

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

**Fr. Leslie Knight**  
The Presbytery  
17 Highview Crescent, Hutton  
Brentwood, Essex CM13 1BJ  
T: 01277 221917  
M: 07730 409784

**Miss Bernadette Rossiter**  
St. Joseph the Worker  
Primary School  
Highview Crescent, Hutton  
Brentwood, Essex CM13 1BJ  
T: 01277 227282

[www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)

## Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



## Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

## Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 27 November 2022

### Advent is just around the corner and Christmas is only 35 days away!

Time then for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! This year the hamper is bigger and better than ever and will grace any family's Christmas Dinner table. Regulars will know all they need to do is to put a £5 note in an envelope (at the back of the church) and write their phone number on the front. There are boxes in the Narthex to put the completed envelope in. New parishioners are very welcome to join in the fun!

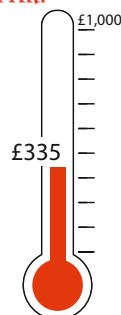
It's a record-size hamper. Let's see if we can make it a record sized fundraiser to help parish finances.



### HAMPER CONTENTS

*The Fizz and Festivities Christmas Hamper is packed full of indulgence. It is the perfect gift for that special someone – be it family, friends or colleagues – who enjoy life's little luxuries. Crack open the trio of Accademia Prosecco, this triple treat is sure to be a great addition to the most discerning drinks trolley! We have popped in two signature kilner tins from Cartwright & Butler, one with English Breakfast Tea and the other with delicious Cheddar Biscuits. A fabulous box of Belgian Chocolates from Cachet in a gold sunburst design alongside sweet and savoury treats galore! All of these delights are carefully packed in a bespoke hand-crafted wicker basket. It's brand new for this festive season and is sure to make a stylish addition to your home once the fabulous fare has been enjoyed.*

**TOTAL SO FAR!**



### The hamper includes:

- ◆ Accademia Gold Prosecco (11%), 3 x 75cl
- ◆ Gold Crown Christmas Pudding, 350g
- ◆ Cachet Milk, Dark and White Chocolate Assortment, 200g
- ◆ Chloe's Cinna-Men Biscuits, 175g
- ◆ Abbey Biscuits Mince Pie Shorties, 150g
- ◆ Grandma Wild's Butter Shortbread Biscuits in Tube, 150g
- ◆ Savoursmiths Italian Cheese & Port Crisps, 150g
- ◆ Vitavigor Cheese Breadsticks, 125g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Chocolate Wafer Rounds, 120g
- ◆ Lily O'Briens Creamy Caramels with Sea Salt, 120g
- ◆ Walkers Classic Collection Gold, 120g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Cheddar Cheese Biscuits in Caddy, 100g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler English Breakfast Tea in Tin, 90g
- ◆ Godiva Dark Chocolate Ganache Heart Bar, 86g
- ◆ Buitemans Gouda Biscuits Gold, 75g
- ◆ Wicker Basket with Round Handle Detail

**Weight: 11.1kg**



## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into."

## PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.

## Upcoming Masses

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 6.00 p.m.  
Irene Bentley RIP  
Spinks Family

Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.  
Patrick Dooley RIP  
B Dooley

There will be **No** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday

5.00 p.m.  
Reception of Ann Edwards  
Body into the Church.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 28 11.00 a.m.  
Funeral Mass for  
Ann Edwards

Tuesday 29 9.00 a.m.  
Parishioner

Wednesday 30 7.30 p.m.  
November Dead

#### DECEMBER

Thursday 1 9.00 a.m.  
Leno Curry (sick)  
A Turvey

Friday 2 9.00 a.m.  
Holy Souls

Saturday 3 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6pm mass.

*Do try and come to a weekday Mass.  
We all need Jesus.*

#### SEASON OF ADVENT

During Advent and Christmastide we ask you to pray for Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 3 6.00 p.m.  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
J. Greenfield

Sunday 4 10.30 a.m.  
Antonio Fernandes Family  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

\* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.

\* Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

\* Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Mass intentions you may be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.  
We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

#### Mass Attendance

Saturday 19 November 74  
Sunday 20 November 80



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors. Please make yourself known to Fr. Leslie if you are a new parishioner to our parish.

We have now moved into the season of Advent and a new liturgical year. Saint John Eudes said 'The Christian life is a continuous and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on earth, continuing His life and His works, labouring and suffering, in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus.'

As we enter into Advent let us reflect on those words of St. John. Jesus Christ lives in each one of us. We carry Him around every moment of our life. We are His tabernacle. Each day when we come to Mass we are fed with His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. We are, through the power of the Holy Spirit, empowered to be other Christs in our speech behaviour, in our families, and with all that we encounter. We proclaim His good works and suffer in the Spirit of Jesus. Our vocation is to be holy and to live holy lives. When we fail, we seek His mercy in the Sacrament of Confession and start afresh.

In Mathew's Gospel, we are called to stay awake, 'because you do not know the day when your master is coming'. In the letter to the Romans we hear 'Let us live decently as people do in the daytime.....Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ; forget about satisfying your bodies with all their cravings'. Let this Advent season be a new beginning for us all and have a great devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and Mary who said "Yes" to the angel Gabriel and so gave birth to God made Man, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Please help us to raise funds for the maintenance of our lovely parish by buying tickets for our Christmas hamper, and also please ask your friends to help. It's a great hamper donated by a parishioner. Give it your best shot! Also please pick up a Christmas Envelope for your gift to your priest on Christmas Day.

May our families be blessed and thank you all for your support.

*Fr. Leslie*

## Christmas Mass Times

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24 December: Mass at 6.00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25 December: Masses at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

## SYNODAL Pathway Progress

We invite you to reflect on the Synodal Pathway. Pope Francis has extended Synod on Synodality to 2024. He made this decision "in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment". He would like everyone to live it as the journey of brothers and sisters who proclaim the joy of the Gospel. The first was the worldwide undertaking during which Catholics were encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses – these have now gone to Rome. The continental share discussion will be with the Synod of Bishops. The final universal phase will begin at the General Assembly of Synod of Bishops October 2023 to October 2024.

In the meantime, we need to reflect on Eucharistic revival and how we develop and some of reverence and awe in our celebration of the Eucharist and live our Catholic values in today's world.

## First Communion Parents Reminder:

The First Reconciliation Service for the First Communion Children is on Friday 2 December 2022 at 7.00 p.m., in the church.

## Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

26 November 6.00 p.m.  
Carol Turnbull  
Stella Walker

27 November 10.30 a.m.  
Chris Books  
Bill O'Regan

## Readers For This Week's Masses

26 November 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan

27 November 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

## Christmas Envelopes

Christmas Envelope for your priest are on the table at the back of the church. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. We know you will be as generous as you have done so in the past.



## Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

## Christmas Social

£3.00 per adult. Please let us know you're coming by emailing us using our events email:  
[sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com](mailto:sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com)



## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

3 December 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Mark Brennan

4 December 10.30 a.m.  
Mary Allum  
Jan Jarvis

## Readers For Next Week's Masses

3 December 6.00 p.m.  
Sophie Newbould

4 December 10.30 a.m.  
Sharon Ruffles

## PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.



## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'adventus', meaning 'arrival', which in itself finds its root in another Latin word 'advenire' - 'ad' meaning 'to' and 'venire' meaning 'come'. Advent therefore invites us to ponder the first Coming of Christ and also look forward to his Second. The Advent liturgy makes present this ancient expectancy of the Coming of the Messiah, as well as encouraging us to renew our ardent desire for Christ's Second Coming.

We don't tend to think about - let alone pray and long for - the return of Jesus. This central pillar of Christian revelation seems to have been ignored in past years and is little understood, preached or talked about. When did you last hear a sermon on the Second Coming of Christ? Regardless, every time we recite the Creed we proclaim our belief in this great truth of our faith: 'I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ...He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.' Indeed, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear about Jesus' return being imminent: 'Since the Ascension Christ's coming in glory has been imminent... This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed"' (para. 673).

If you look up the word 'imminent' in the dictionary, the definition is shown as 'about to happen'. In truth, most of us probably don't actually believe that the Second Coming is imminent, and we probably resist it because it doesn't have an impact on our daily lives. However, when we touch upon something of the significance of Jesus' First Coming, we will find ourselves groaning and longing for his Second.

The Holy Spirit enlightens us because the prayer of the Spirit is 'Come, Lord Jesus.' The Church, the Bride, also enlightens us because her blessed hope too is, 'Come, Lord Jesus, Come.' The beginning of Advent, then, is a time to renew this expectation that Jesus is going to return in glory as Lord and King.

*'The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!'* (Rev. 22:20)

## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

**IN BRIEF: "PRAYER IS THE RAISING OF ONE'S HEART TO GOD OR THE REQUESTING OF GOOD THINGS FROM GOD."**

*Jesus teaches us how to pray.*

When Jesus prays he is already teaching us how to pray. His prayer to his Father is the theological path (the path of faith, hope, and charity) of our prayer to God. But the Gospel also gives Jesus' explicit teaching on prayer. Like a wise teacher he takes hold of us where we are and leads us progressively toward the Father. Addressing the crowds following him, Jesus builds on what they already know of prayer from the Old Covenant and opens to them the newness of the coming Kingdom. Then he reveals this newness to them in parables. Finally, he will speak openly of the Father and the Holy Spirit to his disciples who will be the teachers of prayer in his Church. From the Sermon on the Mount onwards, Jesus insists on conversion of heart: reconciliation with one's brother before presenting an offering on the altar, love of enemies, and prayer for persecutors, prayer to the Father in secret, not heaping up empty phrases, prayerful forgiveness from the depths of the heart, purity of heart, and seeking the Kingdom before all else. This filial conversion is entirely directed to the Father.

Once committed to conversion, the heart learns to pray in faith. Faith is a filial adherence to God beyond what we feel and understand. It is possible because the beloved Son gives us access to the Father. He can ask us to "seek" and to "knock," since he himself is the door and the way.

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29 May 2023, led by Bishop Alan. €699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

## Ann Edwards

Prayerful Sympathy to Arthur Edwards and his family on the death of Ann. Her funeral service will take place on Monday 28 November at 11.00a.m. Her body will come into the church on Sunday Evening at 5.00 p.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

## Safeguarding Course (For Your Information)

Fr. Leslie recently attended the annual safeguarding course for all Priests and Deacons of our Diocese. This course is run by CSSA, as we continue to look at and implement our safeguarding procedures.

## Parish Social – Saturday 10 December

Parish Christmas Celebration  
In the church Hall straight after Mass on Saturday 10 December. 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come along and join in the fun, a great opportunity for the children to wear their favourite festive outfit/jumper. And adults too!

### We'll have:

- ♦ Mince pies
- ♦ Mulled Wine
- ♦ Nibbles
- ♦ Wine

Please bring your own treats too, plus games for the children to play.

More details to follow as we get closer!

## Hamper Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex. Hamper contents are elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take an envelope, add your name and phone number (and £5 please) and return to the church. Our Target is £1000.00

## The Tablet – Since 1840

Subscribe to The Tablet today and not only will you be able to delight in up-to-date news about the Church in the world through the lens of The Tablet but you will also have access to its archive dating back to 1840 and for every new subscriber referred by a parish, The Tablet will donate £10 to that parish in return.

Please see the poster in the Narthex.



## Pope on Twitter



Through prayerful silence and hidden sacrifice, contemplative monasteries maternally sustain the life of the Church

"Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39) is the theme of this #WorldYouthDay. Aiming for the heights, getting on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand, is the secret to remaining young.

Let us also pray for the families of the victims of the serious fire in a refugee camp in Gaza, in Palestine, where several children also died. May the Lord welcome into heaven those who lost their lives and console those people who have suffered years of conflict.

We are living a famine of peace in our time. Let's think of how many places in the world are scourged by war, in particular of war-torn Ukraine. Let us roll up our sleeves and continue to pray for #peace!

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 20 November you gave £225.00. with £41.00 through Gift Aid.

There was also an anonymous donation of £55.00.

Christmas Hamper sales: £140.00.

Running total now: £335.00

Christmas Greetings: £0.00

Second collection for World Youth

Sunday: £115.00

*Thank you and God Bless.*

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

## Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**We pray for:** Paul Denton, Anthony John O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rice, John Draper, Bina Southgate, Konrad Barrett, James Barrett, Hettie Dally, John Crofton, Colin Towler, and Sheila Slade.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. John Aydon (1973), Fr. Patrick Bennett (2001), Deacon Anthony Collings (2016), Fr. Francis Branney (1975), Fr. Bartholomew (Bart) Lynch (2010), Fr. James (Pat) Hannon (1990)

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.**

Light  
**Laughter**

As we get closer to Christmas it's time for some chimney jokes - I've got a stack of them! The first one is on the house!

## PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.

## CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter? Please email your greeting to: [ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) and send the donation (normally £5.00) to The Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

*Thank you in advance. Come on – let's fill the back page!*

*Fr. Leslie wishes all parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas. Blessings for the New Year*

*Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie, and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas and let's all hope – a happy and healthy New Year!*

*A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.*

*Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas*

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive period with their loved ones.*

*Love The Peachey Family*

*The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all parishioners at St. Joseph a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year*



A CARING FAMILY-OWNED AND RUN  
SERVICE SINCE 1891 PROVIDING FUNERAL  
ARRANGEMENTS AND MEMORIALS  
THROUGHOUT ESSEX AND GREATER  
LONDON

FUNERAL PLANNING SERVICE  
MONUMENTAL MASONRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS  
GRIEF JOURNEY COURSES  
PARKING ON SITE

120 High Street Brentwood CM14 4AS 01277 210104(24hr)	2 High Street Billerica CM12 9BQ 01277 624289(24hr)
--	--

[www.bennettsfunerals.co.uk](http://www.bennettsfunerals.co.uk)

*If you wish to  
advertise in our  
Church bulletin,  
please contact  
[ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)*



## F.E. FARRER

FUNERAL DIRECTORS &  
MONUMENTAL MASONS

5<sup>th</sup> Generation Family Owned since 1860

Private Chapels of Rest  
Home Visits Arranged  
Pre-Paid Funeral Plans

Memorial Headstones,  
Additional Inscriptions and  
Renovations

Rolls Royce & Daimler Fleet  
Horse Drawn Carriages  
Green Funerals & Woodland Burials  
For Immediate Personal Attention  
Day and Night Please Telephone  
John or Roy Farrer

33 High Street  
Billerica  
01277 622944

246 Hutton Road  
Shenfield  
01277 216030

[www.fefarrer.co.uk](http://www.fefarrer.co.uk)

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092

We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under "communication".