

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 ✦ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [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 – NO MASS THIS WEEK**

**CHURCH OPENING HOURS:** St John's Tuesday & Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday 8.30am – 11am.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:** No adoration and confessions.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Closed Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Reopens Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 p.m.	Tom Ayerst	<b>R.I.P.</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Winifred Mulholland	<b>R.I.P.</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Leo Francis Kenny	<b>R.I.P.</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 a.m.	No Mass	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 p.m.	Douglas Bennie	<b>R.I.P.</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	John and Margaret Galvin	<b>R.I.P.</b>
	10.30 a.m.	John Wright	<b>R.I.P.</b>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**Date 28 Feb / 01 March 2026**

**Hutton 1<sup>st</sup> March:** tbc  
**Ingatestone 1<sup>st</sup> March:** £145.20

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Stella Walker
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.	Hannah Ola	Ewa Kania
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Tony Peluso
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> – 10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders	Willa Jackson

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**Response:** *O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts'*

**Second reading:** Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 4:42,15

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February -	5.30 p.m.	tbc
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- 9.00 a.m.	tbc
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- 10.30 a.m.	90

### REFLECTION

We've been led into the desert, up a mountain, and now to a well. Our Lord asks a Samaritan woman for a drink. It is a simple request, yet behind it lies something far deeper. The One who thirsts is Himself the source of living water.

In Lent we rightly think first of prayer and fasting. These themes can bring out clearly in the Gospel readings of the First and Second Sundays of Lent. This Sunday gently turns our attention to the third great practice of the season: almsgiving. At first sight the Gospel seems to speak only of thirst, water, and worship. But if we listen closely, we hear something more.

Christ places Himself in need. 'Give me a drink.' He who created the oceans asks for water from a human hand. The Lord chooses to depend upon the generosity of another. In doing so, He reveals a mystery: when we give, we do not merely meet a human need, we encounter God.

Almsgiving is not simply philanthropy. It is not the passing on of surplus coins. It is a sharing in the thirst of Christ. On the Cross He will cry, 'I thirst.' The Fathers of the Church saw in that cry not only physical suffering, but a longing for souls, for love freely given. When we give to the poor, to the lonely, to the struggling family, to the elderly neighbour, we are responding to that thirst.

The Samaritan woman comes to draw water for herself. She leaves having discovered a spring within. That is always the pattern of Christian charity. We begin by giving something away. We discover that we ourselves have been enriched.

There is also another detail. The woman comes at noon, perhaps to avoid the gaze of others. Charity in Lent invites us to look kindly upon those who feel ashamed or hidden. True almsgiving restores dignity. It says, 'You are seen. You are valued. You are loved.' In this way we imitate the patience of Christ at the well.

Practical almsgiving need not be dramatic. It may be a deliberate offering to a charity, a quiet act of financial sacrifice, or a conscious decision to support our parish and its works. It may also be the gift of time, attention, and mercy. What matters is that it flows from a heart changed by grace.

This week, perhaps we might ask ourselves: where does Christ thirst in my life? Who is waiting at the well for a word, a kindness, a helping hand? And then, with simplicity, respond.

For the Lord who asks us for water promises in return a spring of living water welling up to eternal life.

I wish you and loved ones a blessed week.

*Fr Gary*

**Holy Week** services are as follows. These will also be advertised in the parish Easter card!

**St Joseph's, Hutton**

**Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m.

**Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Children's Stations of the Cross – 10 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – Świąconka – 10 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass – 10:30 a.m.

**St John and St Erconwald, Ingatestone**

**Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Maundy Thursday Mass – 7 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock)

## Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Children's Stations of the Cross – 11:30 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m. (at Our Lady and St Joseph, Stock)

## Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets – Świąconka – 10 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 7 p.m.

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Mass – 9 a.m.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday we will mark the Way of the Cross at Midday at St John's and 7pm at St Joseph's. Everyone is very welcome. This is a traditional Catholic devotion for Lent, and it takes about 20 minutes. Fr Gary is away on retreat this week so there will be no celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, but the Midday Stations at Ingatestone will go ahead as normal.

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

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](http://www.stfrancisleprosy.org). Also, please feel free to speak to Fr. Gary or Clare Barton (one of our parishioners), who are trustees of SFLG. There will be support envelopes at the back of the church.



## PARISH NOTICES

**Our Easter Hamper Raffle:** returns and tickets will be on sale after Mass. A chance to win a beautiful hamper as first prize, and a premium Easter egg as second. Proceeds go towards parish funds.

**Walk With Me Booklets:** A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1. A helpful spiritual companion for keeping focused during Lent.

**Missio:** The Spring 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](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support.

**Social Events at St Joseph's:** The Social Committee met to plan out some of the social events for the year. Please do 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, holy communion 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.

**Marriage support** - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Contact: +44 7887 296 983. Visit: [www.retrouaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouaille.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

### SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026

Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

**Talk 3.** Wednesday 11th March. **Speaker:** Mr Mauro Iannicelli.

**Topic:** Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. Time: 7.30pm.

### 4th Hutton Guides:

Would you like to inspire your daughter to develop individual, team and leadership skills whilst having fun? Activities are varied and include crafts, camping, climbing, first aid, games to name just a few. 4th Hutton Guides is for girls aged 10-14 and meet on a Thursday evening from 7.15 - 8.45 in the Parish Hall. If interested, please email [4thhuttonguides@gmail.com](mailto:4thhuttonguides@gmail.com)

### 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, Mobile: 07740 175 557.

Email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join our bishop and parishioners and clergy from around the diocese on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? There are two options: either 17th – 24th July ([lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:lourdes@brcdt.org)) or 19th – 24th July ([info@anamcaratravel.com](mailto:info@anamcaratravel.com)).

### Headteacher – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00 Friday 6th March 2026

Shortlisting: Thursday 12th March 2026. Interview: Friday 20th March 2026

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