



ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE

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22 ND / 23RD AUGUST 2026 ✦ TWENTY-FIRST 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.

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 22 nd	5.30 p.m.	The O'Mahony Family	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 23 rd	9.00 a.m.	Frederick Virgo	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Tony Ekpechue Family	<i>Int.</i>
Monday 24 th	9.15 a.m.	Mary Rehan Marsh	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 25 th	9.15 a.m.	Mary Law	<i>Int.</i>
Wednesday 26 th	9.15 a.m.	Gerry Law	<i>Int.</i>
Friday 28 th	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Saturday 29 th	5.30 p.m.	Kay Rabitte	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 30 th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	John and Diane McCormack	<i>Int.</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 15/16 August 2026

Plate Collection:	Hutton 16 th August	- £250.00
	Ingatestone 9 th Aug.	- £161.50
	16 th Aug.	- £148.97

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 22 nd – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Ewa Kania
Saturday 29 th – 5.30 p.m.	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
Sunday 23 rd – 10.30 a.m.	Tara Sanni	Chris Brooks
Sunday 30 th – 10.30 a.m.	Cianna/Jophiel Dareal	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R8bc

Response: *O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.*

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 15 th Aug.	- 5.30 p.m.	- 83
Sunday 16 th Aug.	- 9.00 a.m.	- 46
Sunday 16 th Aug.	- 10.30 a.m.	- 80

REFLECTION

'But who do you say that I am?'

The disciples have heard what other people think about Jesus. Some believe that he is John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or another of the prophets. These are respectful answers, but they are not enough. Jesus therefore makes the question personal: 'But who do you say that I am?'

St Peter answers clearly: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' This is not simply Peter's opinion. Jesus tells him that this truth has been revealed by the Father. Because of this profession of faith, Christ gives Peter a particular place of authority in his Church: 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.' He entrusts to him the keys of the kingdom of heaven, just as Eliakim receives the key of the house of David in our first reading.

The Church, therefore, is not merely a human organisation held together by shared interests. She was founded by Christ and given a visible structure. Christ chose Peter to strengthen his brethren and to serve as the rock upon which his Church would be built. That ministry continues in the Pope, the successor of St Peter, who has the particular responsibility of guarding the deposit of faith and preserving the unity of the Church.

Yet the Lord's question is also addressed to each of us. It is possible to know what the Church teaches about Jesus without ever answering him personally. Who is Christ to me? Is he simply a wise teacher, a comforting figure, or one part of my life among many others? Or is he truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, to whom my whole life belongs?

Peter's profession of faith must become our own. We make it whenever we recite the Creed, but we must also make it through the way we live. Our prayer, our choices, our treatment of others and our fidelity to the Church should all declare that Jesus Christ is Lord. The opinions of the world will change, but the truth revealed by the Father remains secure. Christ has built his Church upon the rock, and he promises that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

GCSE Results

Congratulations to all our young people who have received their GCSE results this week. We pray that their hard work will bear fruit as they take the next step in their education, training or employment. Whatever the results may be, may they remember that their true worth is not measured by grades, but by the people God has called them to be. We wish them every blessing for the future.

Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the cream tea at Hutton Hall, CM13 1RX from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 20 September.

£10 per person. There will be prosecco and wine available to purchase at the event and a raffle. Please advise regarding allergies or dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets. Thank you to Paola and Peter Sanders for hosting this at Hutton Hall.

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.

Ride and Stride – Saturday 12th September 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already committed to taking part in this year's Ride and Stride, and especially to the parishioners at Hutton for their generous response last weekend. If you require additional sponsorship forms or further information, please contact Pat McCarthy on 07534 950738. Helen Shaw, an Ingatestone parishioner, has kindly offered to lead a walk, with a possible bus extension, in support of the event. The walk will begin at St John and St Erconwald's, Ingatestone, at 10.00am on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to join the guided walk, please telephone Helen on 01277 354230. Thank you for your support and prayers for this fundraising day, which will benefit both our parishes and other churches across Essex.

Trip to Rome

A three-night parish trip to Rome is being organised for 9–12 March 2027 by Jacinta, staying close to St Peter's Square. The approximate cost is £660 per person for a single room or £630 per person sharing, including flights, transfers, coach travel from Ingatestone and bed and breakfast. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Those wishing to come must commit by 8 September. Please contact Jacinta on 07949 270902. A substantial deposit will be required, although payment by instalments can be arranged. With all good wishes and kind regards.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on Saturday 03 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are now available to purchase at £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds.

Ingatestone Parish BBQ – Sunday 6 September

Everyone is warmly invited to our Parish BBQ on Sunday 6th September at 12.30pm in the private North Wing garden at Ingatestone Hall. Although many people visit Ingatestone Hall during its public open days, this BBQ will be held in a beautiful part of the grounds that is not normally open to visitors. We are very grateful to the Petre family for their kindness in making this possible. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners from both churches to enjoy good food, good company and a relaxed afternoon together. Tickets are £25 per adult, £15 for senior citizens, and free for children. We hope as many parishioners as possible from both churches will be able to join us. For information, please feel free to contact Jacinta on 07949 270902.

Bishop's Visit to Ingatestone

The Bishop will be making his visitation to St John and St Erconwald's on Sunday, 20th September. He will be looking forward to meeting parishioners after Mass, so do please come along to support the parish.

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.

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.

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 *Tim Burchett (Ingatestone)*

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.

Refreshments after 5.30 and 10.30 Mass:

The Saturday Mass refreshment team is taking a break in August and will resume Tea/Coffee on first Saturday of September after 5.30 p.m. Mass.

Also, there will be no refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass during the summer break from 02–23 August. Refreshments will resume on Sunday, 30 August.

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.

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. Application forms are now available after Mass. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Gary and collect a form.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage 2026

The 800th Death Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Jubilee Year 2026 is inviting us to visit the Holy Franciscan Shrines and obtain plenary indulgence. The parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Tilbury and Our Lady and St. Joseph, Stanford-le-Hope are organising a pilgrimage to Italy visiting Assisi and the Rieti Valley. The date is Monday 7th – Friday 11th September 2026 (5 days). Hotel accommodation: 3* Superior with daily breakfast and dinner (lunch not included). Cost of Pilgrimage: Adults and children over 9 years: £695 per person (based on twin sharing) and single room supplement of £100. To book your place, email: Fr. Anthony at tilbury@bcdt.org before the end of April to avoid escalating price of flights. To secure your place, a Deposit Cheque of £250 per Pilgrim should be made payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea or a Bank Transfer: HSBC Bank, Sort Code: 40-13-22, A/c No. 81018922 as soon as possible. The itinerary for the Pilgrimage is attached.

Headteacher – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster

Deadline for application: 17:00 Wednesday 2nd September 2026