

# 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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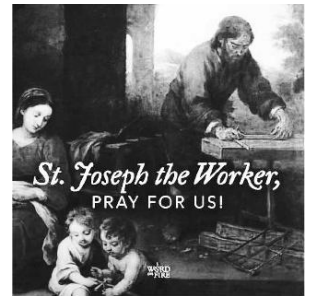
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 27 April 2025

With the recent death of Pope Francis, the Church enters a time of mourning and prayer. As Catholics, we remember that the pope is the successor of Saint Peter and the visible head of the Church on earth. His passing is a solemn moment for the whole Church, and we are called to pray for the repose of his soul.

Pope Francis served as the Bishop of Rome and the Vicar of Christ for over a decade. He has now gone to meet the Lord, like every man must one day. We pray that God, in His mercy, will welcome him into eternal life.

In the face of death, Christians are not without hope. Our faith teaches us that Jesus Christ has conquered death, and that those who die in the grace of God will rise to new life with Him. This is the great hope we hold on to - especially at times like these.

As we pray for Pope Francis, we also pray for the Church. A new pope will be chosen in the weeks to come. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide the cardinals in their decision, and to bless the next successor of Peter with wisdom and holiness.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

*Fr. Gary*

## Thank you

I would like to thank all those who have helped to make Lent and Holy Week a time of spiritual encounter with Christ. So many of you contribute to the life of the parish family in a quiet but consistent way. To everyone who helped to make our celebration of Easter so beautiful - thank you! I also want to thank you very much for your many well wishes, prayers, gifts and cards. And for the Easter offering which makes such a big difference. Thank you!

## First Holy Communions

Congratulations to our 23 children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We extend to them and their families for warmest wishes and heartfelt prayers on such an important and special occasion in their lives. May their reception of the Lord for the first time be the first of many in the years to come!

## Holy Mass for Pope Francis

HOLY MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF OUR HOLY FATHER WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATED BY BISHOP ALAN IN THE CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY 27th APRIL, AT 11.30 a.m.

## Congratulations

Our heartfelt prayers and congratulations go to Chris, who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for him and his family as his two daughters make their First Holy Communion this weekend. Congratulations to Eliza who was baptised here at St Joseph's on Easter Day.

## Food Bank Collection

The Hutton Community Food Hub collection will take place this weekend on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please generously donate any tinned or packaged food, nappies, toilet rolls, or toiletry items. The Food Hub supports 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your generosity. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you

## 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).

## Hall Hire

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

## 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!

## Alpha

Alpha is coming to St Joseph the Worker in September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help lead, host or welcome at the Alpha sessions. More details will follow in June, but in the meantime, we ask for prayers from the parish for the success of Alpha in Hutton.

## Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre of helping us grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways. There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

## Parish Register

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

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	5.30 p.m.	
	<i>Lena Curry</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 27	10.30 a.m.	
	<i>Sylvester</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Alan Bailey</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 29	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Anthony Fraser</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 30	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Maureen Wignall</i> (Private Intention)	
Thursday 1	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Private Intention</i>	
Friday 2	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Pope Francis</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 3	5.30 p.m.	
	<i>Pro Popolo</i>	
Sunday 4	10.30 a.m.	
	<i>Fr Mooney</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

## 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

Friday 18	3.00 p.m.: 100
Saturday 19 April	8.00 p.m.: 82
Sunday 20 April	10.30 a.m.: 400

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 26 April	5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson
Saturday 3 May	5.30 p.m.	Stella Walker
Sunday 27 April	10.30 a.m.	Blane McKie
Sunday 4 May	10.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie

### 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!

### Foundation Governor for St Joseph's

Our wonderful primary school is looking to appoint another foundation governor. If you would like further information about this role then please speak to Fr Gary. School governors play an important role in furthering the Church's mission and ensuring the long-standing excellence of Catholic education.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people (18+), Saturday 24th May 2025

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit: [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

### Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Monthly Youth Mass

Each month, on the first Thursday, the BCYS invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups and School Groups to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

The evening begins at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall, followed by around an hour of input before celebrating Mass together at 7:30pm.

The whole evening finishes around 8:30pm. There is no need to book and no cost for this - please feel very welcome to come along and simply find out more about the BCYS and what they offer!

### Keep a Flame Burning (Ex. 27:19-20)

Our sanctuary 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 Cecilia.

### First Holy Communion Children

Please can the parents of First Holy Communion Children sign the weekly signing sheet after Mass today. Thanks in advance.

### 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.

### THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

Invite applications for the post of BOOKKEEPER. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 HOURS A WEEK. Office based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at our website [www.canonesses.co.uk](http://www.canonesses.co.uk).

Closing date for applications May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.

Please note: Any appointment is subject to references and enhanced DBS.

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals - serving school meals to children living in the world's poorest countries.

Following on from our successful collection of foreign currency earlier this year, we have another opportunity to support this worthwhile charity by donating items for recycling.

In the porch, you'll find a collection box for items Mary's Meals can recycle to raise funds...

jewellery, Coins, Currency, Mobile Phones, Cameras, Gadgets, Stamps. Thank you!

### 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.



### Bible Alive

The bible alive will no longer be available at the Narthex. If you would like one, please subscribe to Bible Alive.

Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600

Email: [general@alivepublishing.co.uk](mailto:general@alivepublishing.co.uk)

Website: [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk)

### Readers

Saturday 26 April	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
Saturday 3 May	5.30 p.m. Nina Hackett
Sunday 27 April	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders
Sunday 4 May	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday April 27, 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

For the week ending Sunday 13 April, the Plate Collection totalled - £220.00.

### 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 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

Second reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Gospel: John 20:19-31

## A Little Joke

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? **It might crack up!**