

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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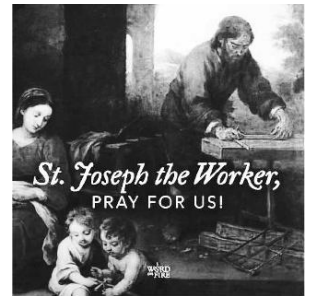
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 4 and 11 May2025

"Feed my sheep." (John 21:17)

In this beautiful and moving passage, we witness the tender mercy of Our Risen Lord toward St. Peter, the prince of the Apostles. After the Resurrection, Our Lord appears once more to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, meeting them in the simplicity of their daily labour, reminding us that Christ seeks us not only in the extraordinary but in the ordinary duties of life.

The miraculous catch of fish recalls Peter's original call, and the simple meal by the fire brings to mind the threefold denial Peter made on another night and beside another fire. But here, the wound of betrayal is healed by the threefold confession of love: "Lord, You know that I love You." Christ does not scorn Peter for his weakness; instead, He forgives, restores, and entrusts him with the care of His flock.

This scene speaks powerfully to the heart of the Church's mission. Christ entrusts His sheep to Peter and his successors, establishing the enduring foundation of the Papacy. It also reminds each one of us that though we fall, Our Lord always calls us back, inviting us to love Him anew and to serve in humility and fidelity.

Let us ask for the grace to respond to Christ's call with the simplicity of Peter's heart, never trusting in our own strength, but depending wholly upon the mercy and grace of Our Saviour, who builds His Church not on the perfect, but on those who, knowing their weakness, cling to Him with love.

I am in Lourdes this coming week and I am very grateful to Fr Leslie for coming back to look after the parish over the weekend.

Please note, there will be no weekday Masses this coming week, and no adoration with confessions on Saturday. This newsletter will cover the next two weeks. The weekend Masses (5.30pm and 10.30am) are as normal. I can be contacted by email if you have any prayer requests. Please be assured of my prayers from Our Lady's shrine in Lourdes.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week. *Fr. Gary*

Memorial Mass 11am 24th May

Sheena Abraham, one of our parishioners, is organising a memorial Mass here at St Joseph's for her elder brother who sadly died in February. This will take place at 11am on 24th May here in the Church. Please do come along to support a member of our parish family in her time of loss and to pray for the repose of her

brother's soul, and for the consolation of all his loved ones. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to our 23 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. We extend to them and their families for warmest wishes and heartfelt prayers on such an important and special occasion in their lives. May their reception of the Lord for the first time be the first of many in the years to come!

Celebratory Mass for FHC children - Sunday 18th May, 2025.

This will be a celebratory Mass for our First Holy Communion children, marking the end of their preparation and the beginning of a new chapter in their faith journey.

This mass will be a time for reflection, thanksgiving, and sending the children forth to live out their faith.

We hope the children will wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits again to mark this special occasion.

You are invited to a celebratory tea in the hall after Mass.

Food Bank Collection

The Hutton Community Food Hub collection will take place this weekend Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th. Please generously donate any tinned or packaged food, nappies, toilet rolls, or toiletry items. The Food Hub supports 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your generosity. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you

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.

Hall Hire

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

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 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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 3 5.30 p.m.

Pro Popolo

Sunday 4 10.30 a.m.

Fr Mooney

R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5 - Friday 9 No Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10 5.30 p.m.

Breda Conville

R.I.P.

Sunday 11 10.30 a.m.

For Howson

(Private intention)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 12 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

Tuesday 13 9.15 a.m.

(George and Mary FitzPatrick)

Wednesday 14 9.15. a.m.

Holy Souls

NO MASS THURSDAY

Friday 16 9.15 a.m.

Private intention

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17 5.30 p.m.

Alan Turrey

R.I.P.

Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.

Michael J. Collins

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

Easter Sunday 20 April 10.30 a.m. - 484

Saturday 26 April FHC Mass - 322

Saturday 26 April 5.30 p.m. - 69

Sunday 27 April 10.30 a.m. - 77

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 3 May 5.30 p.m.
Stella Walker

Saturday 10 May 5.30 p.m.
Ewa Kania

Sunday 4 May 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie

Sunday 11 May 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre of helping us 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.

Alpha

Alpha is coming to St Joseph the Worker in September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help lead, host or welcome at the Alpha sessions. More details will follow in June, but in the meantime, we ask for prayers from the parish for the success of Alpha in Hutton.

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 do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. www.stjosephshutton.org
Thank you!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people (18+), Saturday 24th May 2025

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit: www.bcys.net/events

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Monthly Youth Mass

Each month, on the first Thursday, the BCYS invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups and School Groups to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

The evening begins at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall, followed by around an hour of input before celebrating Mass together at 7:30pm.

The whole evening finishes around 8:30pm. There is no need to book and no cost for this - please feel very welcome to come along and simply find out more about the BCYS and what they offer!

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

God's presence

When a family meets 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 Jesus' stillness and presence. When you pass a

Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to acknowledge Jesus's presence, or pay a short visit. Never lose sight of God's presence.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals - serving school meals to children living in the world's poorest countries.

Following on from our successful collection of foreign currency earlier this year, we have another opportunity to support this worthwhile charity by donating items for recycling.

In the porch, you'll find a collection box for items Mary's Meals can recycle to raise funds...

jewellery, Coins, Currency, Mobile Phones, Cameras, Gadgets, Stamps. Thank you!

QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



Keep a Flame Burning (Ex. 27:19-20)

Our sanctuary 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 our parish community.

A Little Joke

Knock, knock! Who's there? Butcher.
Butcher who?

Butcher eggs in one basket!

Readers

Saturday 3 May	5.30 p.m. Nina Hackett
Saturday 10 May	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 4 May	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Sunday 11 May	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass, and everyone is welcome.



Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome. Thank you!

Newsletters. Finance News - 1

For Good Friday (Holy Places) collection - £130. For the week ending Sunday 27 April, the Plate Collection totalled - £275.00.

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.

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

There is no adoration with confessions this Saturday 3rd May.

Sick parishioners

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

Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

Second reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Lk24:32

Gospel: John 21:1-19