

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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25TH / 26TH APRIL 2026 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

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 4.30pm - 5.15pm 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 25 th	5.30 p.m.	Pierre Valansot	R.I.P.
Sunday 26 th	9.00 a.m.	Joan McCarthy	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	Mediate Fadheel & Layla Petros	R.I.P.
Monday 27 th	9.15 a.m.	Poulain Family Intention	
Tuesday 28 th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Wednesday 29 th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Friday 1 st	9.15 a.m.	Michael Kenny	R.I.P.
Saturday 2 nd	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo	
Sunday 3 rd	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Irene Murphy	R.I.P.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 18/19 April 2026

Hutton 19th April: £310.00

Ingatestone 19th April: £174.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 25 th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Mark Brennan
Saturday 2 nd – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Brian Hackett
Sunday 26 th – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Chris Brooks
Sunday 3 rd – 10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23(22): 1-3a. 3b-4. 5.6.

Response: *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:1-4

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the LORD. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 18 th April -	5.30 p.m.	95
Sunday 19 th April -	9.00 a.m.	42
Sunday 19 th April -	10.30 a.m.	115

REFLECTION

Last week we reflected on the consecration of our church building - how a space set apart for God becomes something more than bricks and mortar. It becomes a *domus Dei*, a house of God, a place where heaven and earth meet. But a building, however beautifully consecrated, is only ever a sign pointing to something deeper. It points to the Church herself. So, what exactly is the Church?

It can be tempting to think of the Church as simply an organisation - a kind of religious society we join and attend. But this is not how Christ speaks of her, nor how the Church has ever understood herself.

When Our Lord says to Peter, "*Upon this rock I will build my Church*", He is not describing a committee. He is describing something He Himself is building - something that belongs to Him, something that will endure even against the gates of death.

St Paul gives us one of the richest images: the Church is the *Body of Christ* (1 Corinthians 12). Christ is the Head; we, the baptised, are the members. This is not mere poetry. Just as the soul animates the body, the Holy Spirit animates the Church, making her genuinely and supernaturally alive. We recite in the Creed that the Holy Spirit is the *Lord, the giver of life*. To whom does the Holy Spirit give life? The Church.

The Church is both the sign and the instrument through which Christ continues His saving work in the world today.

In the Creed, we profess four marks of the Church. She is *one* - united in faith, sacraments, and governance. She is *holy* - not because her members are perfect, but because Christ her Head is holy, and He sanctifies her. She is *Catholic* - universal, intended for every person in every age. And she is *apostolic* - built on the foundation of the Apostles, their faith handed down to us unbroken.

When we enter our consecrated building and take our place in the pew, we are not merely attending a service. We are taking our place within the living Body of Christ - the Church He founded, the Church He loves, the Church He will never abandon.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week.

Fr Gary

Servers' Training

We are blessed with a number of young men and women who serve at the altar and who, through their dedication and service, help to make our celebration of the liturgy smoother and more reverent. We will be having a training session on **31st May at 2pm** here in the church for all present servers and for any children, who have made their First Holy Communion, who would like to start serving. This is for all current and prospective servers. After the training we will have some pizza and soft drinks in the hall so that all our servers can get to know each other a little better. Parents are invited to stay as well.

Parish Celebration 16 May 2026

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Alan and Fr Gary to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Joseph the Worker Church at 5.30pm Mass on **Saturday 16 May**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are planning to come so we know numbers for catering, or if you can help before, during or after the event. Thank you!

Coffee Rota

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to gather after Mass socially. We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers who give their time to facilitate this. Do you think you might be willing to do this occasionally as well? There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and help, as well as guidance, is provided. It's a simple act of service but it makes such a difference to our Sunday morning!

2nd Collection for Vocations Promotion

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend to assist with the promotion of vocations to the Priesthood. Please do give what you are able. It is a small practical way in which we can support the Church in encouraging young men to consider becoming a priest.

Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place on Saturday, 2nd May and Sunday, 3rd May 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.

Online Rosary Group

A small group of parishioners meet online on Sundays at 4.30pm to say 5 decades of the Rosary and pray for the parish.

If you would like to join us, please mail hutton@brcdt.org to be sent a Microsoft Teams invitation to join the group.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG): Parish's Lenten Charity 2026

St Francis Leprosy Guild was the parish's Lenten charity this year. If you have not yet made a donation, please take a support envelope from the porch and return it in the weekend Mass collection.

The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years.

Sadly, leprosy is not just a disease of ancient biblical times. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and millions more are living with the consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease.

Leprosy is curable today with antibiotics but we need to find and treat people before they develop disabilities. By supporting over 30 leprosy centres and projects in Africa, Asia and Brazil, SFLG aims to work towards a leprosy-free world.

You can find out more about SFLG's work on their website: www.stfrancisleprosy.org.

Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG.

PARISH NOTICES

Social Events at St Joseph's: Please put these dates in your diary and keep an eye on the newsletter for more details. Our Saturday events take place after the 5.30pm Mass.

16th May - Parish Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Consecration.

6th June - Wine Tasting!

28th June - Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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

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.

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.

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.

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 - Hutton: There are cash prizes to be won 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.

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maranatha at Grays 15 May 2026

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on **Friday 15th May 2026 at 7pm to 9.00pm** led by Fr. Paschal Uche. There will be refreshments afterwards.

A Day with Mary pilgrimages this year

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026.
Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026.

Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage – Saturday 23rd May

Representatives from the BCYS will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, and we would like to invite other young people to join and assist with the liturgy. Please contact gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org if you are interested.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Led by Bishop Alan Williams

Monday 15th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Price of ?799.00 per person Package includes: Return flight from Lon Stansted – 10kg check in bag. 4 nights Dinner, B&B in Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single room supplement ?250.00. Maximum 3.

Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557

Email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

St John Bosco Children's Camp, Summer 2026.

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

Head Teacher - St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. **Closing date: Friday 1st May 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Monday 18th May 2026.** Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcps.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.