

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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6<sup>TH</sup> / 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 ✠ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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 Joseph's – every day 9am-5pm. St John's Thursday– Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:** No confessions this Saturday.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesday and Friday 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 6th</b>	5.30 p.m.	Jim Rossiter	<b>R.I. P</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Marian Hickey	<b>(Healing)</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Popolo	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Rose Bolt	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Pauline and Zelig Ott	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	John McHugh	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m. -	Margaret Ray	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.-	Diane McCormack	<b>(Intention)</b>
	10.30 a.m. –	Pro Popolo	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

**Date 30/31 August**

Hutton:	£185.00
Ingatestone:	£166.25

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Nina Hackett	Ewa Kania
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Stella Walker
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Cianna Doreal	Chris Brooks
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Blane McKie

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

**Response:** *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

**Second reading:** Philemon 9-10,12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Psalms 119: 135

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.*

**Alleluia**

**Gospel:** Luke 14: 25-33

### MASS ATTENDANCE -

<b>Saturday 30 August</b> – 5.30 p.m.	75
<b>Sunday 31 August</b> – 9 a.m.	37
<b>Sunday 31 August</b> – 10.30 a.m.	73

### FR GARY

When Our Lord speaks in today's Gospel about the cost of discipleship, He does not soften His words. He tells us plainly that following Him will mean sacrifice, even to the point of putting Him above family ties, possessions, and our own plans. To love Christ is to put Him first.

This can sound harsh to modern ears, but Our Lord is not asking us to love others less. Rather, He is teaching us that unless we love Him above all, we cannot truly love anyone else rightly. St Augustine said, 'He who loves God will love his neighbour as himself; but he who loves his neighbour as himself for his neighbour's sake, and not for God's, does not truly love.' Only when Christ is at the centre do all our other loves fall into their proper place.

The Gospel also asks us to count the cost of discipleship. A man building a tower first sits down and reckons whether he has enough to finish it. In the same way, each Christian must be honest: am I willing to let go of the comforts, ambitions, and attachments that draw me away from God? The saints remind us that to follow Christ is both a cross and a crown.

Fulton Sheen once remarked that 'Christ asks us to give up our small ambitions in order to be filled with His great dreams.' To surrender our own plans into His hands is not to lose life, but to gain it abundantly.

Let us ask for the grace this week to place Christ at the very centre, to see Him as the treasure above all treasures, and to have the courage to follow Him wherever He leads.

May God bless you and your families this week.

*Fr Gary*

### School Applications – Certificates of Catholic Practice

Please contact the parish office if you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice as part of a school application form. The form requires Fr Gary to affirm that you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. If you are not a regular attender at Mass, then there is no need for a certificate, and you may apply directly to the school of your choice.

### Help Needed – 13th September 10am

We have an exciting new step to announce in that we have a pre-school using the hall during the week. There is some work that needs to be done on the little outside section to the side of the hall. Could you some able-bodied people lend a hand on Saturday 13th September at 10am? Thank you.

### Scam Alert

I was alerted this week by two people who said they had received communications from somebody pretending to be me and asking for Apple vouchers and money. Please be aware that there are those who will seek to take advantage where they can. Always check the email address or telephone number of any communications you receive and be sure report anything suspicious. The government has an email address to forward these things – [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and if you believe you may have been a victim of such a scam then please telephone 0300 123 2040.

### PARISH NOTICES

#### St Stephen's Medals

This weekend of our servers who have been serving for more than a year will receive their St Stephen's medals, and their enrolment into the Guild. The guild brings togetherness people committed to serving at the altar and the reverent assistance at the celebration of Mass. Our servers here at St Joseph's do a wonderful job so do please keep them in your prayers.

## Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Alan will be visiting St Joseph's on 21st September during which he will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. This will take place after the 1030 Sunday Mass and will be followed by a small reception in the hall. Please keep our candidates, and all our young people, in your prayers.

## Alpha at St. Joseph, Hutton

There are only a few weeks to go until Alpha begins on 17 September. There is still time to enroll to find out more about the Christian faith and big questions of life. Parishioners from Ingatestone will be most welcome also. Email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org) or sign the list at the back of the church in St Joseph's to find out more. Come and see!

Alpha needs the prayers of all the parish especially in the next few weeks. Please join with us in saying this prayer daily:

Heavenly Father, I pray for my friends, my parish community and for Alpha. Lord, let your kingdom come and your will be done. Holy Spirit come fill me today that I might share the good news of Jesus Christ to those around me. Amen.

## First Holy Communion

The first meeting for parents who have signed up to the First Holy Communion course will take place on **9th September** in the parish hall at 8pm. Further information about the course will be given at this meeting. Please note that this meeting is only for parents of children who have been accepted on to the course.

## Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend 06/07 September, at St Joseph's. Please bring along tinned and packet items, toiletries, nappies and toilet rolls, to support those in need in Hutton. Thank you.

## 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 the Intentions of **Juliana**.

## Tea and Coffee



Tea and coffee are available after both the 9am at Ingatestone and the 1030am Mass at Hutton.

Refreshments are also served after the Saturday evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church to help. New volunteers are always welcome. You only have to provide the milk and full instructions are given.

**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.

**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.



**200 Club:** There are cash prizes to be one 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 August Draw:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£50	James Barber
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£30	Sharon Ruffles
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£20	Svc O'Connell

**Funerals:** To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to offer a Mass, the envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes into the offertory basket during Mass.

**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.

**Hall Hire:** The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire, please contact the Parish Office.

## Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

## 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.

**First Holy Communion:** The deadline for submitting forms has now closed. Details regarding the opening meeting are above.

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Ride and Stride 13th September

If anyone would like to do a guided local walk starting at 10.15 as their Stride for sponsorship, please contact me on [patriciamac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patriciamac@hotmail.co.uk) with your name and phone number by 7th September and I will pass these details to the guide so that a preferred local route can be taken.

If anyone would like to join the list of Stewards at Ingatestone Church for an hour between 10-4 that would be a great help. Please sign up at Ingatestone or use the email address above. Cakes will be on sale during the event too!

### Help London's Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre Stay Open

♥ The Good Counsel Network's funds are dangerously low.

♥ We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born.

♥ If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head.

#### Support Good Counsel today

Use the QR code to donate or go to [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com) donate page for more details



## A Little Joke

What kind of room doesn't have windows or a door?

A mushroom.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Please pray for our departed parishioners:*

*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+*

*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.*