

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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10TH AND 11TH JANUARY 2026 ✠ BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. 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 10th	5.30 p.m.	Alan Bailey	R.I.P.
Sunday 11th	9.00 a.m.	Fr Noel Doyle	
	10.30 a.m.	Trevor Horton	R.I.P.
Monday 12th	9.15 a.m.	Tom Holland	R.I.P.
Tuesday 13th	9.15 a.m.	Marjorie Davies	R.I.P.
Wednesday 14th	9.15 a.m.	Jonathan Reilly	R.I.P.
Friday 16th	9.15 a.m.	Raymond Gilbey	R.I.P.
Saturday 17th	5.30 p.m.	Deceased Relatives of Una Bailey	
Sunday 18th	9.00 a.m.	Private Intentions	
	10.30 a.m.	Dominic D'Albuquerque	R.I.P.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 3/ 4 January 2026

Hutton 4th Jan: £295.00

Ingatestone 4th Jan: £147.80

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 10th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Stella Walker
Saturday 17th – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Marian Anderson
Sunday 11th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Blane McKie
Sunday 18th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

Response: *The LORD will bless His people with peace*

Second reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 9.7

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to Him. Alleluia!'

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17-23

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 3rd January	-	5.30 p.m.	93
Sunday 4th January	-	9.00 a.m.	37
Sunday 4th January	-	10.30 a.m.	87

FR GARY

Have you ever wondered why Our Lord was baptised? People came to John the Baptist seeking baptism as a sign of their repentance and the forgiveness of their sins. We also know that Our Lord was without sin and the Eternal Son of the Father. Why did He do it? The question seems to have confused John the Baptist as well. He has a strong sense that this is not the way that things should be. Our Lord, however, is insistent. It is a sign of His loving commitment to humanity that He took on all that it means to be human. This is the first reason. Christ submitting to baptism by John is a sign of His solidarity with sinful humanity.

More than that, however, is that we know that Christian baptism is greater than John's baptism even as Our Lord Himself is greater than John the Baptist. Our baptism not only forgives sins. It makes us members of the Church. It makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. It infuses the very life of God into our soul, and this is what makes us God's children. The origin of this is Our Lord's own baptism. We need to be cleansed in the waters of baptism. This is why one of the most precious things parents can do for their children is to bring them forward to be baptised. We are sanctified in the waters of baptism. Our Lord sanctified those waters by his own baptism.

We pray this Sunday for all the families in our parish, especially our young people. I am always pleased to hear from parents who would like to have their child baptised. Do get in touch any time.

May God bless you this week and always.

Fr Gary

Crib Offerings

Our crib will remain up until the 2nd February, which is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. The offerings in our diocese go towards the wonderful work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Epiphany Chalk Blessing

The Epiphany chalk blessing is a simple way of echoing that moment in our own lives. With blessed chalk, a prayer is written on the doorway of the home, asking that Christ may bless all who enter and all who live there. The letters recall both the Wise Men and the ancient prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* 'May Christ bless this dwelling.' It is a quiet and humble custom. The chalk can fade, be smudged, or washed away by time and weather, but the prayer it represents remains. It reminds us that faith is lived out day by day, in kitchens and drawing rooms, in family life, hospitality, patience and forgiveness. Each time we pass through our own front door, the chalk blessing gently recalls who we are and whom we belong to. Like the Magi, we have encountered Christ, and now we ask that He may remain with us, guiding our homes by His light throughout the year ahead.

Parish Family Disco

Following the success of last year's social, tickets will soon be on sale for the 2026 family disco taking place on Saturday 7th February, 6.30 to 9.30pm in the Parish Hall. Adults £10, children free. Wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase or bring your own drinks/snacks. Due to space for the dance floor capacity in the hall is limited to 100, so please buy your ticket in advance to ensure your place for this popular event. Tickets are available after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Memorial Mass for Mgr David Manson RIP

Many of you will have seen the news of Fr David's tragic and untimely death before Christmas. He served Ingatestone for a number of years and supported +Thomas greatly as one of his vicars general. We will holding a memorial Mass at St John's, Ingatestone on 17th January 11.30am. All are welcome to come and pray for the happy repose of Fr

David's soul. It would be good if as many present and former parishioners of Ingatestone could join us for this.

PARISH NOTICES

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, holy communion and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

Missio Red Boxes: Please would everyone who has a Missio 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 2026 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 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. Thank you for your support

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration.

Save the dates: Friday 16th of January and Friday 13th of February 2026. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after.

Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends!

Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

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 our *Parish Community*.

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.

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.

200 Club - Hutton: 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.

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.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983.

Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk



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.

FHC & Confirmation: Email your inquiry to the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

World Leprosy Day.

Sunday 25th January is World Leprosy Day. What we often think of as a biblical, or even historic, disease, is tragically a daily experience of many people across our world. The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years. By supporting over thirty leprosy centres and projects, SFLG plays its part in carrying for those affected by the disease and working towards a leprosy-free world. Please keep its work in your prayers and, if you are interested, have a look at their website: <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

Fr Gary is one of its trustees, as is Clare Barton, one of our parishioners. Do feel free to speak to them after Mass.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co Mayo

Led by Bishop Alan Williams. **Monday 15th June 2026.** £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact: 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557

Email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Headteacher – The Bishops' Church of England and Catholic School, Chelmsford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Friday 16th January 2026.

Headteacher - Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet

Deadline for applications: 09:00am, Wednesday 28th January 2026

Staring date September 2026 or earlier.

EVENTS

Diocesan Jobs – For further details, please visit

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

A Little Joke

What bites but doesn't have teeth? Frost.

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.