

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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.

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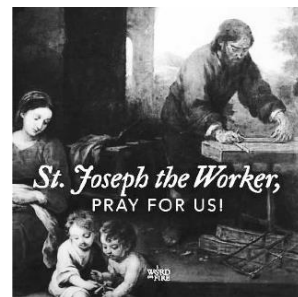
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Stewards of the Gospel

“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 24 November 2024

Today we celebrate Christ the King. Throughout the scriptures Our Lord is referred to as ‘the King of kings’ or ‘Prince of peace.’

His kingdom is not of this world, but it is a kingdom which has a law - the law of love. As Christians, we commit ourselves to the building up of this kingdom.

We cannot allow our faith to be closed behind the doors of private homes or churches. We are called to bear witness to Right again Wrong, Good against Evil. If we truly love one another we will act in a way which brings that person closer to that which is Good, to Christ and His Church.

Yes, we must think of our families. But we also need to remember with special concern to the most vulnerable in our society. Those who cannot afford the basic necessities of life, the disabled, the frail and the elderly, the sick and the unborn. Far too often, societies take the view that such people have no worth, should be hidden away, or that they can be easily disposed of. This law of Love is one of the reasons why the Church has always opposed governments which support one group against the good of another group - for example, racist governments which support one racial group at the expense of another, or governments entirely in the pockets of the rich, or communist governments.

So let us remind ourselves what it means to be a follower of Christ the King, and what that requires of us in our daily lives as members of a society which does not always share the values of God’s law of love..

Fr. Gary

Newsletter

The newsletter will now be produced and printed in the parish office. Any items for inclusion can be sent to Ngozi the Parish Administrator.

Save the Date: Saturday 7th December

Parish family Christmas social - after the Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph The Worker Church Hall. Come and join us for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Tickets £5 per adult (children under 16 free).

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways.

There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

Holy Souls and the November Dead List

November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to praying for the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have nobody to pray for them. If you like a loved to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you might wish to make) in the November envelopes. We will pray for them especially throughout the month of November in our devotions and our Masses.

World Youth Sunday 2024

This weekend is WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to hear more about their work.

Find out more at www.bcys.net, searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to, you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

Thank you.

First Holy Communion Children

Please can the parents of First Holy Communion Children sign the weekly signing sheet after Mass today. Thanks in advance.

Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year under the theme of ‘Pilgrims of Hope’.

“Missio Red Boxes and 2025 Calendar

Please would everyone who has a Missio red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The ‘Mission Today’ Calendar 2025 is available to collect from the table in the church porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio red box would like one, please speak **Clare Barton**. Missio is the Church’s official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club.

All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you

CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23	5.30 p.m.	
	All Parishioners	
Sunday 24	10.30 a.m.	
	Winnie Spinks	R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 25	9.15 a.m.	
	Agnes Eliza Frances	R.I.P.
Tuesday 26	9.15 a.m.	
	Panagiotis Mourouzis	(Intention)
Wednesday 27	9.15 a.m.	
	Deceased of the Law family	(R.I.P.)

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 29	9.15 a.m.	
	Domingos De Albuquerque	(99 th Birthday thanksgiving)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30	5.30 p.m.	
	Domingos De Albuquerque	(celebration of life)
Sunday 1	10.30 a.m.	
	Irene Bentley	R.I.P.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 16 November	5.30 p.m.:	110
Sunday 17 November	10.30 a.m.:	70

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 23 November	5.30 p.m.	Mark Brenman
Saturday 30 November	5.30 p.m.	Bill O’Regan
Sunday 24 November	10.30 a.m.	Blane McKie
Sunday 1 December	10.30 a.m.	Percy Sa

in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

God's presence

When a family gathers together for a meal, say grace, i.e. Bless Lord our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children and in the silence experience the stillness and presence of Jesus. When you pass any Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to recognize the presence of Jesus, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you would like to set up a standing order, this form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves. You can find you can find Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms on the parish website: www.stjosephshutton.org. Alternatively, it can be done online using our details

Account Name: Catholic Church Hutton and Shenfield St Joseph The Worker
Sort Code: 40-13-22
Account number: 61018884

If you use this method, please put your surname and initial as a reference. If you are part of our gift aid scheme, then please add your gift aid number.

By entering this reference our gift aid organizer will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the gift aid regulations.

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website to register as a parishioner with us.

Christmas Hamper

Please help us raise some much-needed funds for our parish while also giving you a chance of winning this magnificent hamper. Just pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write your name and contact number on the envelope, put a £5 note inside, and hand in the completed envelope. That's all you need to do! The draw will be made on Sunday 22 December after the 10.30 Mass. Good luck.

Winter Fuel Allowance

Some members of our parish family may be worried about the prospect of losing the winter fuel allowance. Please do not be afraid to seek help and guidance. It may be you are entitled to pension credit or other benefits that you have not been claiming. If you are entitled to pension credit, then you are entitled to the winter fuel allowance. Please look into this.

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025.

For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/recruitment-1/>

Applications Close: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12pm.

Interviews: Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 9am

Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have some time to help make a difference at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School? We are looking for

volunteers to: - Assist with light gardening to keep our outdoor areas looking beautiful

- Hear children read and support their love of reading

- Support children at lunch time

If you'd like to offer your time and make a positive impact on our children's school experience, we'd love to hear from you! Please note, a current DBS check would be required.

Please contact the school office on 01277 227282 or email admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk

Senior Citizens' Party - Sunday, 15th December 2024

Invitation to parishioners to attend annual Senior Citizens' Party at The Champion School on Sunday, 15th December 2024 between 12.30 pm and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30pm.

If you have any queries or questions about the day, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Please RSVP to Mr Pearn, (rpear@thecampionschool.org.uk) with the following requirements by Friday, 29th November 2024:

- Total Number of guests from your parish
- Transport required
- Vegetarian / Vegan meal required
- Allergies

If transport is required, please leave your contact details so that we will be able to call and arrange the details nearer the date.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up a symbolic angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Damian ddillon@bccs.org.uk.

Readers

Saturday 23 November 5.30 p.m.
Natalie Coleman-dale

Saturday 30 November 5.30 p.m.
Mark Brennan

Sunday 24 November 10.30 a.m.
Cianna Dareal

Sunday 1 December 10.30 a.m.
Hannah Ola

Letter to Alex Burghart MP

Fr Gary has written to the Member of Parliament expressing concerns over the new bill in parliament to legalise clinician-induced death. Alex's brief reply is available on the white board in the porch. Now that the bill has been published Fr Gary will write again in order to obtain a clearer response. Please consider writing to him yourself or send the post-card which can be picked up in the porch or the back of the church next to the

newsletters. Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 10 November the Plate Collection totalled - £255.00
Thank you and God Bless

Finance News - 2

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking. Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex
Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker
Sort code: 40-13-22
Account Number: 61018884
Thank you.

A Little Joke

Did you know there is a song all about tortilla? Well, it's more of a wrap. . .

Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - will be held on

Saturday 14th December 2024 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon full of festive activities including: Grand Prize Draw; Tombola Stall; Santa's Grotto and Face Painting; Fancy Goods; Bric-a-Brac; Bottle Stall; various Arts and Crafts; a Homemade Cake Stall; Refreshments and much, much more! Please do come along join us for an afternoon of friendship and festive fun!

