

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

## WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 ✦ FIRST 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** – 9.15 a.m.: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

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

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Wednesday and Friday 9.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Breda Conville	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Anthony Holmes	<b>R.I.P.</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Kumar John	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Patrick and Catherine Kelly	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Valentina Albuquerque	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	PJ Varghese	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>h</sup></b>	9.15 a.m.	Odette and Claude Roy	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30 p.m.	Fred Greenfield	<b>R.I.P.</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00 a.m.	Winifred Ludia Martin	<b>Intentions</b>
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Rudin	<b>R.I.P.</b>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**Date 7/8 February 2026**

**Hutton 8<sup>th</sup> February:** £270.00

**15<sup>th</sup> February:** £230.00

**Ingatestone 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** £152.00

### ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Aria Olatunde	Mark Brennan
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 p.m.</b>	Catherine Bray	Marian Anderson
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Sophie Newbould	Chris Brooks
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 10.30 a.m.</b>	Paul Downey	Lyn Birnie

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 50(51):3-6, 12-14, 17

**Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Second reading:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 4:4b

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

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

### MASS ATTENDANCE

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- 5.30 p.m.	<b>94</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	- 9.00 a.m.	<b>41</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	- 10.30 a.m.	<b>66</b>

### FR GARY

As we begin the holy season of Lent, the Church leads us into the desert with Our Lord. The Gospel for this first Sunday always shows Christ fasting and being tempted. Before He begins His public ministry, He withdraws, prays, and fasts. He prepares in silence and self-denial. The Church, like a wise mother, asks us to do the same.

Fasting is not about punishing the body, nor about gloomy spirituality. It is about restoring order to the heart. So often our appetites lead and our souls follow. Fasting gently reverses this. It teaches the body to listen again to the spirit. It reminds us that we are not sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

When we fast, even in small ways, we make a quiet but powerful confession: God matters more than comfort. We create space within ourselves. This becomes a kind of prayer. Each small sacrifice can be turned into an offering: 'Lord, I do this out of love for you.' In that moment, something very ordinary becomes something deeply holy.

The tradition of fasting is also bound to charity. What we give up should help us give more. Time, money, attention, patience. The point is not simply to go without, but to love more fully. The Fathers of the Church often taught that fasting without mercy is only dieting. True fasting opens the heart to God and neighbour together.

Lent is not meant to be harsh, but honest. We look at our lives clearly. We begin again deliberately. If our fasting is simple, steady, and offered with love, it will bear fruit. The desert, in God's hands, always becomes a place of grace.

I wish you and loved ones a blessed week.

*Fr Gary*

### Food Bank Collection

Our monthly food bank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place next weekend Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026, at St Joseph's. Please bring along tinned and packet items, toiletries, nappies and toilet rolls, to support those in need in Hutton. Thank you.

### Ingatestone Finance Committee

We have been able to set up a parish finance committee. Thank you to David, Kirsten, Jacinta, Mike and Yvonne!

### Easyfundraising: How to get started

Become an easyfundraiser: a terrific way to generate money for your cause, while shopping online. Every time you shop online, a commission is generated and converted into a donation. Brands offer cashback as a thank you for shopping with them, and the money shared to the cause.



**Visit:** [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=387314&invite=p82ld3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=web-referral](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=387314&invite=p82ld3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral).

### Ingatestone

Thank you for your generosity to the two retiring collections we had. We received just over £500.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday we will mark the Way of the Cross at Midday (12pm) 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.

### 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.

### 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)).

## PARISH NOTICES

**St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG): St Joseph's Lenten Charity 2026:** The St Francis Leprosy Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and has cared for people with leprosy for 130 years. Sadly, leprosy is not just a disease of ancient biblical times. 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.

**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.

**Missio Red Boxes:** 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 2026 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 to me. 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.

**Maranatha!** Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration.

**Save the dates:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. **Time:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after.

**Venue:** The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends!

Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

## 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 burns for *Odette and Claude Roy*

**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.

## 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.



**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.

**200 Club - Hutton:** There are cash prizes to be one 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.

## 200 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Mrs. G Sarah £50

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Mrs. K Boisvert £30

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Mr. D D'Cruz £20

**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.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.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 1: Wednesday 25th February: Speaker:** Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. "I Believe..." Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. 7.30 p.m.

**Talk 2: Wednesday 4th March: Speaker:** Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30pm.

### Project 58.7 Feeding the Homeless - local support

For almost 6 years a solid group of volunteering parishioners from Brentwood, Hutton and Billericay have been providing food for the homeless. The charity, based in Basildon, has actually been looking after the homeless for more than 15 years. We volunteer by cooking a main meal or pudding, or by supplying fruit/yoghurts, or by delivering everything to a venue in Basildon. You would be on the rota roughly once a month and according to the days/dates you are available. If you would like to know about this wonderful project, please contact Maddy on 07710 187293.

## A Little Joke

What's February's favourite sport?

Ice-skating giggles.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Please pray for our departed parishioners:*

*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+*

*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.*