

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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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 14 January 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13 6.00 p.m.
Layla Petros RIP
Sunday 14 10.30 a.m.
Children & Grandchildren of
late Leo & Theresa Kenny
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 16 9.00 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
Wednesday 17 7.30 p.m.
Onyiuke Kenneth-Okoro RIP
Thursday 18 9.00 a.m.
John Castle RIP
B Castle
Friday 19 9.00 a.m.
Anne Edwards RIP
Saturday 20 10-10.30 a.m. Sacrament of
Confession

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.
Kathleen Green RIP
Sunday 14 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00pm - 4.00pm
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Please note: The Newsletter is put together two weeks in advance. If you wish your Mass intention to be printed, you will need to have it handed in by then. *Thank you* If you can come to weekday mass, the Eucharist is the Bread of Life, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of life Lord.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion in their homes, contact please Fr. Leslie for this important ministry. We also need Eucharistic ministers to help Fr. Leslie.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Sick parishioners

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

Mass Attendance

Saturday 6 January: 43
Sunday 7 January: 42



future full of hope for you. Then when you call to me, and come to plead with me, I will listen to you".

Lord, we place our trust in your plans for us. Amen.

May our families be built on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph this coming year.

May God bless our families.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

We begin this year with a prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, as we embark on this new year 2024, we seek your blessings for a journey filled with grace, love and purpose. Guide our steps, illuminate our paths, and let Your divine light shine upon us. May this year be a testament to your goodness and mercy. We surrender our plans to You, trusting that your will be done in our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for peace not evil, reserving a

future full of hope for you. Then when you call to me, and come to plead with me, I will listen to you".

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Holocaust Memorial Day 2024

Saturday 27 January 6.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. at Hutton & Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton, CM13 2NA. You are warmly welcomed to hear the powerful story. Light Refreshment available following the meeting. We need representatives to come together with other churches. More details on the notice board in the Narthex.

Journey Home - continued

In John's Gospel, the similarities between Jesus' death and the Passover lamb are striking. Jesus was crucified at the very hour when, according to the Torah, the lambs for the Passover sacrifice were killed in the temple. Like the sacrificial lamb none of Jesus' bones were broken. Jesus is the innocent Lamb of God, the sacrifice that takes away the sin of the world.

Lunchtime Recitals

On behalf of the Cathedral Music Department, I should like to wish all our supporters a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.

In 2023 we had in all 21 wonderful Lunchtime Music Recitals and we hope again this year to provide you with another varied musical mix to suit all tastes!

Our first Lunchtime Recital of 2024 will be an ORGAN one to be given by Alexander EVANS from the Royal College of Music next Wednesday 17 January at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. Do hope you can join us.

Season of Lent

Is a preparation for Easter. This year 'Ash Wednesday' is Wednesday 14 February. Please prepare for this great season of prayer and penance.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 13 January	6.00 p.m. Catherine Bray Marian Anderson
Sunday 14 January	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Lyn Birnie
Saturday 20 January	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Ewa Kania
Sunday 21 January	10.30 a.m. Sarah Barber Percy Sam

Readers

Saturday 13 January	6.00 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 14 January	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Saturday 20 January	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 21 January	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year under the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Holy Hour

The holy hour of prayer and adoration will take place before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. with the rosary for Ukraine and peace in our beautiful world.

Forward Planning

Just to inform you that the Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP who was the preacher and spiritual director of the whole synod; the Revd. Dr. Jam Notnik, Director of Missions for the Bishops conference and its National ecumenical officer, Mr. Austin Ivereigh, Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis. Writer, Speaker on contemporary church affairs, Bishop Nicolas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (Former rector of the Ven English College in Rome), appointed delegate at the Synod this year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese (More information soon).

First Communion

Parents Meeting on the Eucharist will be on Wednesday 17 January, 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Please make a note in your diaries.

First Communion Children's Meeting will be on Saturday 20 January 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Please have the children seated by 9.30 a.m. for a prompt start.

Gift Aid & Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donation it means that for every £1 that you give to our parish, we are able to claim back from HMRC an extra 25p. If you are a Tax Payer, you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the parish website www.stjosephshutton.org

The Gift Aid form needs to be returned to the parish office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number, which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a standing order to the parish. Standing orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass, except when we have a second collection. If you email the Parish Office hutton@brcdt.org we will be able to provide you with the sort code and account number, and account name. Or alternatively you can download a standing order form from the parish website, and take this to your bank. Or use the QR codes. *Thank you for helping your parish to maintain itself.*

God's presence

When a family gathers together for a meal, say grace; i.e. Bless Lord our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children and in the silence experience the stillness and presence of Jesus. When you pass any Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to recognize the presence of Jesus, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

Urgently Needed Ministers

1. Team of Flower Arrangers
 2. Team of Church Cleaners
 3. Readers to Proclaim the Word
 4. Stewards – 3 per Mass
 5. Eucharistic Ministers (especially to take Holy Communion to the sick)
 6. Altar Servers (Training will be given)
 7. Music Leader & Choir - to enhance celebration
 8. Organist
 9. Rota for Refreshments, after Mass
- Please help your priest and parish – please respond.

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive. It is a reflection on the word of God and helps us to understand and live the teaching of Jesus in our lives so that we truly come to know him as our friend and draw closer to his heart of mercy and love.

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

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker church is looking for a Parish Administrator. This is a paid position for approx. 12 hours per week with some degree of flexibility. The role is to provide complete and comprehensive administration for our church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr. Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Refreshments after Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00 p.m. Mass.

All are welcome to come into the hall after Mass for a drink and a chat.

Volunteers to help prepare and serve the refreshments at 10.30 a.m. Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota.



Food Bank Collections



The next collection is the weekend – 3/4 February - to support Hutton Community Food Hub. Please bring along your donations of non-perishable tinned and packet goods, toiletries, nappies and non-food items and place in the boxes at the back of the church. If you are unable to donate at this time, please remember all those in need in your prayers. *Thank you.*

200 Club

Many people took a 200 Club form recently – thank you. May I ask you to join the 200 club by filling in the form and returning it to Marian or Fr. Leslie? Half the proceeds go to our parish fund and the other half is paid out in prizes each month. Next month a cheuq could be on its way to you – but you have to complete the Standing Order form first! The more members in the 200 Club the greater will be the prize each month.

Prayer and Adoration

The Holy Hour of prayer and adoration is on Sunday between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart.

O Most holy heart of Jesus, foundation of all blessing, I adore you, love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine, make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your divine will. Grant Dear Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my affliction. Give me heart of body, assistance in my tempered needs, your blessing in all that I do, and the grace of a Holy death. Amen.

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 January at 8.00 p.m. If you can offer any help with this ministry, please come along – amongst the items for discussion will be sacred Liturgy and various ministries.



Pope on Social Media

Civilian victims of war are not “collateral damage.” They are men and women with names and surnames, who lose their lives. They are children who are orphaned and deprived of their future. They are individuals who suffer from hunger, thirst and cold, or are left mutilated.

If we were able to look each victim of war in the eye and learn something of their personal history, we would see war for what it is. War is nothing other than an immense tragedy, a useless slaughter that offends the dignity of every person on this earth.

One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is “peace”. Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us.

Let us #PrayTogether for the unconditional release of all people currently held hostage in Colombia. This act, which is a duty before God, will also promote an atmosphere of reconciliation and peace in the country.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Horace Hutton, Harry Ford, Elizabeth Kent, Margaret O'Riorden, James Power, George Porter, Arthur Gilbert, Rosemary Walker, Alfred Said, Maura Oakey, Michael Lyons, David Curtis, Maurice Hussey, and Dorothy Sutton

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John King (2012), Fr. Gilbert Basil Pearson (1947), Fr. Neville Banks (2006), Fr. Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuypers (1946), Mgr. Canon David Donnelly (2010), and Fr. John Meehan (2012)
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.

Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 7 January 2024 you gave £150.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid
Thank you and God Bless

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

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.

Light
Laughter
WINTER VERSION

What's the weatherman's favorite food in winter?
Brrr-itos!