

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

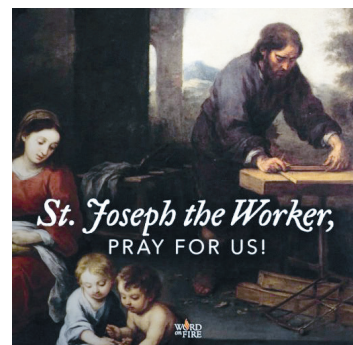
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Mission Statement

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.



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 26 March 2023

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Upcoming Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25 6.00 p.m.
Paul O'Brien RIP
Sunday 26 10.30 a.m.
Valentina De Albuquerque
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 28 9.00 a.m.
For People of the Parish
Wednesday 29 7.30 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
EGD Norman
Thursday 30 11.00 a.m.
Funeral Mass for Roy Weller
Friday 31 9.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Saturday 1 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

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

PALM SUNDAY - PASSION SUNDAY - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1 6.00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the Dillane Family
Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.
Roy Weller RIP
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our Sunday celebration today.

Next week begins Holy Week leading us into the death and resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Please make sure you have picked up the leaflet marked Lent and Easter as it gives you the time of the Holy Week services. Please make every effort to attend them, namely Holy Thursday, the night that Jesus began his journey, by instituting the Eucharist, and saying to his disciples, “Do this in memory of Me”. The next day Good Friday we have the liturgy of the passion. As the hymn says, “When I survey the

wondrous cross on which Our Saviour Died”. What love our Father has for us. Each day we walk the way of the cross until we come to our journey’s end. Every one of us here, I can safely say, has one deepest longing.

The Pascal Vigil begins on Holy Saturday night. The liturgy sings: “O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld..... O night when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and things divine to the human“. On Easter Sunday all those throughout the world give thanks that sin and death have been defeated and so we can say “Christ is risen. He is truly risen!” We have sure and certain hope. Alleluia.

Let us all prepare for Holy Week through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus invites you to come to Him. Remember at our Cathedral on Monday 27 March, 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which there will be several priests available for confession.

I wish you all a good week. May God Bless your families

Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Mass is at 7.30 p.m. followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

The veneration of the Cross will be at 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Confession From 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Most important service of the church's year will take place at 8.00 p.m. followed by the First Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Masses will be at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

FOR REAL AND LASTING VALUE EACH OF THESE SERVICES WE SHOULD ATTEND.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This night Jesus begins his own Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY

“See my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, use to great height” (IS 52:12)

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY.

He is Truly Risen! And so we can say even now: everything said will come true, we have a certain and sure hope.

Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia.

Easter Foodbank Collection

We will be supporting the Hutton Community Food Hub with a collection of tinned goods, toiletries, toilet rolls etc., and Easter Eggs on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April. Please bring your donations to Mass that weekend.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

At the Cathedral on Monday 27 March 2023 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. There will be Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and there will be a number of priest present to hear confession.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE MASS OF ALL AGES.

As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.

Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves... and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss. Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: "Amen."

When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the 'eucharisted' bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.

Caritas - Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

Easter Envelopes

Easter Envelopes for your priest are on the table at the back of the church. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. We know you will be as generous as you have done so in the past.

The Priests Charity Concert

We have just received confirmation that 'The Priests' have agreed to host a summer concert for us at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 30 of June at 7.30 p.m. 'The Priests' are a classical musical trio, made up of three Roman Catholic priests from the Diocese of Down and Connor, North Ireland: brothers Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy. The trio have been singing together since they were students at St. MacNissi's College, County Antrim in the 1970s. We are absolutely delighted that they have agreed to perform this second concert for us, the first time they visited Brentwood Diocese was in 2019 to perform for our 35th anniversary. They were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received and tell us they are looking forward to performing for us once again. As before, tickets will be available via the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

For all information regarding the event, please visit our webpage: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Easter Ministries

Please sign up on the list at the back of the church for Reading or Eucharistic Ministry at the Easter services Thank you.

Lenten Hunger Lunch

Thank you to all who attended the hunger lunch which raised £140 for CAFOD.



Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

200 Club

A reminder! If you picked up a 200 Club Application Form/Standing Order in the past couple of weeks could you please return the completed form to the church? It may be in your handbag or on your desk or in your pocket but when you do find it, could you please bring it back into church asap? We don't want to hold up giving away any of the prizes!

Diocesan School Vacancy

HEADTEACHER

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HUTTON.

Required for September 2023. Pay Range: Group Size 2 Fringe L13 - L19.

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do.

Following the impending retirement of our highly esteemed current Headteacher, the Governors invite applications for a dedicated Headteacher from September 2023. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils. Prospective candidates are positively encouraged to visit our school. Please contact the School Business Manager to arrange this as soon as possible on 01277 227282 or email recruitment@st-joseph-worker.essex.sch.uk

Applications are invited from existing headteachers, deputy headteachers, assistant headteachers or senior leaders with appropriate experience. Full details of the post and application form are available on <http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key-Information/Vacancies>

Deadline for applications: 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday 22 March 2023

Finance

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

Family Social

An enjoyable Family Social was held in a transformed parish hall in February. We hope to see more parishioners at future similar events. Thank you to Lesek for organising the evening.



PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer mass every weekend for his parishioners. Therefore some of your mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend masses are booked up to June / July. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 19 March you gave £130.00 with £11.00 via Gift Aid.

Second Collection for Easter flowers: £105.00

Thank you and God Bless.

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes - please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. God Bless and thank you all so very much.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Hilda Calabritto, Noreen Farquarson, Eileen Wistall, Alexander Farquarson, Elizabeth Anne Nash, Sharon McKenna, and Albert Boniface.

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Alfred Gilbey (1998), Fr. Denis Hall (2015), Fr. Joseph Tuohy (1984), and Canon William Toft (1968)

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - 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.

Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 18 March: 50

Sunday 19 March: 69

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent is available in the Narthex - may God's word guide our lives.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent. Please make a special effort to attend.

Light

Laughter

How does a cucumber become a pickle?
It goes through a jarring experience!