

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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18TH/19TH JULY 2026 ✠ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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.

Please take note that there will be no weekday mass from Monday 20th to Friday 24th, July.

NO MASS ON THURSDAYS

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.15pm or on request before Mass or any other time.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th	5.30 p.m.	Leo F Kenny	R.I.P.
Sunday 19th	9.00 a.m.	Fiona Ware	
	10.30 a.m.	Jim Jarvis	R.I.P.
Monday 20th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Tuesday 21st	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Wednesday 22nd	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Friday 24th	9.15 a.m.	NO MASS	
Saturday 25th	5.30 p.m.	Mrs L E Briggs Intention	
Sunday 26th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	Anthony's Birthday Thanksgiving	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 11/12 July 2026

Plate Collection:	Hutton 12th July	-	£210.00
	Ingatestone 12th July	-	tbc

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 18th – 5.30 p.m.	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
Saturday 25th – 5.30 p.m.	David Donovan	Blane McKie
Sunday 19th – 10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey	Chris Brooks
Sunday 26th – 10.30 a.m.	Keziah Ashley	Amanda Spinks

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

Response: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 11th July	-	5.30 p.m.	70
Sunday 12th July	-	9.00 a.m.	tbc
Sunday 12th July	-	10.30 a.m.	62

REFLECTION

We often wish that God would act more quickly. We look at the world, at the Church, and even at our own hearts, and wonder why evil is allowed to flourish. Why does God not simply remove all that is wicked and leave only what is good?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord answers that question with the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The servants are eager to pull up the weeds immediately, but the master restrains them. 'Let both grow together until the harvest.' God is neither indifferent to evil nor unaware of it. Rather, He is patient. His patience is not weakness. Instead, it is mercy - allowing time for repentance and conversion.

That patience extends to us. If we are honest, we know that the field of our own soul contains both wheat and weeds. Alongside faith there is doubt. Alongside generosity there is selfishness. Alongside holiness there is sin. Yet Christ does not abandon us. He continues to nourish the wheat through his grace, above all in the sacraments, patiently cultivating what is good until it bears fruit.

The other parables remind us that God's Kingdom often grows quietly and almost unnoticed. A tiny mustard seed becomes a great tree. A little leaven transforms the whole batch of dough. The greatest works of God usually begin in small and hidden ways: a faithful prayer, a simple act of kindness, a quiet word of encouragement, a child learning the faith, a parish community gathering Sunday by Sunday around the altar.

It is easy to become discouraged by what seems small or overlooked. Yet Our Lord invites us to trust that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the harvest. Our task is not to despair, nor to judge hastily, but to remain faithful, allowing Christ to continue his work in us and through us. In his own good time, the harvest will come, and 'the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.'

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

Fr Gary will be assisting with the pilgrimage to Lourdes as the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. Please feel free to email the office with any intentions you would like him to take to Our Lady for you.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Have you ever wondered about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have been attending Mass with a husband, wife or friend, were baptised in another Christian community, or simply feel that God may be calling you to something more. The journey of faith often begins like the tiny mustard seed in this Sunday's Gospel: small, almost unnoticed, yet full of extraordinary potential. You do not need to have all the answers or be certain where the journey will lead. You simply need to be willing to take the first step. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or would simply like to explore the faith in a relaxed and informal way, Fr Gary would be delighted to meet with you. There is no obligation or commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and discover more about the person of Jesus Christ and the life of his Church. Please speak to Fr Gary after Mass or contact the parish office to arrange a meeting. You would be most welcome.

First Holy Communion 2026-2027

We are now putting things in place for the new First Holy Communion course. If your child will be in year 4 in September, and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion, please take a form from the back of the church after Mass. The deadline for the forms is 19th July.

Confirmation Programme 2026-27

Young people in Year 9 and above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year are invited to join our new Confirmation Programme. Confirmation is not the end of faith, but the beginning of a deeper life with Christ and his Church. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form.

We look forward to accompanying our candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

New Altar Cloths

Our sincere thanks to the generous parishioner who has kindly donated two new sets of altar cloths for our St Joseph's. The altar cloth is much more than a practical covering. From the earliest centuries of the Church, the altar has been dressed with linen as a sign of reverence for the place where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered. It also reminds us of the linen cloth in which the Body of Our Lord was wrapped after His death and placed in the tomb. Like so many of the beautiful things in our churches, altar cloths are often unnoticed until they need replacing. We are very grateful for this thoughtful gift, which will help ensure that the altar is always fittingly prepared for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Our sincere thanks also go to our dedicated team of volunteers who clean and wash all of the linens, and those who keep our churches looking tidy!

Fr Gary's pilgrimage to Canterbury



On **Sunday 27th July**, Fr Gary will be setting out from **Blackheath** to walk approximately **50 miles** to **Canterbury** in a single day, following much of the ancient Pilgrims' Way. It will be the first time he has ever attempted anything like this. This pilgrimage is partly being undertaken to raise funds for the life and mission of our two parish communities. Every donation, large or small, will help us continue our work of worship, service, outreach, caring for those in need, and witnessing to the hope of the Gospel in our local communities. If you would like to support Fr Gary's pilgrimage, there are various ways of doing this. There are sign-up sheets at the back of both churches with an opportunity to put down your email so we can contact you when it has been completed. Alternatively, feel free to use this link https://www.justgiving.com/page/garydench?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL or the QR code. Any donations received online will be split between the two parishes. Anything through the sign-up sheet will go to the parish in which it was signed. Thank you for your generosity and, above all, please keep him in your prayers as he undertakes this pilgrimage.

Alpha 2026

Would you like to know more about your faith and answer some of life's big questions? Then come along to Alpha, running at St. Joseph the Worker in the Parish Hall for 11 weeks from 7.15 to 9.00pm on Wednesdays 16 September until 02 December. There will also be a day at Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay on Saturday, 14 November, 10am to 4pm. Every session begins with a welcome drink on arrival, then a meal, followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith and concluding with discussion in small groups. Everyone is welcome, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics alike. The course is for those who are enquiring about the faith, those who would like to know more, and those who would like to deepen their faith. More information about Alpha is available at www.alpha.org.uk.

In addition to participants - 'guests', we are in need of more volunteers to cook a main meal for up to 30 people for one or more sessions, this could be jointly with another person, with reimbursement of money for ingredients. We also need the prayers of the whole parish and school community for the success of Alpha. If you are interested in the course or in volunteering, please include your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church or email alphahutton@gmail.com expressing your interest.

Missio

The Summer 2026 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 2025. This year Missio is celebrating 90 years of the Red Box - please take a prayer card from the table in the porch. 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 to find out more or to donate online.

PARISH NOTICES

Social Events at St Joseph's: Please 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.

20th September - Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

03rd October - Talk by Arthur Edwards on his life as a royal photographer

17th October - Quiz Night

5th December - Christmas Party

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, FHC and confirmation cards available, plus some lovely handmade cross-stitch cards.

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 **Fiona Ware R.I.P.**

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.

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.

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

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.



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.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Gary via e-mail to organise a meeting.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Day with Mary

A Day with Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at www.adaywithmary.org/symposium.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

BCCS invites you to join them on an exclusive, personal tour of Ingatestone Hall, conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of his Grade I listed building and gardens, followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit on **Thursday 3rd September**, 11:00-15:30. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: <http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/>

Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and thus not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

PARISH SCHOOLS

<https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/>