

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 ✦ HOLY FAMILY FEAST and 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 ✦ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### 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

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Janice and David Masters	<i>Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Private (JMC)	
	10.30 a.m.	Ngbokwa Juliana Okoro (30 <sup>th</sup> Year Death Anniversary)	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Mary Anne Donovan	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Dominic D'Albuquerque	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Dominic D'Albuquerque	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	NO MASS		
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	NO MASS		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Fiona Fleming	<i>Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Vincent Falcone	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Peter's Intentions	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Marie Duggan	<i>Intentions</i>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Michael Moran	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	12.30pm	Jonathan Reilly	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Jean Pierre Boulet	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Terence James Fraser	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Alan Bailey	<i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Fr Noel Doyle	
	10.30 a.m.	Trevor Horton	<i>R.I.P.</i>

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Marian Anderson
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Mark Brennan	Marian Anderson
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Brian Hockett
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Paul Downey	Willa Jackson

### READINGS AT MASS

#### 28 December

**First reading:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 127(128): 1-5.

**Response:** *Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in His ways!*

**Second reading:** Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel Acclamation:** Col 3: 15, 16

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel – which means, God with us. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

#### 4 January

**First reading:** Sirach 24:1-4, 8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20

**Second reading:** Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18

### FR GARY

Merry Christmas!

The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God chose to come into the world not in isolation, but as part of a real human family. From the Scriptures we know that the Holy Family faced uncertainty and difficulty, just as families do today. This feast gives us a chance to thank God for our own families, and for all those through whom we first learned about love, faith, and care for one another.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make Christmas in our parishes such a joyful and prayerful celebration. So much work goes on behind the scenes, often without notice, yet it is this quiet generosity that keeps parish life running smoothly. I am truly grateful to all who give their time and energy so faithfully.

Thank you also for the many Christmas cards, messages, prayers, gifts, and offerings I have received. Your kindness and generosity have been a real encouragement to me, and I appreciate them more than I can say.

As we celebrate the Holy Family and look ahead to the year ahead, may we continue to support one another as a parish family, growing together in faith, hope, and charity.

I wish you all a happy New Year and every blessing for 2026!

*Fr Gary*

### A Celebration of the Life of an Admirable Woman - 28th December

Today, we remember and celebrate Ngbokwa Juliana Okoro, our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-law, Sister, Auntie, loyal Friend, Preacher and a Philanthropist. We honour an admirable woman of God whose life touched so many, as her Birthday and 30th death anniversary occurs today.

Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30am Mass. You are greatly appreciated. All are welcome!

Thank you very much for keeping us in your prayers.

With love from Ngozi Ekpechue Family.

### Crib Offerings

Our crib will remain up until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 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.

### Christmas Collection

The Christmas collection makes up a major part of a priest's income for the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity in donating to it this year.

### Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place next weekend Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 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.

### New Stations of the Cross

Our new Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's were put up on Friday and are looking wonderful. They have been donated by the Sisters of Mercy and have come from the Sion Community chapel in Brentwood, which is owned by the sisters. The Sisters of Mercy have a long-standing connection with our school and parish. Please remember the sisters in your prayers, especially Sr Jude, without whom this would not have been possible. Please also pray for the Sion Community who are preparing to move to a new spiritual home.

### PARISH NOTICES

**New Vestments:** St Joseph's has a new set of Rose vestments which have been specially donated in loving memory of Douglas Bennie. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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 range of religious Christmas Cards, candles and calendars at reasonable prices.

**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](http://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 *In Remembrance of Ngbokwa Juliana Okoro – R.I.P.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Good Counsel- Wickford

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator, with financial experience, to provide administrative and financial support to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

The post will be part-time working **16 hours per week** – (working pattern to be agreed with the parish priest).

The salary is £12.60 per hour

The closing date for applications is **12pm on 9th January 2026** and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please complete the Diocesan application form, which can be found at the back of the church, and email to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org).

### 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE:

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

### Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 6th January 2026

**Starting date:** April 2026

### Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00, Friday 9th January 2026

**Interview Date:** Friday 23rd January 2026.

Enquiries can be made by email to [admin@stmcpss.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmcpss.co.uk), or phone **01708 448430**.

**Starting date:** April 2026.

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

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

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY - Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8EU

Calling all Canon Palmer Catholic School Alumni to come to our 65th Anniversary on **Friday 9th January 2026 at 2pm**. Visit our website at [www.tpc.academy](http://www.tpc.academy) for further details and to register an interest for future events.

## EVENTS

**Diocesan Jobs** – For further details, please visit

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

## A Little Joke

Why did the red-nosed reindeer help the old lady cross the road? It would have been Rudolph him not to.

### 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.