

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

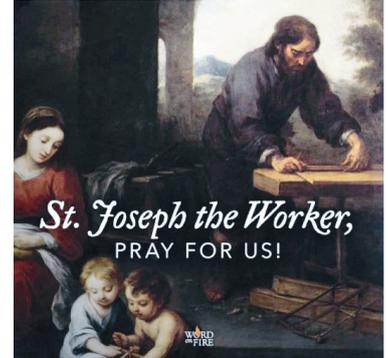
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## Mission Statement

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 5 February 2023**



*“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”*

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

‘Oh, she’s the salt of the earth,’ we often say when we’re referring to someone who’s straightforward, honest and without guile. In other words, what you see is what you get. Jesus’ description of his disciples as ‘the salt of the earth’ (v. 13) would’ve struck a chord. In Jesus’ day salt was a valuable commodity. To preserve food from decay salt was applied as a preservative. It also served to enhance the flavour of the food. Furthermore, the ancient tradition of salting the sacrificial offerings (Ezek. 43:24) denoted a purifying function; it was perhaps for this reason that newborn babies were rubbed with salt to indicate the purification of the addition to God’s people and as a reminder of the covenant. Those who heard Jesus speak would’ve understood the meaning and tradition behind the idea of being ‘salt of the earth’. In the same way as salt prevents decay and corruption, so too the witness of Christians who live a life in the power of the Holy Spirit protects the world and society from decay and corruption. It also adds much-needed flavour to society.

Too much salt in our food can make us thirsty. St. Augustine once wrote, ‘O Heavenly Father, you have put salt in our mouths so that we may thirst for you.’ The work of the Holy Spirit is to create within us a thirst for the things of God: for union with him, for communion with him, and for the grace to live a life which is holy and pleasing to him.

Jesus also calls us to be ‘the light of the world’ (v.14). In this way we’re to be like our Master, for in John 8:12 Jesus describes himself as ‘the light of the world’. We’re called to be countercultural, signs of contradiction, heralds of the Gospel of life in a world which, in so many respects, has lost its way.

*‘For what can the rays of the sun bestow on me that is comparable to your love? The sun’s light is useful in my earthly life, but your love is fashioning a crown for me in the life to come.’ (St. John Chrysostom)*

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## Upcoming Masses

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4 6.00 p.m.  
Kathleen Green RIP  
C Sutcliff

##### Refreshments in the Hall after this Mass

Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7 9.00 a.m.  
Andrew Graham RIP  
Jackson Family

Wednesday 8 7.30 p.m.  
Fr. Jeremy Davies RIP

Thursday 9 9.00 a.m.  
Mgr. Anthony McDermott  
Sarah

Friday 10 12.00 p.m.  
Funeral Mass for Ann Morris

Saturday 11 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Confession (Sacrament  
of Reconciliation) or by  
appointment. Also before  
6.00 p.m. Mass.

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

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11 6.00 p.m.  
Kay Weiss RIP  
World Day for Sick

##### Parish Social after this Mass

Sunday 12 10.30 a.m.  
Alfred Buhagier RIP  
K Buhagier  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration 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 have to  
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.

#### Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the  
Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m.  
Please try and join us.

#### Mass Attendance

Saturday 28 January: 63  
Sunday 15 January: 70



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our Sunday celebration.

Last Sunday we heard proclaimed to us Jesus' Sermon on the Beatitudes. Today Jesus uses two metaphors 'salt and light' to remind us of the difference they can make in the world. During Jesus time, as now, salt is used for many purposes. It is commonly known that Roman Soldiers were at certain times paid with salt. At one time salt was valuable to be used as currency in some parts of the world. Jesus uses salt as a preserving and seasoning. Jesus wants his followers to preserve

the society from corruption of sin, and enhance life in the world as pure salt does. He expects his followers to remain righteous and to lead a virtuous life.

Jesus then tells them they are the light of the world. Jesus says 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'. The time will come when Jesus is not physically present then his followers assume the role of being the light of the world. Jesus wants us to make a difference in our world. We have been called and baptised in his name. He wants us to assume the duties of our Baptism. He wants us to be pure salt and a guiding light in a world that is often in darkness as it is today. Let us give them a taste and glimpse of who Jesus Christ is.

Where there is strife, let us work for reconciliation and peace. Where there is sorrow, let us bring comfort and joy. Where there is hatred, let us offer forgiveness and love. Where there is poverty, let us share our food and things. Let us pray and reflect that being the salt and light in this poor world of sin is to bring reconciliation to God our Father in heaven who in His own time will grant us all favours and blessings.

When we come to Mass let us not be passive but be active, listening to the Word of God and to Jesus in the gospel. Let us pray and, free of sin, look forward with joy and love to receive Jesus in Holy Communion so that strengthened by His presence we can truly be the salt and light to our beautiful world and bring about peace hope faith and love.

Have a blessed weekend and a wonderful week.

#### Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. Thank you.

#### Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP**

#### Diocesan Directory

Brentwood Diocesan Directories 2023 are available to purchase from the Narthex – cost £2.95

#### Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk) you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or [email@ewtn.co.uk](mailto:email@ewtn.co.uk).

Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High ST, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

#### SPUC Pro-Life News

Ten thousand prayers needed from 10 million lives lost to abortion. The society is calling for a national day to pray to help secure an end to abortion.

Go online to [spu.org/national-prayer](http://spu.org/national-prayer) campaign to make your pledge. SPUC 2023 youth conference 24-26 February, Yardfield Park Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL

#### Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 4 February 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Marian Anderson

Sunday 5 February 10.30 a.m.  
Sharon Ruffles  
Jan Jarvis

#### Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

Saturday 11 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Carol Turnbull

Sunday 12 10.30 a.m.  
Lyn Birnie  
Mary Allum

#### Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 4 February 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson

Sunday 5 February 10.30 a.m.  
Rose Mulvey

#### Readers for next week's Masses

Saturday 11 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan

Sunday 12 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

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## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

### IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST What is this Sacrament Called?

The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it.

#### It is called:

Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein and eulogein recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim – especially during a meal – God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.

The Lord's Supper, because of its connection with the supper which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion and because it anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem.

The Breaking of Bread, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal, when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is in this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies, by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him.

The Eucharistic assembly (synaxis), because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

### The Eucharist – Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of Christian life.” “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.”

“The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.”

Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.”

### 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.

## Parish Family Social with Music and Dancing

**SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 7.00 P.M. – 10.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL**

Bring your own food and drinks, soft drinks will be available. £5 donation per adult.

A similar event held in February 2020 was a great success. Come along and bring the whole family or just yourself! Please confirm your attendance and book your tickets by emailing: [sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com](mailto:sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com)



### Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m.  
Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator  
([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

### Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

#### Funds can be remitted to:

**Account Name:** Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

**Account Number:** 20927317

**Sort Code:** 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is:

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain,  
22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

### Help Wanted

After many years of sourcing and arranging of flowers in our church, I am looking for someone to take over this task, and perhaps, if possible, be part of a team.

Also some help with the washing of the altar linen would be most welcome. Please consider giving some time to help and care for God's house if you can.

If interested please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie.



### Pope on Twitter



Tomorrow I will depart on an Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to the Republic of South Sudan. I greet with affection those beloved peoples who await me. I ask everyone, please, to accompany this Journey with their prayers.

We cannot grow accustomed to the bloodshed that has marked the #DemocraticRepublicOfTheCongo for decades, causing millions of deaths. The current #peace processes, which I greatly encourage, need to be sustained by concrete deeds, and commitments should be maintained.

The “poor in spirit” are those who know they cannot rely on themselves, that they are not self-sufficient. They feel their need for God and recognize every good that comes from Him as a gift, as a grace.

Let us #PrayTogether that parishes, placing communion – communion among individuals and ecclesial communion – at the center, might increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need

### Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 29 January you gave £170.00 with £25.00 via Gift Aid. *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:** Eileen Wolwod

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Francis Richardson (1937), Fr. Alan Wilcox (1938), Canon Bernard Manning (1986), and Fr. Donald Mills (2013)

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**

Why is it a bad idea to iron your four leaved clover?  
Because you shouldn't press your luck!

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## 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



## Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass.

## Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

## Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass – THIS SATURDAY!

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

Dates for 2023

4 February · 4 March · 1 April · 6 May – *Coronation Day* · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2 September · 7 October · 4 November · 2 December

*Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.*



## 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)

## Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278  
Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



## Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass. This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance. We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Help also needed, come on we are a family.

## Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

## 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.

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