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Parish Hutton and Shenfield

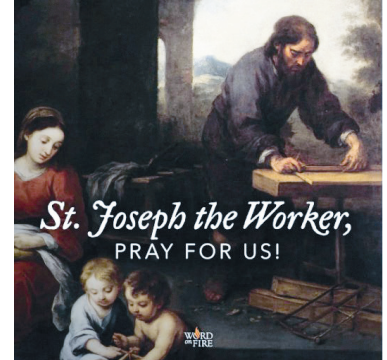
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Mission Statement

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 12 February 2023



“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Newspapers and online news platforms feed on anger. Their headlines often carry the words ‘rage’, ‘fury’ or ‘incandescent’. There are many things that make us angry: various situations, other people, even ourselves. Often we justify our anger and blame others. Sometimes we admit (after cooling down) that we may have misspoken or misjudged.

Anger isn’t a pretty emotion and YouTube is replete with videos of angry priests or bishops who’ve let their guard down only for it to be recorded and uploaded for posterity. Jesus teaches that, ‘...if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement... and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire’ (v.22). For Jesus, anger is the root of murder. Angry feelings, if they’re nursed and not dealt with, become hatred. The fruit of hatred can sometimes be actual murder. Jesus warns us to avoid the possibility of such appalling fruit by dealing ruthlessly with the initial feelings of anger.

We feel we have the right to be angry if we’re exploited, let down, hurt, used or rejected. It’s indeed a natural and proper reaction to such things. Jesus doesn’t say that we cannot feel anger. What he says is that we don’t have the right, in normal circumstances, to hang on to it and express it. Instead, we need to let it go so that we can imitate him better. There were, of course, occasions when Jesus himself experienced righteous anger and expressed it, but his anger never led him to sin. When he was betrayed, insulted, ridiculed, tortured and crucified, he had full right to feel angry. If he did have any such feelings, he must have let go of them for he says of his oppressors: ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing’ (Luke 23:34). Jesus shows us a new way of living. As his disciples we must emulate him.

Therefore, whenever we’re angry, we must acknowledge our anger, then let go of it by calling on the Lord’s grace. The Holy Spirit will give us the power to fulfil his commandment to live as he did.

Father, with your grace help me to let my anger go and to live in peace.

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Upcoming Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

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 Buhagiar RIP
K Buhagiar
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 14 9.00 a.m.
Parishioners
Wednesday 15 7.30 p.m.
Fr. Peter Edwards RIP
Thursday 16 9.00 a.m.
James Larkin RIP
Joe Larkin
Friday 17 9.00 a.m.
Leo Francis Kenny RIP
RC Briggs
Saturday 18 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.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18 6.00 p.m.
Claude & Odette Roy RIP
Sunday 19 10.30 a.m.
People of our Parish
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 4 February: 46
Sunday 5 February: 68



Today I welcome all our parish families and visitors to our
Sunday Celebration of our Mass.

Our repository is open before and after Mass during the
weekend. There are also helpful little booklets in the rack in the
Narthex along with Diocesan year books which are very good
to help you find parishes, the liturgical calendar for the year,
how to prepare a room when the priest or Eucharistic minister
brings the Sacrament to your home, and many other items of
interest. Money for any of these items can be placed in the red
box on the table.

Recently Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died and the following is an extract from his
letters (God is Love. In God and with God). I love every person whom I do not like
or even know....I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and
my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. Going
beyond exterior appearances, I perceive in others an interior desire for a sign of love,
of concern....Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their
outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave....Only my
readiness to encounter my neighbour and to show him love makes me sensitive to
God as well. Only if I serve my neighbour can my eyes be opened to what he does for
me and how much he loves me.

May God bless our families. Have a great week.

Lent 2023

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (22
February). It is a day of fasting and abstinence (if
you are over 18 and under 80). We are asked to
not eat meat on Fridays and have only a small
meal. It is a timely reminder that in our daily
lives we walk the way of the cross. This devotion
will be on Fridays at 3.00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 9.15 a.m.
& 7.30 p.m.**

Lunchtime Recital

Please join us on Wednesday 15 February at the
usual time of 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. for a
Lunchtime Organ Recital to be given by Alex
Knight from the Royal College of Music. Alex is
currently studying at the College for a Master in
Organ Performance. In his spare time, he
combines a bustling freelance career as an
Organist, Pianist, Conductor, Continuo Player,
Music Producer and Teacher with his posts of
Organist and Director of Music at St. Mary
Magdalene, Richmond and Musical Director for
the Canbury Dingers and the Treble Chefs.

His Programme is as follows:-

Johann Sebastian BACH

Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)

Cesar FRANCK

Fantasia in A major

Jean LANGLAIS

Triptyque (Op. 78)

Refreshments will be provided afterwards in our
Song School.

Diocesan Directory

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

Exciting Youth Event coming 3rd – 5th March 2023!

D-Max is a great weekend for 14-18 year olds
(school years 10 -13) to go deeper in faith as they
approach adulthood. With fun and friendship,
we explore what our faith looks like in our lives
and how to be encouraged and grow!

This year we have an amazing opportunity as
the weekend will include a day at Flame which
is the largest Catholic gathering of young
people in England and Wales, and takes place at
the Ovo Arena in Wembley.

It's going to be an exciting day with loads of
international speakers, great music including
MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B,
rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope
Project and soloist Adenike – Adenike was herself
a 17 year old at a previous Flame, and since then
has been a Finalist on The Voice. Plus loads of
young people passionate about their faith!
So, come and join us in Brentwood for an
amazing weekend from Friday evening to
Sunday lunchtime! It's an event not to be
missed!!

The cost for the whole D-Max event is £95 plus
transport into London

To book onto D-Max go to the link below or
scan the QR code:

<https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/nzecz27n>



Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Carol Turnbull
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie Mary Allum

Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson Ewa Kania
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Bill O'Regan

Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Readers for next week's Masses

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

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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:

The *memorial* of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The *Holy Sacrifice*, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Saviour and includes the Church's offering. The terms *holy sacrifice of the mass*, "*sacrifice of praise*," *spiritual sacrifice*, *pure and holy sacrifice* are also used, since it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant.

The Holy and Divine Liturgy, because the Church's whole liturgy finds its centre and most intense expression in the celebration of this sacrament, in the same sense we also call its celebration the Sacred Mysteries. We speak of the Most Blessed Sacrament because it is the sacrament of sacraments. The Eucharistic species reserved in the tabernacle are designated by this same name.

Holy Communion, because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood to form a single body. We also call it: *the holy things (ta hagia; sancta)* - the first meaning of the phrase "communion of saints" in the Apostles' Creed - the bread of angels, bread from heaven, medicine of immortality, *viaticum*.....

Holy Mass (Missa), because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (*Missio*) of the faithful, so that they may fulfil God's will in their daily lives.

Our Lady Of Walsingham

The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to ask the Holy See to elevate the Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to the status of a Feast in England.

The House Of Commons Consultation On Assisted Suicide

A reminder that the online inquiry into Assisted Suicide closes on Friday. I have forwarded the briefing papers from the Ancombe Centre. It barely takes five minutes to complete the six brief questions online. If you haven't been able to complete the form so far, please click on this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JM66AML/>

First Year Of Preparation For The Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis has announced a two-year preparation for the Holy Year 2025. This first year, 2023, invites us to re-visit the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council on the Sacred Liturgy, the Church, Divine Revelation and the Church in the Modern World.

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 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

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 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.

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 campaign to make your pledge. SPUC 2023 youth conference 24-26 February, Yardfield Park Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (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



Pope on Twitter



May we work together against human trafficking, walking with those who are destroyed by the violence of sexual and labour exploitation, as well as with migrants and displaced persons. May we courageously reaffirm the value of human dignity!

Let's #PrayTogether for the peoples of Turkey and Syria hard hit by the earthquakes that have caused thousands of deaths and injuries. I thank those who are working to provide relief, and I encourage everyone to offer their solidarity.

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of the Sudanese Saint Josephine #Bakhita, whose testimony of life fills us with Christian hope. Trusting in her intercession, we pray for a future of justice and peace for our brothers and sisters in #Africa.

I remain close with all my heart to the people affected by the earthquake in #Turkey and #Syria. I continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members, and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 5 February you gave £245.00 with £60.00 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: Teresa Mary Deeks, Elizabeth Gilfoyle, David Hills, Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty, Irene Finch, William Woods, and Patricia Lowen.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Garrett (2020), Fr. Charles Snell (1949), and Fr. John Joyce (1947)

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

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said 'Parking Fine'. So that was nice!

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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



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.

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 –

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 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.



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.



World Day of the Sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. It encourages praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister.

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

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.

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