

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

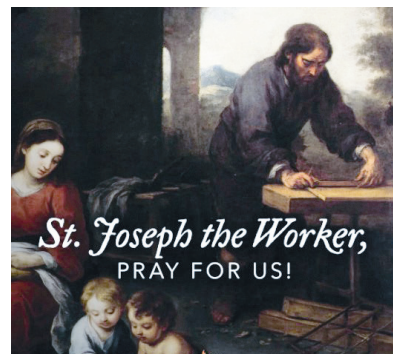
Parish Hutton and Shenfield

## 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 28 January 2024

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.  
Ammanuel Rassam RIP  
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 30 9.00 a.m.  
Betty Moriarty RIP  
Wednesday 31 7.30 p.m.  
Michael Moriarty RIP  
Thursday 1 9.00 a.m.  
John Castle RIP  
Friday 2 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls  
Saturday 3 10.00 -10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Confession with Rosary for Peace in Middle East & Ukraine  
*Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.*

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 3 6.00 p.m.  
James Kirkpatrick  
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Sunday 4 10.30 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

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.



Welcome to our parish family and to all our visitors.

It would be very encouraging to see our church full again. The Sunday celebration is an obligation for all Catholics to attend. It's our personal special time to hear the Word of God and to receive the gift of Himself in the Most Holy Eucharist - Body, Blood, and Divinity. Jesus gave this gift to us on the night before He died for each one of us.

Families have the obligation to teach and bring their children to this wonderful Sacrament. The other important Sacrament is the Sacrament of Confession which we ought to go at least every four weeks to receive the grace of this Sacrament. Pope

Francis gives us four tips:-

1. Put the Father first. What is central, our sins or the Father who forgives everything? We need to run towards the Father's loving arms and He forgives all our sins.
2. Remember God's Forgiveness. After each confession, sit still for a few moments in order to remember the forgiveness you received.
3. Shame is not Blame. Feeling ashamed is a good sign, but like any other sign, it points to the road we need to follow. God is never ashamed of you. He loves you in the very place where you feel ashamed. He loves you always.
4. God rejoices in forgiving us, time and time again. Whenever he picks us up, he believes in us as if it were the first time. He is never discouraged. We are the ones that get discouraged not he.

Confession is the Sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us.

Please pray for our children and their parents as the children will make their First Communion in Lent. "Lord, make me know your ways".

May God bless our families and all those who are suffering one way or another.

### 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.



### 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.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 27 January	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Marian Anderson
Sunday 28 January	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Bill O'Regan
Saturday 3 February	6.00 p.m. Catherine Bray Stella Walker
Sunday 4 February	10.30 a.m. Chris Brooks Percy Sam

### Readers

Saturday 27 January	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 28 January	10.30 a.m. Hannah Ola
Saturday 3 February	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 4 February	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal

## Journey Home - continued

Mark's Gospel has an urgency about it. He captures the power and authority of Jesus' ministry. Today we encounter the teaching that the kingdom is not about talk but about power. Jesus came to overthrow Satan. He came to demolish the work of darkness and liberate us from its deadly grip.

Those who heard Jesus teach in the synagogue and witnessed his healing miracles knew immediately that this was a new teaching, and it came with authority. News like this is hard to contain and so it spread like wildfire! The Gospel is about transforming lives and the world. It is a force to be reckoned with – in fact, it's the greatest power in the world.

The Holy Spirit can deepen and sustain this confidence within us. As we grow in the assurance of Jesus' victory, we are led to want to praise God. Try this today, whatever circumstances or problems you face, whatever trials or trauma you are going through, praise God for his love and mercy. 'The power of praise releases the power of God into a set of circumstances and enables God to change them if this is his design' (Merlin Carothers).

## Finance Monthly Statement

Payments In £8,558.26

Payments Out £5,967.08

Current Overdraft stands at £48,483.52

We would welcome any suggestions now to raise our income. Please contact Fr. Leslie. One problem we have is no car park plus Health & Safety issues.

## 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.

## 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.



## Forward Planning - 1

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 Ivreigh, 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.

## Forward Planning - 2

As mentioned above. The talks of the outcome and what took place by four speakers who were present – Dates for your diaries below. These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; Wednesday 21 February, Wednesday 28 February, Wednesday 6 March and Wednesday 13 March. Please do try to attend.

## 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.

## Pilgrims of Hope

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



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.*

## Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 - TODAY



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.

## 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.*



## 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](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org)



## Pope on Social Media

Let us #PrayTogether for Christian unity. May we never tire of invoking the Lord for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and in many other parts of the world. It is always the weakest who suffer when peace is lacking.

The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. Let us #PrayTogether to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God. #YearOfPrayer

I have learned with sorrow of the kidnapping, in Haiti, of a group of people, including six religious sisters: in my heartfelt plea for their release, I pray for social concord in the country, and I invite everyone to bring an end to the violence.

The Gospel is the book of life. Let us allow the beauty of the #WordOfGod to conquer our lives. #WordOfGodSunday [vatican.va/content/france...](http://vatican.va/content/france...)

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Kathleen Dalton, Leo Patrick Naughton, John Halsey, and Florence Scannell.**

**Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Joseph Burns (1990), Fr. Enda Keenan (2021), and Fr. Eric Bindloss Smith (1981)**

**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 21 January 2024 you gave £200.00 with £18.00 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.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 20 January: 48

Sunday 21 January: 45

Light  
**Laughter**  
WINTER VERSION

How do you know when it's too cold for a picnic?

When you chip your tooth on the soup!