

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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2ND / 3RD MAY 2026 ✦ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

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 Tuesday & Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.15pm or on request before Mass or any other time.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2 nd	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo	
Sunday 3 rd	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Irene Murphy	R.I.P.
Monday 4 th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Tuesday 5 th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Wednesday 6 th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Thursday 7 th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Friday 8 th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Saturday 9 th	5.30 p.m.	Fr Leslie Knight Intention	
Sunday 10 th	9.00 a.m.	Jane Shrub	
	10.30 a.m.	Parish Community Intention	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 25/26 April 2026

Hutton 26 th April:	£150.00
Vocation Sunday Collection:	£155.00
Ingatestone 26 th April:	£136.40
Maintenance:	£ 75.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 2 nd – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Brian Hackett
Saturday 9 th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Ewa Kania
Sunday 3 rd – 10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey	Tony Peluso
Sunday 10 th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi Ekpechue

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

Response: *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, and the truth, and life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 25 th April -	5.30 p.m.	93
Sunday 26 th April -	9.00 a.m.	35
Sunday 26 th April -	10.30 a.m.	83

REFLECTION

Let not your hearts be troubled.' Our Lord knows the anxiety of His disciples. He is about to leave them in a visible way, and they do not yet understand how they are to remain with Him. It is in that moment of uncertainty that He gives one of His most profound assurances: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

Christ does not simply *show* a way, as one teacher among many. He *is* the way. He does not merely speak truth; He *is* the truth. He does not only give life; He *is* the life.

This is where the Church comes into view. The Church is not an optional aid. It is not just a club gathered around shared beliefs. She is the continuation of Christ's presence in the world. The Church, we say, is the **mystical Body of Christ**. And Christ is our Head. He is the head of His body, the Church. His physical body is in Heaven. His mystical body is the Church.

If Christ is the way, then the Church is the place where that way is made concrete and walkable. She guards the sacraments, through which we are not simply told about grace, but given it. In Baptism we are placed on that way; in the Eucharist we are sustained upon it; in Confession we are restored when we wander.

If Christ is the truth, then the Church is the pillar and guardian of that truth because she has received it faithfully. Across the centuries, through all weakness and human limitation, she hands on what was given to her. The same faith, the same doctrine, the same Gospel. This is why the Church has always spoken with a certain clarity and firmness: not out of pride, but out of fidelity.

And if Christ is the life, then the Church is the means by which that divine life reaches us. The life of grace is not abstract. It is communicated, nourished, and brought to maturity within the life of the Church. The saints are its clearest evidence: men and women in whom the life of Christ has taken root and borne fruit.

In a world that often treats religion as one option among many, or as a private preference, this Gospel gently but firmly recalls us to something more solid. The way to the Father is not self-constructed. It is given. It is received. It is walked, step by step, within the life Christ Himself has established.

So, there is no need for our hearts to be troubled. We have not been left to find our own way. The way has been shown to us, entrusted to us, and remains before us. And if we remain close to Christ, in His Church, then however uncertain the road may sometimes seem, it will indeed lead us home.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

Fr Gary

Weekday Mass and Confessions

Fr Gary is away on a pilgrimage to Lourdes this week with the Order of Malta. Please note that there are no weekday Masses 4th - 8th May. We welcome Fr John Corbyn and the Missionaries of La Salette who will be celebrating the weekend Masses. Feel free to contact Fr Gary if you have any specific prayer intentions you would like him to bring to Our Lady.

Volunteers needed!

We are looking to expand our team of welcomers/stewards and fire marshals for weekend masses at St Joseph's. Fire marshal training will be organised shortly. If you think you can help, it does not need to be every week, please give your name and contact details to Fr Gary, Marian (5.30pm Saturday), or Willa (10.30am) Sunday.

Servers' Training

We are blessed with a number of young men and women who serve at the altar and who, through their dedication and service, help to make our celebration of the liturgy smoother and more reverent. We will be having a

training session on **31st May at 2pm** here in the church for all present servers and for any children, who have made their First Holy Communion, who would like to start serving. This is for all current and prospective servers. After the training we will have some pizza and soft drinks in the hall so that all our servers can get to know each other a little better. Parents are invited to stay as well.

Parish Celebration 16 May 2026

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Alan and Fr Gary to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Joseph the Worker Church at 5.30pm Mass on **Saturday 16 May**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are planning to come so we know numbers for catering, or if you can help before, during or after the event. Thank you!

Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend Saturday, 2nd May and Sunday, 3rd May 2026, 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.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG): Parish's Lenten Charity 2026

St Francis Leprosy Guild was the parish's Lenten charity this year. If you have not yet made a donation, please take a support envelope from the porch and return it in the weekend Mass collection.

The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years.

Sadly, leprosy is not just a disease of ancient biblical times. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and millions more are living with the consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease.

Leprosy is curable today with antibiotics but we need to find and treat people before they develop disabilities. By supporting over 30 leprosy centres and projects in Africa, Asia and Brazil, SFLG aims to work towards a leprosy-free world.

You can find out more about SFLG's work on their website: www.stfrancisleprosy.org.

Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG.

PARISH NOTICES

Social Events at St Joseph's: Please put these dates in your diary and keep an eye on the newsletter for more details. Our Saturday events take place after the 5.30pm Mass.

16th May - Parish Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Consecration.

6th June - Wine Tasting!

28th June - Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

First Holy Communion: FHC parents can find the Mass attendance register at the back of the church. Please sign this after Mass so that we know you have attended with your child. Many thanks.


Cards and Gifts: The Repository is open before and after mass every Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We have a wide range of cards including mass cards, baptism, FHC and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

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.

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.

Tea and Coffee

 Tea and coffee are available after both the 9am at Ingatestone and the 10.30am 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.

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 - Hutton: There are cash prizes to be won 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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maranatha at Grays 15 May 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on **Friday 15th May 2026 at 7pm to 9.00pm** led by Fr. Paschal Uche. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) Youth Mass

The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on **Thursday 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July**. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage – Saturday 23rd May

Representatives from the BCYS will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, and we would like to invite other young people to join and assist with the liturgy. Please contact gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org if you are interested.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price of ?799.00 per person Package includes: Return flight from Lon Stansted – 10kg check in bag. 4 nights Dinner, B&B in Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single room supplement ?250.00. Maximum 3.

Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557

Email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

St John Bosco Children's Camp, Summer 2026.

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

Headteacher - St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School, Colchester

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am Tuesday 5th May 2026

Deputy Headteacher - St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am Monday 11th May 2026