

# 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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£1,000

£460  
so far!



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE!

## 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 3 December 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### SEASON OF ADVENT

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2 6.00 p.m.  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
*J.Greenfield*

Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.  
Marion Barlow RIP  
*Jackson Family*  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament (Do come  
along to pray to Jesus)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

*The name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday 5 9.00 a.m.  
For our Parishioners

Wednesday 6 12.30 p.m.  
Funeral Mass – Betty Simpson  
7.30 p.m.  
Odette Roy RIP  
*Jackson Family*

Thursday 7 9.00 a.m.  
Marion Barlow RIP  
*Jacintha Hriya*

Friday 8 9.00 a.m.  
Patrick Dooley RIP

Saturday 9 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

#### SEASON OF ADVENT

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9 6.00 p.m.  
Roy Weller RIP  
*J Weller*

Sunday 10 10.30 a.m.  
Rosalina O'Silva RIP  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
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

## Christmas Hamper Raffle - It's Back, Bigger And Better!!

Same rules as usual! Please just put £5 in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside and you'll be entered into a great Christmas Hamper raffle. The hamper itself is bigger and better than last year's so don't delay and get your envelopes in asap please. And Good Luck to you all.

### Hamper contains:

Prosecco Millesimato DOC Zonin Italy (11%), 75cl  
The Black Stump Durif Shiraz Australia (14.5%), 75cl  
The Black Stump Chardonnay Pinot Grigio Australia (12.5%), 75cl  
Belle & Co Alcohol Free Sparkling Brut, 75cl  
Butlers Chocolates Assorted Chocolates, 300g  
Williams Hand Baked Milk Chocolate Oat Biscuits, 290g  
Maxwell & Franks 4<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel, 280g  
Odysea Houmous, 265g  
SlumberJack Premium Hot Chocolate, 250g  
England Preserves Bermondsey Bramble Jam, 225g  
Highfield Preserves Real Ale Chutney, 215g  
Fairfields Farm Crisps Maple Glazed Ham, 150g  
Hebridean Baker Whisky Shortbread, 150g  
Olives Et Al Verde Green Olives, 150g  
Seggiano Sesame Seed Grissini Handmade Breadsticks, 150g



Linden Lady Decorated Milk Chocolate Buttons, 100g  
Mr Filbert's Somerset Applewood Smoked Mixed Nuts, 100g  
Radfords World's Best Crumbly Salted Caramel Fudge Box, 100g  
Rendles Cheese Palmiers with Honey & Mustard, 100g  
Joe & Seph's Eggnog Gourmet Popcorn, 80g  
Grand Illusions Partridge Crackers x 6  
Maxwell & Franks 4 Mince Pies  
Lidded Kubu Basket



Welcome to our parish families and our visitors and all our young people to our Sunday celebration.

The great mystery of our faith lies in the truth of the Incarnation, God made man, the Word made flesh. So too the Second coming, the return of the King is the great hope of our faith. We believe, celebrate and live our faith with joyful hearts. During all our preparation for this feast, let us make time to reflect on this great mystery of faith. Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God and asking what we need from our Heavenly Father? Our greatest gift is the birth of the Saviour. When we pray, praise God and worship him, we receive a hundredfold of blessings in return. Joy, faith, hope, and love overflow in our hearts.

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith in this great truth of faith. But our preparation should focus on the Second coming. For this we need the help of the Holy Spirit through whom we pray – "Jesus is Lord, and Come, Lord Jesus, Come". Pope Benedict XVI says "while our hearts look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth, our liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal; our encounter with the Lord who will come in splendour of glory. In this frenetic time of year, how do we direct our gaze?

May God bless our families in peace and love.

*Fr Leslie*

### Masses

Don't forget to have a Mass said for members of your family or former parishioners. Envelopes are at the back of the church for this purpose. One day you will want someone to pray for you. 'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be released from their sins' (Book of Maccabees).

### Mass Attendance

Saturday 25 November 6.00 p.m. 38  
Sunday 19 November 10.30 a.m. 55

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 2 December 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Mark Brennan

Sunday 3 December 10.30 a.m.  
Lyn Birnie  
Blane McKie

Saturday 9 December 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Stella Walker

Sunday 10 December 10.30 a.m.  
Willa Jackson  
Percy Sam

### Readers

Saturday 2 December 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson

Sunday 3 December 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders

Saturday 9 December 6.00 p.m.  
Sophie Newbould

Sunday 10 December 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish Partnership  
Family Christmas Social Evening  
7pm to 9.30pm (after 6pm Mass)**

\* £4 per adult - which includes a glass of mulled wine or red/white wine, nibbles, and a mince pie.

\* Children Welcome (free entry and fruit juice)



Bring along games to play and don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas outfit!

\*It would be great to know in advance if you're coming (for catering purposes) please email us at.....

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## Urgently Needed Ministers

1. Team of Flower Arrangers (Especially for Christmas)
  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.

## Society for the Protection of the unborn Child (SPUC)

The society has a wide range of religious Christmas cards for sale. You can order cards at [www.spuc.org.uk/shop](http://www.spuc.org.uk/shop)

## 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 cheque 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.

## Journey Home

Advent invites us to ponder Jesus' first coming and long for his second. The deepest longing of the Church and the Holy Spirit is 'Come.' At Jesus' first coming, he came to save and redeem, so that we would know forgiveness and liberation from our sin. At his second coming in glory, we will know the redemption of our bodies and the full deliverance for which the whole of creation groans and longs. We rejoice in his first coming and pray to usher in his second. Jesus recognised a quality of faith in the centurion. He had not found a faith like it in all of Israel. The Holy Spirit creates the gift of faith; we can only pray for it. If we are bothered, flummoxed and hassled - as many of us can be during this time of year - we don't tend to think, 'I must just take some time out and pray'. When we think like this we are living by faith. Faith is the gateway into life in the Spirit, and when we pray, we open ourselves up to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit: faith, hope and love, joy and peace.

## Christmas Offering for your Priest

These envelopes are at the back of the church. This offering forms a major part of your priest's income. Please pick up an envelope as you leave church - Thank you.

## Decorator

GPC Decorating Services. Painting and Decorating. Interior and Exterior. Wallpapering. Residential and Commercial. Call Gary on 07711 108 979

## Catholic Universe

There are two copies of the universe at the back of the church for you to browse over. Let Fr. Leslie know whether you would purchase a copy - we would like to re-introduce this Catholic newspaper with all Catholic news and how we can grow stronger in our faith. Also, news of the church throughout the country. If enough people would like to purchase a copy - let Fr. Leslie know and he will order a few.

## Caritas - Home for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war, with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

## Christmas Hamper

A major fund raiser for our parish. Please pick up an envelope - name and contact details (so we can contact you should you be lucky). £5 inside the envelope and return to the church as soon as possible. You will see details of the hamper in the newsletter. Our grateful thanks for the parishioner who donated this magnificent hamper.

## Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned? Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address.

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2024 is available to collect from the table in the church porch. If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.

## Baptism

A Baptismal form can be got from [hutton@brcdt.org](http://hutton@brcdt.org). You must live in our parish - Godparents are one Godmother and one Godfather. Both should be Catholic or at least one. The Catholic Godparents should be practicing their faith. A letter from their parish priest confirming they are regular Mass attenders should accompany your baptismal form request.

## Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass from the end of September, 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 for October to December in the Narthex.

## Food Bank Collections



Next collection is this weekend - 2/3 December - to support Hutton Community Food Hub. Collections will also take place on 6/7 January. 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.



## Pope on Social Media

If we believe in the capacity of human beings to transcend our petty interests and to think on a grand scale, we cannot give up on dreaming that #COP28 will lead to an acceleration of the energy transition. This Conference can be a turning point.

Today, thanks to God there is finally a truce between Israel and Palestine, and some hostages have been freed. Let's #PrayTogether that they will all be freed as soon as possible, more humanitarian aid will enter Gaza, and dialogue is insisted upon: it is the only path to peace.

Yesterday tormented Ukraine commemorated the Holodomor, the genocide perpetrated by the Soviet regime 90 years ago, causing millions to starve to death. Let's #PrayTogether, for prayer is the force of peace that breaks the cycle of revenge, opening the way to reconciliation.

Today in the particular Churches we celebrate the 38th World Youth Day, on the theme Rejoicing in hope. I embrace young people, the present and future of the world, and I encourage them to be joyful protagonists in the life of the Church.

## Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Alice Holman, Andrew McCredie, Peter Lunny, Peggy Bartlett, Ellen Burnham, and Peter Heron  
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Brian Drea (1993), Fr. Michael Healy (1967), Fr. Bernard Pownall (1918), Fr. John Lane (2008), and Canon Anthony McKenty (2017)

And the November Dead - For these and all the faithful departed - May they come into Eternal Homen  
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 26 November you gave £185.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid  
Great Christmas Hamper Raffle: £220.00 this week making £460.00 total. Keep those envelopes coming please! Still some way to go to our £1,000 target!  
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

## Calendars for 2024

Are on sale for £5.00. They are beautiful with lovely prints on each page with a scripture quotation. They are going quickly - don't delay.

## Stocking Filler?

CD's on Sale £5, Good Christmas Stocking Filler.

Light

Laughter  
WINTER VERSION

What do snowmen win at the Olympics?  
Cold medals!