednesday 19th	9.15 a.m.	Maureen Wignall	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday 21st	9.15 a.m.	Hazel Brennan	<i>Int.</i>
Saturday 22nd	5.30 p.m.	The O'Mahony Family	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 23rd	9.00 a.m.	Frederick Virgo	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Tony Ekpechue Family	<i>Int.</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 08/09 August 2026

Plate Collection: Hutton 9th August - £185.00
 Ingatestone 9th Aug. - tbc

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 15th – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Marian Anderson
Saturday 22nd – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Ewa Kania
Sunday 16th – 10.30 a.m.	Sophie Newbould	Anne-Marie Ward
Sunday 23rd – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Chris Brooks

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. *R*10b

Response: *On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 8th Aug.	- 5.30 p.m.	78
Sunday 9th Aug.	- 9.00 a.m.	43
Sunday 9th Aug.	- 10.30 a.m.	61

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Assumption is an invitation to look up. We spend a great deal of our lives looking down: at our worries, our work, our disappointments, and all the little things which seem terribly important at the time. But Our Lady's experience tells us that we were made for something greater.

At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven. This is not simply a privilege given to Mary which has nothing to do with us. In her, we see something of our own destiny. What God has already accomplished perfectly in Mary, He promises to accomplish in us through Christ.

Mary's whole life had been one great 'yes' to God. At Nazareth she placed herself entirely into His hands: 'Let it be done to me according to your word.' She did not know everything that would follow. There would be Bethlehem, Egypt, Nazareth and, eventually, the Cross. Yet she trusted Him through it all.

And now we see where that trust leads.

The world tells us that life ends in death, that beauty fades, that everything we possess must eventually be lost. The Assumption tells us something quite different. It tells us that, for those who belong to Christ, death does not have the final word. We were made not for the grave, but for glory.

Our Lady has gone before us. And, like every good mother, she points out the way: not towards herself, but always towards her Son.

So, on this great feast, perhaps our prayer can be very simple: Mary, help us to say 'yes' to God as you did, so that one day we may follow where you have gone before us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Final Figure for the Canterbury Pilgrimage

It is probably safe to announce this, even though there are still a few donations coming in from here and there. Together, the JustGiving campaign, the sponsorship forms in the parishes, and donations through the GiveALittle card machine have brought in just over £6,000. I am incredibly humbled by the level of support for an undertaking I wasn't even able to complete. Your support of, and commitment to, our parishes is inspiring and makes every blister and ache worth it. Thank you so much!

A-Level and GCSE Results

Congratulations to all our young people who have received their A-Level results this week, and our prayers and good wishes go to those awaiting their GCSE results next week.

Results days can bring a mixture of excitement, relief and, sometimes, disappointment. Whatever the envelope or email contains, it is worth remembering that a set of grades can never measure the value of a person, nor determine everything that lies ahead. God has given each of us gifts and a vocation which unfold over a lifetime, often in ways we could never have planned for ourselves.

We congratulate those who have achieved the results they hoped for and encourage anyone who may be disappointed not to lose heart. A closed door can sometimes lead us towards another which, in time, proves to have been the better one.

We pray especially for all our young parishioners as they make decisions about university, further education, apprenticeships, work and whatever comes next. May the Lord guide them, give them confidence in the gifts he has given them, and help them to use those gifts generously and well.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Have you ever wondered about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have been attending Mass with a husband, wife or friend, were baptised in another Christian community, or simply feel that God may be calling you to something more. The journey of faith often begins like the tiny mustard seed

in this Sunday's Gospel: small, almost unnoticed, yet full of extraordinary potential. You do not need to have all the answers or be certain where the journey will lead. You simply need to be willing to take the first step. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or would simply like to explore the faith in a relaxed and informal way, Fr Gary would be delighted to meet with you. There is no obligation or commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and discover more about the person of Jesus Christ and the life of his Church. Please speak to Fr Gary after Mass or contact the parish office to arrange a meeting. You would be most welcome.

New backing for the Holy Family Shrine

Around Christmas-time I received a generous donation from a parishioner who asked me to put it towards a nice project for the parish. Our Holy Family has been looking a little tired and I thought it would benefit from something more like shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The damask curtain was finally installed this week. I hope the more worthy materials that have been used will be an aid to prayer as we seek to model our own homes on that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Thank you to our benefactor who made this possible, and my sincere apologies it has taken me so long to organise this!

Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the cream tea at Hutton Hall, CM13 1RX from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 20 September.

£10 per person. There will be prosecco and wine available to purchase at the event and a raffle. Please advise regarding allergies or dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets. Thank you to Paola and Peter Sanders for hosting this at Hutton Hall.

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on Saturday 03 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available to purchase at £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds.

Alpha 2026

Would you like to know more about your faith and answer some of life's big questions? Then come along to Alpha, running at St. Joseph the Worker in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 7.15 to 9.00pm on Wednesdays 16 September until 02 December. There will also be a day at Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay on Saturday, 14 November, 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 more volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions, this could be jointly with another person, with reimbursement of money for ingredients. We also need the prayers of the whole parish and school community 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 or email alphahutton@gmail.com expressing your interest.

PARISH NOTICES

Ingatestone Parish BBQ – Sunday 6 September

Everyone is warmly invited to our Parish BBQ on Sunday 6th September at 12.30pm in the private North Wing garden at Ingatestone Hall. Although many people visit Ingatestone Hall during its public open days, this BBQ will be held in a beautiful part of the grounds that is **not normally open to visitors**. We are very grateful to the Petre family for their kindness in making this possible. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners from both churches to enjoy good food, good company and a relaxed afternoon together. Tickets are **£25 per adult, £15 for senior citizens, and free for children**. We hope as many parishioners as possible from both churches will be able to join us. For information, please feel free to contact Jacinta on 07949 270902.

Bishop's Visit to Ingatestone

The Bishop will be making his visitation to St John and St Erconwald's on Sunday, 20th September. He will be looking forward to meeting parishioners after Mass, so do please come along to support the parish.

Social Events at St Joseph's: Please put these dates in your diary and keep an eye on the newsletter for more details. Our Saturday events take place after the 5.30pm Mass.

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

03rd October - Talk by Arthur Edwards on his life as a royal photographer

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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, FHC and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

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.

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 **Parish of Hutton and Ingatestone Community**.

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.

Refreshments after 5.30 and 10.30 Mass:

The Saturday Mass refreshment team is taking a break in August and will resume Tea/Coffee on first Saturday of September after 5.30 p.m. Mass.

Also, there will be no refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass during the summer break from 02 -23 August. Refreshments will resume on Sunday, 30 August.

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.

200 Club winners for May, June & July 2026

May:	June:	July:
1st - A & J Spinks	1st - S Ruffles	1st - J Barber
2nd - W & K Jackson	2nd - N&C Sutcliffe	2nd - L Birnie
3rd - A S McCabe	3rd - M Dodson	3rd - B. Hackett

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.

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.

Confirmation Programme 2026-27: Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year are invited to join our new Confirmation Programme. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form.

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