

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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19TH / 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ✱ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 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 – Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri 9.15am – 3pm, Sunday 10am – 1pm. 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 19th	5.30 p.m.	Breda Conville	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 20th	9.00 a.m.	Tim Burchett	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	George Charles Harper & Harriet Harper	<i>(F)</i>
Monday 21st	9.15 a.m.	Eileen Kane	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 22nd	7.30 a.m.	Liz Thomas	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 23rd	9.15 a.m.	Takis Mourazis	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday 25th	9.15 a.m.	Celine Andrews	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday 26th	5.30 p.m.	Private	<i>(RCB)</i>
Sunday 27th	9.00 a.m.	Winifred Mulholland	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue (Birthday Thanksgiving)	<i>Int.</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 12/13 September 2026

Plate Collection:	Hutton 6th September	- £165.00
	13th September	- £245.00
	Ingatestone 13th Sep.	- £116.00

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 19th – 5.30 p.m.	Aria Olatunde	Marian Anderson
Saturday 26th – 5.30 p.m.	Ian Restall	Stella Walker
Sunday 20th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashly	Amanda Spinks
Sunday 27th – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Anne-Marie Ward

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a

Response: *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

Second reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 12th Sep.	- 5.30 p.m.	- 127
Sunday 13th Sep.	- 9.00 a.m.	- 33
Sunday 13th Sep.	- 10.30 a.m.	- 88

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some have worked from the beginning of the day, while others arrive only at the very last hour. Yet, at the end of the day, the landowner gives them all the same wage.

At first, this can seem rather unfair. Surely those who have worked longest deserve more? But Jesus is not really giving us a lesson about employment. He is teaching us about the generosity of God.

The workers who arrived first received everything they had been promised. Their complaint was not that the landowner had treated them badly, but that he had been generous to somebody else. There is a temptation here which we can recognise in ourselves. We can sometimes imagine that because we have tried to be faithful, prayed, come to Mass, or served the Church for many years, we have somehow earned more from God than somebody else.

But God's love is not a wage which we earn. It is a gift.

That is also why this Gospel contains such wonderful hope. It is never too late to enter the vineyard. It is never too late to return to God, to begin again, to come back to the Sacraments, or to take our faith seriously. Whether we have followed Christ throughout our lives or have only just heard his call, his mercy remains open to us.

Rather than begrudging God's generosity to others, we should rejoice in it. After all, every one of us depends upon that same generosity ourselves.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Welcome to Bishop Alan

We welcome Bishop Alan to Ingatestone this weekend and I would like to thank Canon Foster for stepping in to cover the Mass in Hutton so that I can do my best to ensure the Bishop's visitation goes well.

Mass Tuesday 22nd September

Please note that, because I have to leave the parish early on Tuesday, the Mass on this day will be earlier than normal. Mass on Tuesday 22nd September will be at 7.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tabernacle Project

Thank you to those who have intimated to me they would like to support the project to move the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's to its rightful position in the centre of the sanctuary. Please let me know if this is something you might feel able to support and once we have a clear idea of costs, and the certainty that we are able to meet those costs, I will get in touch with you directly. Rest assured, I will also keep the rest of our parish updated on progress!

BCYS Youth Mass

The BCYS Youth Mass takes place at Brentwood Cathedral on the **first Thursday** of each month. The evening begins at **6pm** with pizza and activities, followed by Mass at **7.30pm**. It is a great opportunity for young Catholics (Year 8 upwards) to meet others their own age and grow in their faith. Parents are warmly encouraged to bring their young people along and give it a try! Fr Gary is hoping to bring a small group from our parish on Thursday October 1st.

Annual Mass Count

The last two Sundays of September and the first two Sundays of October are the designated days when our Mass attendance figures are submitted to the diocese. This includes attendance at the Vigil Mass. These, among other factors such as finances, are taken into account for future strategic planning. This involves priorities for the deployment and appointment of priests. Ours are vibrant little parishes and it would be good to be able to show that. I understand things can be difficult, and that sometimes people are away for the weekend, but please do try to make an extra effort these four Sundays so that the figures are an accurate reflection of the size and commitment of our parish families.

Ride and Stride

Many thanks to everyone who took part in last week's sponsored event, whether by physically attacking the challenge or by sponsoring and supporting others. Your prayers for the weather were also a great help. This provided an opportunity for visitors to be welcomed into our churches and chapels. We also thank our stewards who offered Christian hospitality to those travelling, some of whom had never been in a Catholic Church before and who were excited and pleased to have that opportunity.

Thank you to those who sponsored our ride and stride.

THE CALL TO BE HUMAN: *an introduction to Catholic morality*

Four talks to be given by Fr Martin Boland, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead.

For more information go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com.

All welcome!

School Governors

Foundation Governors play a crucial role in the success of Catholic education. They safeguard the essential Catholic nature of our schools, ensuring they are an arm of the Church's mission to nourish the faith of our young people. If you are interested in playing a part in this, please see the leaflets at the back of the church, or email sandramoss@brcdt.org

Mass Intentions for 2027

The Mass diary for 2027 has now arrived. If there is a particular date that you have in mind for when you like to have Mass said for a loved one, please consider making the request early to avoid disappointment. Occasionally, intentions have to be moved, but on the whole we try to ensure that booked Masses are honoured.

Social Events

Spread across two parishes, we are blessed with a wide variety of social events offering different but complementary things for the different demographics that make up our linked community. If an event is being organised at Hutton it isn't always possible to provide direct ticket sales at Ingatestone, or the other way round, but everybody is very welcome at all the social events we organise, subject to capacity! If there is an event going on at the other church which you might be interested in attending, please just email the parish office and we will ensure that a ticket is reserved for you. Payments can always be made online or at the event itself. Our social gatherings are not an added extra – they are a keyway in which we build up our community and all parishioners are welcome.

Alpha 2026

Please remember the participants and leaders of Alpha in your daily prayers: 'Heavenly Father, I pray for my friends, my parish community and for Alpha. Lord, let your kingdom come and your will be done. Holy Spirit come fill me today that I might share the good news of Jesus to those around me. Amen.'

Missio

The Autumn 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. 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 to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

PARISH NOTICES

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on **Saturday 03 October** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available to purchase at £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds.

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.

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

03rd October - Talk by Arthur Edwards on his life as a royal photographer

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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.

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.

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 at St. John's burns for *The Parish Community*.

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.

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.

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.

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

The Priests return to the Brentwood Diocese!

Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. Martin O'Hagan - formerly of the celebrated singing trio 'The Priests' - invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend, hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Choose from an elegant Gala Dinner or sophisticated Charity Luncheon, both being held at a stunning Grade II listed manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin perform in an intimate and exclusive setting - this is an occasion not to be missed!

09th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie on 07912 277413.

Open Evening, 24th September 2026 ~ Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

Warmly invite prospective students and their families to join us for our Year 7 Open Evening. Come through our doors, meet our community and discover all that a Brentwood Ursuline education could offer your daughter. Please contact the school if you have any queries.