

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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8TH / 9TH AUGUST 2026 ✱ NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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 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 8th	5.30 p.m.	Private Intention	
Sunday 9th	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	
Monday 10th	9.15 a.m.	Sally Goodey	R.I.P.
Tuesday 11th	9.15 a.m.	Victor Gill	R.I.P.
Wednesday 12th	9.15 a.m.	Alan Bailey	R.I.P.
Friday 14th	9.15 a.m.	Beryl de Prazer	R.I.P.
Saturday 15th	5.30 p.m.	Fred Greenfield	R.I.P.
Sunday 16th	9.00 a.m.	Margaret Green	Int.
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 01/02 August 2026

Plate Collection:	Hutton 2nd August	-	£225.00
	Ingatestone 26th July	-	£135.00
	2nd Aug.	-	£167.10

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 8th – 5.30 p.m.	Ian Restall	Stella Walker
Saturday 15th – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Marian Anderson
Sunday 9th – 10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson	Tony Peluso
Sunday 16th – 10.30 a.m.	Sophie Newbould	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84(85):9-14

Response: *Show us O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.*

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I long for you O Lord, my soul longs for His Word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 1st Aug.	-	5.30 p.m.	71
Sunday 2nd Aug.	-	9.00 a.m.	41
Sunday 2nd Aug.	-	10.30 a.m.	96

REFLECTION

The disciples are caught in a storm. They are exhausted, frightened and making little progress. Many of us know what that feels like. We may not be battling the wind and waves on the Sea of Galilee, but we know the storms of illness, bereavement, family difficulties and uncertainty about the future.

It is striking that Our Lord does not prevent the storm. Instead, He comes to His disciples in the midst of it.

At first they do not recognise Him. They think He is a ghost. Fear has clouded their vision. How often that happens to us. When life becomes difficult, it is easy to imagine that God has abandoned us or is nowhere to be found. Yet the Gospel tells us the opposite. Christ is often closest when He seems furthest away.

Then come some of the most beautiful words in the New Testament: *'Take heart; it is I; do not be afraid.'* The phrase translated simply as *'It is I'* is richer than it first appears. In the original Greek it is *ego eimi*, 'I AM', echoing the divine name revealed to Moses at the burning bush. Christ is not merely identifying Himself. He is revealing who He is. The One who walks across the waters is the Lord of creation itself, the God who alone has power over the sea.

Peter, with his characteristic mixture of courage and impulsiveness, asks to come to Jesus. For a few remarkable moments he does the impossible. But as soon as he turns his attention from Christ to the wind and the waves, he begins to sink.

There is a lesson here for every Christian. Faith does not mean pretending that storms do not exist. It means fixing our gaze on Christ even while they rage around us. The moment we become consumed by fear, anxiety or self-reliance, we begin to lose our footing. Yet even then the Gospel gives us hope. Peter cries out, 'Lord, save me,' and immediately Jesus stretches out His hand.

Our Christian life is rather like that. We are not saved because our faith is always perfect, but because Christ's hand is always stronger than our weakness.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Sponsorship for the 'Canterbury' Pilgrimage

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The envelope at the back and the button on the contactless will remain available for a few more weeks to enable those who have not yet had the chance to contribute to do so. Once all the sponsorship money is in we will release the final figure, but it looks as though, together, we have broken the £3500 threshold. A huge thank you to everyone for your generous commitment to the work and mission of our two parishes!

Ingatestone Parish BBQ – Sunday 6 September

Everyone is warmly invited to our **Parish BBQ** on **Sunday 6th September at 12.30pm** in the **private North Wing garden at Ingatestone Hall**. Although many people visit Ingatestone Hall during its public open days, this BBQ will be held in a beautiful part of the grounds that is **not normally open to visitors**. We are very grateful to the Petre family for their kindness in making this possible. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners from both churches to enjoy good food, good company and a relaxed afternoon together. Tickets are **£25 per adult, £15 for senior citizens, and free for children**. We hope as many parishioners as possible from both churches will be able to join us. For information, please feel free to contact Jacinta on 07949 270902.

Ingatestone Stations of the Cross

The work was completed a couple of weeks ago, so I hope everyone who attends Mass at St John's has had the chance to admire the restoration which has taken place. The Stations and labels have been cleaned with the utmost attention to conservation, and many of the areas of damage have been

repaired. Our church is more than just a building. It is the house of God and a huge thank you to the donor who has made this restoration possible.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Have you ever wondered about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have been attending Mass with a husband, wife or friend, were baptised in another Christian community, or simply feel that God may be calling you to something more. The journey of faith often begins like the tiny mustard seed in this Sunday's Gospel: small, almost unnoticed, yet full of extraordinary potential. You do not need to have all the answers or be certain where the journey will lead. You simply need to be willing to take the first step. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or would simply like to explore the faith in a relaxed and informal way, Fr Gary would be delighted to meet with you. There is no obligation or commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and discover more about the person of Jesus Christ and the life of his Church. Please speak to Fr Gary after Mass or contact the parish office to arrange a meeting. You would be most welcome.

A Level Results

Our prayers this week are with all those awaiting their A Level results. While these results are important, they do not define your worth or determine the whole course of your life. Whatever the outcome, remember that God has a purpose for you and will continue to guide your steps. We wish all our students every success and assure them of our prayers as they take this next step in their lives.

Confirmation Programme 2026-27

Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year are invited to join our new Confirmation Programme. Confirmation is not the end of faith, but the beginning of a deeper life with Christ and his Church. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form. We look forward to accompanying our candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Alpha 2026

Would you like to know more about your faith and answer some of life's big questions? Then come along to Alpha, running at St. Joseph the Worker in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 7.15 to 9.00pm on Wednesdays 16 September until 02 December. There will also be a day at Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay on Saturday, 14 November, 10am to 4pm. Every session begins with a welcome drink on arrival, then a meal, followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith and concluding with discussion in small groups. Everyone is welcome, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics alike. The course is for those who are enquiring about the faith, those who would like to know more, and those who would like to deepen their faith. More information about Alpha is available at www.alpha.org.uk.

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of more volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions, this could be jointly with another person, with reimbursement of money for ingredients. We also need the prayers of the whole parish and school community for the success of Alpha. If you are interested in the course or in volunteering, please include your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church or email alphahutton@gmail.com expressing your interest.

Missio

The Summer 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2025. This year Missio is celebrating 90 years of the Red Box- please take a prayer card from the table in the porch. Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission, helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

PARISH NOTICES

Bishop's Visit to Ingatestone

The Bishop will be making his visitation to St John and St Erconwald's on Sunday, **20th September**. He will be looking forward to meeting parishioners after Mass, so do please come along to support the parish.

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.

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

03rd October - Talk by Arthur Edwards on his life as a royal photographer

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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.

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.

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 **Victoria Lyons**.

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.

Refreshments after 5.30 and 10.30 Mass:

The Saturday Mass refreshment team is taking a break in August and will resume Tea/Coffee on first Saturday of September after 5.30 p.m. Mass.

Also, there will be no refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass during the summer break from 02 -23 August. Refreshments will resume on Sunday, 30 August.

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.

200 Club winners for May, June & July 2026

May:	June:	July:
1st - A & J Spinks	1st - S Ruffles	1st - J Barber
2nd - W & K Jackson	2nd - N&C Sutcliffe	2nd - L Birnie
3rd - A S McCabe	3rd - M Dodson	3rd - B. Hackett

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.



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

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

BCCS invites you to join them on an exclusive, personal tour of Ingatestone Hall, conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of his Grade I listed building and gardens, followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit on **Thursday 3rd September**, 11:00-15:30. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/)