

# 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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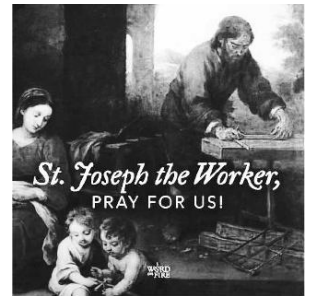
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 25 May2025

Our Lord speaks quite clearly to us today this weekend - *'If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you.'* These words are stark and can be uncomfortable for us to hear but they are not only a warning. They are also offered as a consolation. The path of Christian discipleship was never promised to be easy, popular, or prosperous by worldly standards. To follow Christ is to share in His rejection, His poverty, and His suffering.

In our parish community, we are keenly aware of this truth, not only spiritually, but practically. In the face of the challenge, we face as a parish we can be tempted to discouragement. Yet this trial places us precisely where the Lord has always called His disciples: to rely not on abundance, but on Providence; not on human approval, but on trust in God's promises.

It is no coincidence that Christ speaks these words shortly before His Passion. He calls His disciples to remain faithful not in times of comfort, but amid trial and opposition. If we are struggling, if we feel small and overlooked in the eyes of the world, we are in good company, with the saints, and with Christ Himself.

Let us then embrace our challenges as part of our discipleship. Let us support one another in prayer, generosity, and steadfast hope. Above all, let us remember that it is not worldly success that defines the Church, but her union with her crucified and risen Lord. If we remain faithful, the vineyard of the Lord will bear fruit, even in lean seasons.

May Our Lady, who stood at the foot of the Cross, pray for us and help us to remain firm in faith.

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](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

## 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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,242</b>
Parish Buildings Upkeep	21,181
Other Ordinary Expenses	54,301
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>75,482</b>
<b>Ordinary Deficit</b>	<b>15,240</b>
Parish Priest Move Costs	14,932
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>30,172</b>

## 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.

## 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.



## 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!

## 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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 5.30 p.m.

Ed Hooey

R.I.P.

Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.

Antonio & Margarida  
(Thanksgiving)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 26 No Mass

Tuesday 27 9.15 a.m.

Marisa Browell

R.I.P.

Wednesday 28 9.15. a.m.

Peter Cameron

R.I.P.

Thursday 29 9.15 a.m.

Geen Walsh

R.I.P.

7.30 p.m.

CS Joseph

R.I.P.

Friday 30 9.15 a.m.

CS Joseph

R.I.P.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 31 5.30 p.m.

Maria Huxtable

R.I.P.

Sunday 1 10.30 a.m.

Ngozi family  
(Thanksgiving)

## 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 17 May	5.30 p.m.	62
Sunday 18 May	10.30 a.m.	156

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24 May	5.30 p.m.	Bill O'Regan
Saturday 31 May	5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson
Sunday 25 May	10.30 a.m.	Blane McKie
Sunday 1 June	10.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie

## Parish Register

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

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.

### 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](http://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.

### VACANCY - housekeeper/support worker

A housekeeper/support worker (16 hours) is needed for a small religious community. Assisting elderly sisters to maintain their independence and social interests. Pay £12.60 per hour.

Contact Sr Kathleen on 01277220276 or email [kathleen.page@dcmillhill.org](mailto:kathleen.page@dcmillhill.org)

**A new Headteacher for St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford.** Our wonderful Headteacher is retiring after 20 years, and we are looking for a new Headteacher to start in January 2026 (or sooner, if possible). Visits to the school are very warmly welcome; the application deadline is midday on 6th June 2025, and the Job Description and all other information is at:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

### Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Billericay

Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 6th June 2025.

### 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](http://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](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](http://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/>

### 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 24 May	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Saturday 31 May	5.30 p.m. Hannah Ola
Sunday 25 May	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders
Sunday 1 June	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> May, totalled - £385.

### 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 15:1-2,22-29

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Second reading:

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

### Hall Hire

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

## A Little Joke

Why is Easter breakfast so fun?

Everyone's cracking yolks.