

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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16<sup>TH</sup> / 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 ✠ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Fr. Gary's day off is 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 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 p.m. -	Pro Popolo	Intention
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Intentions of the celebrant (Ingatestone).	
	10.30 a.m. -	Wedding Anniversary	Intention

### MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 22: NO MASS

Saturday 23 <sup>RD</sup>	5.30 p.m. -	Maria Owogu	Intention
Sunday 24 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 a.m. -	Pro Popolo (Ingatestone)	
	10.30 a.m. -	Private Intentions	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

**Date 9/10 August**

Hutton	£205
Ingatestone	£149.50

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Ian Restall
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Marian Anderson
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders	Blane McKie
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Willa Jackson

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 40(39):2, 3, 4, 18

**Response:** LORD, make haste to help me!

**Second reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 10:27

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Alleluia** My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

### MASS ATTENDANCE -

Saturday 9 August – 5.30 p.m.	64
Sunday 10 August – 9 a.m.	41
Sunday 10 August – 10.30 a.m.	77

### FROM FR GARY

*'I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!' (Luke 12:49)*

These words of Our Lord are not the gentle lullaby that some might expect from the lips of the Saviour. Christ speaks not of a comfortable religion, but of a consuming one - a faith that sets hearts ablaze.

What is this fire? The early Church Fathers speak of it as the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit. St Ambrose writes, *'The fire is that which burns away sins and inflames the heart with the warmth of charity.'* And St Cyril of Alexandria says, *'This fire is the saving Gospel, and the power of its preaching, by which the coldness of sin is destroyed.'*

Our Lord came not to add a little warmth to an otherwise tepid world, but to set it ablaze with the purifying fire of divine truth and love. This is not the destructive fire of vengeance, but the refining fire of holiness.

And yet Christ adds those solemn words: *'Would that it were already kindled.'* He longs for this fire to take hold, to spread from heart to heart. In other words, He is speaking of us - of our coldness, our reluctance, our hesitation to be truly set on fire for Him.

There is a tendency, in a world grown cautious and clever, to prefer a religion of mildness, a religion that is safe, respectable, inoffensive. But Christianity was never meant to be tepid. The Lord did not die and rise to make us nice people, although of course we should never forget the importance of kindness as a fruit of the Holy Spirit. He came to make us saints.

In baptism, that divine fire was lit in each of us. But it can grow dim. It can be neglected. It can be covered by the ashes of routine, of sin, of worldliness. And so, the question quietly comes to each of us today: is that fire still burning in our hearts?

In these summer weeks - as the world outside blazes with heat and light - let us allow the Lord to rekindle the fire within. Through prayer, through the sacraments, through charity and truth, let us open our hearts to the One who longs to set them ablaze.

For a soul on fire with Christ does not merely warm itself — it lights the path for others.

May God bless you this week.

Fr Gary

### Raffle Prizes

Are you going away on holiday this year? Are you someone whose eye is always caught by the delights of duty-free? Would you consider buying something to donate for one of our events. We are always looking for good raffle prizes so if you able to donate something on your return from your well-deserved break then we would very much appreciate it. Safe travels!

### PARISH NOTICES

**The INGATESTONE Parish BBQ** is taking place this year on **7<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm**. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St John's, or you can text Jacinta on 07949270902. Donations of drinks, salads and desserts would be very much appreciated. A particular welcome is extended to anyone who used to attend to St John's and anyone who attends St Joseph's. No charge for tickets but donations are gratefully accepted. St John's has some very spacious grounds, and this is a wonderful way for us to come together as two parishes.

**Alpha at St. Joseph, Hutton** Enrolment is now taking place for the Alpha course running in our parish from Wednesday 17 September 7.15pm until 9.00pm for 11 weeks. Alpha is about finding out about key questions of life, Jesus and Christianity in an informal way, with a meal, video resource and discussion. It is open to Catholics, non-Catholics, other faiths or none. If you would like more information or to join the course, please sign the list at the back of the church or email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org) to be put in contact with the organisers.

We also need volunteers to help cook the meal each week, if you can help, please let us know as above.

#### Diary Dates for Autumn:

21 September – Confirmation with Bishop Alan at 10.30 a.m. Mass

18 October – Family Quiz Night in the Hall

6 December – Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening

#### First Holy Communion

The first meeting for parents who have signed up to the First Holy Communion course will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> September** in the parish hall at 8pm. Further information about the course will be given at this meeting. Please note that this meeting is only for parents of children who have been accepted on to the course.

### 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 the *Intentions of Catherine Bray*.

#### Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee is available after both the 9am at Ingatestone and the 1030am Mass at Hutton. Refreshments are also served after the Saturday evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

*Please note that there are no refreshments after the 1030 during August.*

**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.

**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.



**200 Club:** 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.

#### 200 Club Winners:

##### June

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Chapman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Greenfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eva Kania

##### July

1<sup>st</sup> C & H Fitzpatrick  
2<sup>nd</sup> K. Boisvert  
3<sup>rd</sup> K & W Jackson

**Funerals:** To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to offer a Mass, the envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes into the offertory basket during Mass.

**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.

**Hall Hire:** The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire; please contact the Parish Office.

**Bible Alive:** Subscribe or donate to Bible Alive at Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600, Email: [general@alivepublishing.co.uk](mailto:general@alivepublishing.co.uk) or Website: [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk)

#### **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October**

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

### 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.

**First Holy Communion:** The deadline for submitting forms has now closed. Details regarding the opening meeting are above.

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

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Ride & Stride Day – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Come and join the Friends of Essex Churches Trust as we raise funds for the repair and improvement of churches and chapels across Essex. Gather your friends, make a plan, seek sponsorship and visit as many places of worship as you can. Open up your church and welcome visitors from all over the county. All details are on the website. This is a great out with fun for all the family. <https://www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride>

## Summer fun fact

What's the world record for the longest-running BBQ? (a) 12 hours (b) 50 hours (c) 80 hours.

**Answer: 80 hours.**

#### 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.*