

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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5TH / 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 ✠ TWENTY-THIRD 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 5th	5.30 p.m.	Annie Turvey	<i>Int.</i>
Sunday 6th	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	<i>(F)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	Graham Sarah	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Monday 7th	9.15 a.m.	M L Murphy	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 8th	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Wednesday 9th	9.15 a.m.	Private	<i>Int.</i>
Friday 11th	9.15 a.m.	Domingo D'Albuquerque	<i>Anniv.</i>
Saturday 12th	5.30 p.m.	Domingo D'Albuquerque	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 13th	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
	10.30 a.m.	Miss Kathleen and Mary Andrews	<i>(F)</i>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 29/30 August 2026

Plate Collection: Hutton 30th August - £140.00
 Ingatestone 30th Aug. - £138.47

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 5th – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Brian Hackett
Saturday 12th – 5.30 p.m.	Natalie Coleman-Dale	Ian Restall
Sunday 6th – 10.30 a.m.	Sati Ariya	Tony Peluso
Sunday 13th – 10.30 a.m.	Uzoamaka Ekpechue	Ngozi Ekpechue

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. **R7c, 8a**

Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Second reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 29th Aug.	-	5.30 p.m.	-	87
Sunday 30th Aug.	-	9.00 a.m.	-	41
Sunday 30th Aug.	-	10.30 a.m.	-	68

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Christ does more than offer advice for settling personal disagreements. He gives the Church a judicial process for maintaining ecclesiastical discipline. The procedure begins with an allegation of wrongdoing: 'If your brother sins against you.' Christ does not permit an immediate appeal to public opinion or communal condemnation. The matter must first be raised privately with the person concerned. This protects his reputation, gives him an opportunity to respond and seeks correction without unnecessary scandal.

If that intervention fails, the process advances: 'Take one or two others along with you.' Facts must be tested and corroborated. Here we can already recognise principles that remain essential to justice for all concerned: evidence, witnesses and protection against arbitrary judgement.

Only when these earlier measures have failed is the matter brought before the Church. The dispute now passes from private correction to the judgement of the ecclesial community and those entrusted with authority within it. The process is gradual and proportionate. It seeks amendment first, while allowing a formal exercise of discipline when private remedies prove insufficient.

Finally, Christ acknowledges that judgement must sometimes carry consequences: 'If he refuses to listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.' Ecclesial communion is a spiritual reality, but it has a visible and juridical form. Persistent rejection of the Church's judgement can rupture that communion. Discipline would be meaningless if the Church could identify grave wrongdoing but possessed no authority to act upon it.

Christ immediately confirms this authority: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The Church's judicial authority is therefore not merely an administrative convenience invented in later centuries. It belongs to the authority entrusted by Christ to his Church. Canon law gives developed form to principles already present in the Gospel: private correction, the examination of evidence, recourse to competent authority, an authoritative judgement and, where necessary, a proportionate sanction. Yet the decisive words remain: 'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.' The Church judges and disciplines so that, through repentance and truth, a brother or sister may ultimately be regained.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

DOMINGOS DE ALBUQUERQUE -1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY - 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

12.00 pm - Prayer Meeting, St. Joseph the Worker Church.

12.30 pm - Mass

14.15 pm - Prayers & Blessing at Dominic's Graveside, Woodman Cemetery, 39a Woodman Road, Warley, Brentwood CM14 5AU. Followed by refreshments.

12 SEPTEMBER 2026

5.30 pm. Mass - St. Joseph the Worker Church.

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

10.30 am. Mass - Followed by refreshments

All are cordially invited to pray and remember our loving Darling Father, Domingos De Albuquerque.

Regards

Tyrone and Hyacinth

Foodbank Collection

Our monthly foodbank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th September 2026, at St Joseph's. Please bring along tinned and packet items, toiletries, nappies and toilet rolls, to support those in need in Hutton. Thank you.

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.

Broken Window

First, a huge thank you to Mark and Sean for cleaning the windows of the church. If you used to count the cobwebs during the sermon then I am afraid you'll need to find another distraction! The windows were cleaned, inside and out, cobwebs cleared, and all the higher-level surfaces have been cleaned and dusted. It wasn't quite like the Augean stables up there, but it really was a herculean effort so thank you! One of the clean windows was evidently being admired by a bird who flew directly into it, shattering the glass. A film has been placed over the top to keep everything in place and a section of the church has been cordoned off for safety reasons. We have been provided with a quote and new safety glass has been ordered. The new glass should be fitted in the coming weeks.

Window Mechanisms

Another parishioner, Joe, has very kindly stepped in to look at the mechanisms at the top to see whether we can get them working again. In the summer, as you know, the church can get incredibly stuffy – so much so that even candles begin to keel over! We are hopeful that we can get the opening mechanism working again to bring in some fresh air during the summer months.

Assisted Suicide Bill

Despite this bill failing to pass the previous time, another time has been made to try to force it through Parliament with none of the concerns being addressed around safeguarding the vulnerable, coercion, and the failure to invest in proper palliative care. Because I had written to him previously, Alex Burghart, our local Member of Parliament, has written to me assuring me of his intention to vote against this bill. Members of Parliament receive a lot of criticism, and this may be justified sometimes, but they also deserve to be thanked when they do the right thing.

Please consider writing or emailing him. alex.burghart.mp@parliament.uk.

Lift for Supply Priest

Since the Bishop is coming to visit Ingatestone on 20th September, Fr Stewart Foster will be celebrating the 1030 Mass at Hutton. Is there someone who might be willing to bring him to St Joseph's? He lives in Brentwood and would like to be picked up from the front of the Cathedral at 10am. Thank 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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Ingatestone Parish Garden Party – Sunday 6 September

There are a few places left for our Parish garden party on **Sunday 6th September at 12.30pm** in the private North Wing garden at Ingatestone Hall. 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.** 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 at St. John's burns for **Marianne O'Sullivan intention.**

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.

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.