

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.

FR. GARY DENCH

The Presbytery

17 Highview Crescent, Hutton Brentwood, Essex, CM13 1BJ

T: 01277 221917

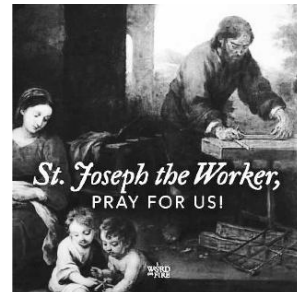
HEAD TEACHER

Mrs. Kathryn Poulter St. Joseph the Worker Primary School

Highview Crescent, Hutton Brentwood, Essex CM13 1BJ T:

01277 227282

web: www.stjosephshutton.org email: hutton@brcdt.org



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 1 June 2025

This Thursday we celebrated the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, one of the most profound and hope-filled mysteries of our faith. After forty days of appearing to His disciples following the Resurrection, Our Lord ascended into heaven, returning to the glory He shared with the Father before time began.

It is easy to think of the Ascension simply as the moment when Christ left the earth, but that would miss the heart of what we celebrate. The Ascension is not about absence, but presence. Christ has not left us behind. He has gone before us. He has taken our human nature into the very heart of heaven. In doing so, He has opened the way for us to follow. Where the Head has gone, the Body hopes to go also.

This is why the Ascension is such a joyful feast. It speaks of our destiny. It reminds us that heaven is not a vague or far-off dream. It is our home. Christ has made it so. And even now, He intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father, guiding His Church and preparing a place for us.

After the Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem with joy. That joy came from trusting in the promise Christ had made - that He would be with them always.

We now find ourselves in that same time of waiting. In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church invites us to join the apostles and Our Lady in prayerful expectation. Let us open our hearts once more to the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened to live and witness to our faith in a world that often forgets heaven.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

Fr. Gary

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 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.

Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

Social Events Committee

I mentioned last week 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.

Parish Accounts Summary

Cormac, who is our parish treasurer, works incredibly hard all through the year to keep our financial records to prepare our accounts. He has

reproduced a short summary here below, which helps give us a snapshot of where we are. I am always available to answer any questions you might have.

Parish Financial Summary 2024/25	
	£
Offeratory Income	41,623
Other Income	18,619
Total Income	60,242
Parish Buildings Upkeep	21,181
Other Ordinary Expenses	54,301
Ordinary Expenses	75,482
Ordinary Deficit	15,240
Parish Priest Move Costs	14,932
Deficit for the year	30,172

Parish BBQ



Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall, Hutton Village, CM13 1RX - 1pm Sunday 22nd June.

Adults £10. Children £5

We'd love to see as many parishioners as possible coming along to our summer event at this stunning venue.

Tickets on sale at 5.30 p.m. and 10.30 a.m. Mass, cash or card payments.

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.



Food Bank Collection

The next collection for Hutton Community Food Hub will be on Saturday, 7th & Sunday, 8th of June. Please give generously any tinned or packet food, nappies, toilet rolls or toiletry items. The Food Hub are supporting 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 31 5.30 p.m.

Maria Huxtable

R.I.P.

Sunday 1 10.30 a.m.

Ekpechue family intentions

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

Tuesday 3 9.15 a.m.

Bernard Lenehan

Wednesday 4 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 6 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7 5.30 p.m.

Pro Popolo

Sunday 8 10.30 a.m.

Private Intention

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 24 May 5.30 p.m. - 71

Sunday 25 May 10.30 a.m. - 68

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 31 May 5.30 p.m.

Marian
Anderson

Saturday 7 June 5.30 p.m.

Mark Brennan

Sunday 1 June 10.30 a.m.

Lyn Birnie

Sunday 8 June 10.30 a.m.

Willa Jackson

Parish Register

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

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!

God's presence

When a family meets 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 Jesus' stillness and presence. When you pass a Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to acknowledge Jesus's presence, or pay a short visit. Never lose sight of God's presence.

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!

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.

SION COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC TEACHING WEEKEND

From 6pm Friday 13th June to 2pm Sunday 15th June 2025 Theme: 'Moving in the Anointing'.

This weekend is a great follow-up to 'Life in the Spirit' seminars and is especially aimed at those wishing to grow in the Charisms and Gifts of the Holy Spirit and learn to exercise them with more confidence. Guest Speaker: Allegra Mutanda. Cost: £130 residential, £100 non-residential. To book a place or for more information, visit <https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/ztjfwuwu>

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025

For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos, and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July - 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

If you are supporting a family to apply from within your parish or school, please do apply very soon to be sure of a place. The direct link for a child's application is:

<https://johnbsoco.formstack.com/forms/bosco-child-application-form-2025>

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.

Vacancies at St. at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

Office administrator

Salary: Scale 4 Point 7

Contract Type: Part-Time - 21 hours per week - term time only.

Start Date: 1st September 2025

Monday - Thursday: 8.30 - 12pm

Friday: 8.30 - 4pm with 30-minute unpaid break on Fridays.

Essex Schools Jobs link:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=110571>

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

Contract Type: 35 hours per week

Scale: Scale 6

Start Date: 1st September 2025

Essex Schools Jobs link:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=110629>

Please also see our school website:

<https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/recruitment-1/>

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.



Readers

Saturday 31 May	5.30 p.m. Hannah Ola
Saturday 7 June	5.30 p.m. Nina Hackett
Sunday 1 June	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal
Sunday 8 June	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

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 25th May, totalled - ££275.

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 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96(97):1-2b,6-7,9

Second reading:

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Jn 14:18

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Hall Hire

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

A Little Joke

2 biscuits crossing the road, one got
ran over,
what did the other one say? Oh
Crumbs!