

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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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 24 March 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
J Greenfield
Sunday 24 10.30 a.m.
For Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 26 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 27 7.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 28 8.00 p.m.
Watching before Blessed Sacrament until 9.30 p.m.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday 29 3.00 p.m.
Day of Fasting and Abstinence, the celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
10.00 -10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Confession with Rosary for Peace in Middle East & Ukraine

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

HOLY WEEK

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Holy Saturday

Saturday 30 8.00 p.m.
For Our Parishioners

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 10.30 a.m.
John Wright RIP
H. Wright
NB. NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary for Peace

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 If you can come to weekday mass, the Eucharist is the Bread of Life, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of life Lord.*

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion in their homes, contact please Fr. Leslie for this important ministry. We also need Eucharistic ministers to help Fr. Leslie.



Lenten Reflection

"The glory of the cross has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race" (St. Cyril of Jerusalem).

Welcome to our parish family and new parishioners and visitors.

The cross is love to the very end. Jesus knew and loved us all when he offered his life. Jesus took on the sin of every human being who has ever lived or who will ever live. Only Jesus could become for us the source of eternal salvation, and his most holy passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us.

This week Holy Week begins. Let us enter this week with prayer and fasting. Lord by your cross and resurrection you have redeemed the world.

May the Lord bless our families with His love and forgiveness and bring us to the joy of the Resurrection with mind and heart renewed.

Fr. Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 23 March 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Mark Brennan
Sunday 24 March 10.30 a.m.
Chris Brooks
Percy Sam
Saturday 6 April 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Marian Anderson
Sunday 7 April 10.30 a.m.
Chris Books
Blane McKie

Readers

Saturday 23 March 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
10.30 a.m.
Cianna Dareal
Saturday 6 April 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Sunday 7 April 10.30 a.m.
Sati Ariya

Holy Week Services

Please sign up for Easter ministries on the list in the narthex

GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following on the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle we are today, and for the next 5 or 6 weeks, raising much needed funds for the Church through a Giant Easter Egg Raffle. The Giant Easter Egg will be on display in the Narthex, and all you have to do to enter, raise some funds, and be in with a chance of winning this magnificent Easter Egg, is put your name and phone number on an envelope, place a £5 note inside, and we'll take care of the rest!

A Giant, smashable, Golden Easter Egg made from Belgian chocolate and filled with Easter treats!

Jack and the beanstalk has been given a chocolate makeover! This showstopping, Giant Golden Egg is made from a thick layer of Belgian milk chocolate.

The egg is filled with Easter Mallows, chocolate mini eggs, and 6x Malteser Bunnys! Plenty to share with Friends and Family this Easter!

And the good news? The Giant Easter Egg stays fresh for up to 6 months if stored in its original packaging. What's not to like?

Let's see just how much we can raise this Easter. Everybody loves chocolate, right?



Please note the times of Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday 28 March
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00 p.m.
Good Friday 29 March 3.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7.00 p.m.
Holy Saturday 30 March 8.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 31 March 10.30 a.m.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY

Journey Home - continued

It is a common mistake to listen to or read today's account of Jesus' Passion and imagine that he was somehow the victim of his circumstances, powerless and vulnerable to chance and the caprice and whim of violent men. This is a wrong way to read or hear the Passion. Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance, nor was he subject to a set of circumstances which overwhelmed him. The best way to understand Jesus' Passion is by considering the words of Peter on the Feast of Pentecost: 'this Jesus delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God'. The cross is love to the very end. Jesus knew and loved us all when he offered his life. No human being, not Mary our Mother, not St. Peter or St. Francis of Assisi or St. Ignatius of Loyola, could take on themselves the sin of every human being who has ever lived or who will ever live. Only Jesus of Nazareth could become for us the source of eternal salvation, and his most holy passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us.

Lunchtime Recital

Our next Lunchtime Music Recital will be on Wednesday 10 April at the usual starting time of 1.00 p.m.

This will be given by our Cathedral Organist Stephen King who will be accompanied by Sophia Assitzoglou on the Violin and Owen Romhany who will be playing the Trombone and Cello. Both Sophia and Owen are in the sixth form at Brentwood School.

The Programme is as follows:-

Gustav HOLST	Duo Concertante for Trombone and Organ
Josef RHEINBERGER	Suite for Violin, Cello and Organ

We look forward to your support.

Fasting Words of Pope Francis

As we get closer and closer to Holy Week, let us try to put into practice the words on fasting from Pope Francis.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words, be silent and listen.
From Pope Francis at Easter

At the heart of Christian life is the gift to be friends with the Lord. This friendship sets us free from the dreariness of individualism and the risk of a meaningless, loveless, and hopeless life.

Easter Offering

Is for your priest and forms a major part of his salary. Don't forget to pick up your Easter Envelope.

Parish Partnership

Our parish of St. Joseph's is now in a partnership with our Cathedral instead of being with Ingatestone, Stock and Ongar.

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to 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.

Ministries needed

Readers, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic, Church Cleaners (Thursday 1 hour), Altar Servers from those who have made first holy communion plus year 5+6.

These are all important ministries – Readers Proclaim the Word God.

Extraordinary ministers – Bring Holy Communion to the sick and assist at Mass.

Church Cleaners – keep the house of God clean Flower Arrangers to decorate the sanctuary

Altar Servers (a great privilege to be close to Jesus and enhance our liturgy).

Please do come forward.

Votive Candles

Please note the price of votive candles has increased when ordered.

Stations of the Cross



On Fridays during Lent at 7.00 p.m. we will hold Stations of the Cross. Please do come and walk in prayer with Jesus to Calvary out of love Jesus has for us.

Come with your young people too – all are welcome.

Refreshments after Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass, 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.



Holy Hour

The holy hour of prayer and adoration will take place before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. with the rosary for Ukraine and peace in our beautiful world.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our many sick parishioners and those in care homes.

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).

Food Bank Collections



The next collection is 6/7 April - to support Hutton Community Food Hub. 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

Prayer transforms us. #Prayer quiets anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, and instills the strength to forgive.

Let us continue to pray for the populations tormented by war, in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and in Sudan. And let us not forget Syria, a country that has suffered greatly for a long time because of war.

Glory, for God, does not correspond to human success, fame and popularity, it is not a grandiose manifestation of power to be followed by public applause. For God, glory is to love to the point of giving one's life. #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 12:20-33)

Some people cannot overcome the embarrassment of going to confession. Feeling ashamed means you are not happy about what you have done. This is a good sign, but never allow shame to imprison you, because God is not ashamed of you. He always loves you. #Lent

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Edwin Costin, Catherine Skeetin, Hilda Calabritto, Noreen Farquharson, Eileen Westall, Alexander Farquharson, Elizabeth Nash, and Sharon McKenna

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Sherlock (1964), Mgr. Canon Alfred Gilbey (1998), Fr. Denis Hall (2015), Fr. John Tuohey (1984)

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

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

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Light
Laughter
SPRING VERSION

So let's continue to cheer everyone up with some more Spring jokes! This one is particularly topical!
**What falls, but never needs a bandage?
Rain!**