

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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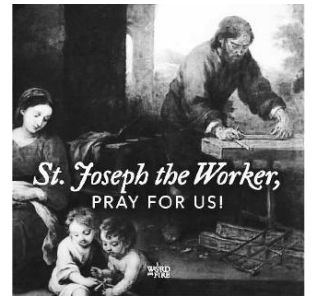
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 20 July 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, we meet Martha and Mary - two sisters who welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha is busy, striving to serve, anxious to keep everything in order. Mary simply sits at the Lord's feet and listens.

Yet notice how gently Jesus answers Martha. He does not scold her for caring or working. He simply reminds her: 'One thing is necessary.' Before all our plans and efforts, we must begin by sitting at His feet - trusting, listening, and drawing strength from His presence.

Change of any kind can bring anxiety. This summer we are experiencing a kind of change as we see two parishes linked together. Two communities, two locations, but still part of One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I will do my best to make the transition as smooth as possible, but some changes are inevitable, not least because I have not yet learnt the art of being in two places at once!

This week, I am very grateful to Fr John Corbyn for coming to say the Mass at St Joseph's. This means I will be able to celebrate the last 10am Mass Ingatestone, stay for coffee, meet parishioners and answer any questions. From next week, as you will see in our revamped newsletter, the Mass at Ingatestone will be at 9am on Sundays and the Mass here in Hutton will remain unchanged at 1030am. As always, everyone is welcome at both Masses. There may be Hutton parishioners who prefer an earlier Mass. There may be Ingatestone parishioners who find a later time more convenient. Although the parishes will remain separate, this does not, and should not, stop us from working together.

As we face the challenges ahead, let us resolve to be Marthas who also have Mary's heart: willing to work, but never too busy to pray. Willing to serve, but never forgetting why we serve.

If we keep choosing this 'good portion,' we will find the courage to persevere and the joy that no one can take away.

May Our Lady and all the saints pray for us, and may the Lord bless our parish with renewed hope.

Fr. Gary

Raffle Prizes

Are you going away on holiday this year? Are you someone whose eye is always caught by the delights of duty-free? Would you consider buying something to donate for one of our events. We are always looking for good raffle prizes so if you able to donate something on your return from your

well-deserved break then we would very much appreciate it. Safe travels!

Eileen Norman RIP

Eileen's funeral Mass will take place here at St Joseph's on 6th August at 11am. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Lourdes

Fr Gary will be in Lourdes from 21st July to the 26th in his capacity as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. Feel free to drop him an email if you have any intentions you would like him to bring before the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Ingatestone - Message from Canon Peter

Even a big thank you seems inadequate for the generosity and kindness you have shown me, not just on my retirement but over the past five years, so I shall offer a private Mass for all your intentions, the biggest prayer of thanksgiving. Thank you for the farewell party and all the culinary treats, a lot of hard work went into it. I ask Almighty God to continue to Bless you, your families and Ingatestone parish, may you go from strength to strength and one day go to heaven!

Thank you so much for everything,

Canon Peter Connor OFS

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!

Donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers. Thank you

Mission

The summer 2025 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the impact. Report showing what has been achieved by Missio with supporters' donations in 2024. Mission is the Pope's charity for world mission, helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their contributions of unwanted recyclable items such as mobiles/jewellery/watches/cameras. This initiative generated £41.50 which will enable Mary's Meals to provide 395 daily meals. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 5.30 p.m.

Breda Conville

Sunday 20 10.30 a.m.

Jim Jarvis

R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO MASS ON MONDAY 21ST TO FRIDAY 25TH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 5.30 p.m.

Pro Popolo

Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.

Private Intentions

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 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 12 July 5.30 p.m. 85

Sunday 13 July 10.30 a.m. - 87

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 19 July 5.30 p.m.
Eva Kania

Saturday 26 July 5.30 p.m.
Bill O'Regan

Sunday 20 July 10.30 a.m.
Blane McKie

Sunday 27 July 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie

Parish Register

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

Gift Aid Reimbursement

We received £8450.50 from HMRC this year for your gift-aided donations. A huge thank you to those of you who are able to gift aid your offerings to our parish. Gift aid is a way by which you can make your donations go further at no extra cost to you. Our sincere thanks as well go to Chris, our gift aid administrator, and Cormac, our accountant, who have spent countless hours navigating a complex system.

God's presence

When a family gather together for a meal, say race, 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.

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!

Card Reader



Just in case you've missed it, there is a card reader located in the porch for Card payments, donations (which can be gift aided), social events, repository, and so on. Thank you.

Knights of Saint Columba Holy Relic Tour

The Knights of Saint Columba are delighted to announce that between Friday 1st August and Sunday 10th August we will be touring the First-Class Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. Visiting Clacton, Kelvedon, Chelmsford (Blessed Sacrament), Eastwood, Basildon, Brentwood Cathedral, Hornchurch, West Ham, Elm Park and Chingford.

The Holy Relics will be available during periods of each day for private prayer and veneration. Next week we will announce the exact timings and venues as we build up to this remarkable opportunity to be close both physically and spiritually to these remarkable saints. For further information please email Liam Rand prov10.ippgk.liamrand@gmail.com

Retail Therapy

Do you enjoy shopping online? Would you like to support your parish as you do that, and at no extra cost? Go to - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and create an account through the website. When you need some online retail therapy, type the name of the company into the search bar of the website and it will take you to where you want to go.

From there the parish will receive a donation for everything you buy through there. There is also a QR code if you prefer to use your phone. Jessie, one of our parishioners, will be parish coffee to assist anyone who needs help to set it up.



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.

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.



Ingatestone Hall Tea & Tour

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is excited to invite you to a special day exploring the beautiful Ingatestone Hall! Join us for a private guided tour led by Lord Petre or his son, giving you a rare glimpse into this stunning 16th-century Grade I listed manor house. The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and afterwards, you'll be treated to tea and cake in the parlour – a lovely way to relax and chat!

Date: Thursday, 11th September

Times: 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (two tour options)

Tickets: £25 per person – you can reserve yours here:

<https://eu.jotform.com/form/251772844632361>

Note: Please be aware that access is limited due to the historic nature of the building, which may not be suitable for individuals with mobility challenges.

If you'd like more info, please get in touch with Julie: Email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 07912277413 and we look forward to welcoming you to Ingatestone Hall for a day of history, hospitality, and stunning architecture.

Alpha at St. Joseph, Hutton

Enrolment is now taking place for the Alpha course running in our parish from Wednesday 17 September 7.15pm until 9.00pm for 11 weeks. Alpha is about finding out about key questions of life, Jesus and Christianity in an informal way, with a meal, video resource and discussion. It is open to Catholics, non-Catholics, other faiths or none.

If you would like more information or to join the course, please sign the list at the back of the church or email hutton@brcdt.org to be put in contact with the organisers. We also need volunteers to help cook the meal each week, if you can help, please let us know as above.

Diary Dates for Autumn

21 September - Confirmation with Bishop Allen at 10.30 Mass

18 October - Family Quiz Night in the Hall

Bible Alive

The bible alive will no longer be available at the Narthex. If you would like one, please subscribe to Bible Alive.

Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600

Email: general@alivepublishing.co.uk

Website: www.alivepublishing.co.uk

Readers

Saturday 19 July	5.30 p.m. Ian Restall
Saturday 26 July	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 20 July	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal
Sunday 27 July	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be no refreshments after 10.30 Mass during August. Refreshments will resume on Sunday 07 September.



New helpers are always welcome, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Thank you!

Newsletters. Finance News - 1

Plate Collection for the week ending Sunday 13 July, totalled - £170

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

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.

Readings at Mass

First reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14(15):2-5

Response: 'O Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain.

Second reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Ac16:14 or cf. Lk8:15

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Hall Hire

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

Summer fun fact

In which country do people celebrate the arrival of summer by jumping over fires?

Answer: Spain.