# St joseph the Worker, Hutton

## With St John and St Erconwald, Ingatestone

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## 17th / 18th October 2026 ✠ Twenty-Nineth 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 Joseph's – Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri 9.15am – 3pm, Sunday 10am – 1pm. 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

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| **Saturday 17th** | 5.30 p.m. | Mary and Jack Connaughton | ***R.I.P.*** |
| **Sunday 18th** | 9.00 a.m. | Ramon Bolt | ***R.I.P.*** |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Okoro family | ***Int.*** |
| **Monday 19th** | 9.15 a.m. | Sidney Lambert Fraser | ***R.I.P.*** |
| **Tuesday 20th** | 9.15 a.m. | Charles | ***Int.*** |
| **Wednesday 21st** | 9.15 a.m. | Private | ***Int.*** |
| **Friday 23rd** | 9.15 a.m. | Agnes Elica Fraser | ***R.I.P.*** |
| **Saturday 24th** | 5.30 p.m. | Private | ***Int.*** |
| **Sunday 25th** | 9.00 a.m. | Keith Wilden | ***R.I.P.*** |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Sidney Dennis Fraser | ***R.I.P.*** |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**Date 10/11 October 2026**

**Hutton 11th October** - £200.00 (+ c. £950 SO)
**Ingatestone 11th Oct.** - £153.00 (+ c. £175 SO)

### ROTAS

| | | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| **Saturday 17th –** | **5.30 p.m.** | Natalie Coleman-Dale | Ian Restall |
| **Saturday 24th –** | **5.30 p.m.** | Mark Brennan | Marian Aderson |
| **Sunday 18th –** | **10.30 a.m.** | Sophie Newbould | Amanda Spinks |
| **Sunday 25th –** | **10.30 a.m.** | Peter Sanders | Chris Brooks |

### READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. ℟7b
**Response:** *Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.*
**Second reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
**Gospel Acclamation:** Philippians 2:15d, 16a
**Alleluia, Alleluia!.**
*Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.*
**Alleluia!**
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

### MASS ATTENDANCE

**Saturday 10th Oct.** - 5.30 p.m. - 90
**Sunday 11th Oct.** - 9.00 a.m. - 49
**Sunday 11th Oct.** - 10.30 a.m. - 74

### REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Our Lord is presented with a question designed to trap him. Should the Jewish people pay taxes to Caesar, the Roman emperor who ruled over them? If Jesus says yes, he risks appearing to support a foreign occupying power. If he says no, he can be accused of rebellion against Rome. His answer, however, is startling: 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

These words have been used to justify the idea that religion and public life should be kept entirely separate. Faith, we are told, is a private matter. It belongs in our churches, our homes, and perhaps our consciences, but it should have little influence over the way society is organised or the decisions made by those who govern us.

This is one of the great assumptions of modern secularism. Religion is tolerated provided that it remains safely within the boundaries assigned to it by the secular world. We may believe what we like, so long as those beliefs do not make demands upon public life.

But this is not what Our Lord is saying.

Civil authority has its proper place. Christians have duties towards the society in which they live. We should obey just laws, contribute to the common good, and respect legitimate authority. The Church has never taught that Christians should withdraw from the world or disregard their responsibilities as citizens.

Whose image appears on the coin? The answer is Caesar's, and so the coin may be given back to him. But there is another image which Jesus leaves unspoken. Whose image do we bear?

The answer is found in the very first chapter of Genesis: 'God created man in his own image.' We bear the image of God. And if the coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image, then we belong to God because we bear his. That distinction changes everything. Caesar may have a claim upon our money, our obedience to just laws, and our duties as citizens. But God has a claim upon our very lives. There is no part of human existence which falls outside his sovereignty.

The difficulty with secularism is not that it recognises a proper distinction between the Church and the State. The Church herself recognises that distinction. The difficulty arises when that distinction becomes an exclusion, when God is treated as though he has nothing to say about human dignity, the protection of life, marriage, family, education, justice, or the moral foundations of society.

A society which attempts to organise itself without reference to God does not thereby become neutral. It simply replaces one understanding of the human person with another. And when we forget that every human being is made in God's image, we risk forgetting why every human life possesses an inherent and inviolable dignity.

The Christian faith cannot be reduced to a private hobby, something we practise on Sundays before returning to a world in which God is expected to remain silent. Christ is not simply Lord of the sanctuary. He is Lord of all creation.

Our task, therefore, is not to impose faith upon others, but neither is it to apologise for allowing our faith to shape our lives and our contribution to society. We are called to be faithful citizens, to work for the common good, and to bear witness to the truth with charity and courage.

Render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar, certainly. But let us never forget that Caesar himself, like every one of us, belongs to God.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

*Fr Gary*

#### All Saints and All Souls

There are two important moments in the Church's year. All Saints is on Sunday this year and the Sunday Masses will remain the same. All Souls is Monday 2nd November, and we will have a Mass at 9.15 at Hutton and a Mass at 12.30 at Ingatestone, as well as a Mass at 7.30pm at Hutton which will be celebrated in Latin. All are invited.

### November Dead List

November Dead List envelopes are available at the back of the church. The month of November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have nobody to pray for them. If you would like a loved one to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you wish to make) in one of the November envelopes. We will pray for them at our Masses and in our devotions throughout the month of November.

### Grave Blessings

Since it is customary to remember our deceased loved ones in a special way in November, Fr Gary will be blessing graves on **7th November**. He will be at Ingatestone and Fryerning Cemetery at 11am and Woodman Road Cemetery at 12.15. There will be some prayers for the dead, and any graves of loved ones will be blessed**.**

### Drivers Needed!

A team from the Cathedral parish cook for the homeless on a regular basis and deliver the meals to Basildon, where different Christian communities organise the project. The meals are collected from those cooking and taken to one of these Churches for 6pm. We have been helping this project for some years, but are recently becoming very short of deliverers. If you drive and are available some nights between 5pm-6.30pm would you be interested in helping out? It would probably only mean one or two evenings a month, and the homeless guests who come for a meal look forward to it.

Please contact Deirdre Smith on 07739 008330 if you can help in any way. Thank you in anticipation.

### World Mission Day (Missio) – Sunday, 18 October 2026

This weekend marks 100 years of the global Catholic Church coming together in prayer, solidarity, and financial support for missionaries through the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Catholics are invited to participate through prayer, and a special collection will be held after Mass to support Missio's worldwide mission work.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

### Alpha 2026

Please remember the participants and leaders of Alpha in your daily prayers: 'Heavenly Father, I pray for my friends, my parish community and for Alpha. Lord, let your kingdom come and your will be done. Holy Spirit come fill me today that I might share the good news of Jesus to those around me. Amen.'

## PARISH NOTICES

## HUTTON:

### Missio

The Autumn 2026 edition of "Mission Today" is available on 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. Thank you for your support.

### New Book of Remembrance at St Joseph's

Each year, during November, we place our Book of Remembrance before the altar. Through your generosity, we shall shortly be replacing the Book of Remembrance at St Joseph's, in which we commemorate the anniversaries of our departed loved ones and remember them in our prayers. As we approach November, the month in which the Church traditionally prays in a particular way for the Holy Souls, I would like to invite parishioners to include, in their November Dead List envelopes, the **full names and anniversaries of death (day, month and year)** of any close family members, friends or loved ones whom they would like to have inscribed in the new book. Mandy, one of our parishioners and an accomplished calligrapher, has very kindly offered to undertake the beautiful work of entering the names by hand. It is a fitting way to ensure that those whom we have loved and lost continue to be remembered in the prayers of our parish community for generations to come. As the Church reminds us, praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy, and a beautiful expression of our faith in the Resurrection.

### Parish Quiz Night:

Saturday **17 October** 6.30 for 7.00pm in the Hall. Cormac, our excellent quizmaster is returning!!

Tables of 8 or come as an individual and join a team. Parishioners from Ingatestone and St Joseph's Primary School parents are welcome.

£10 adults, £5 teenagers, primary school age children free. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Tickets available after Mass at St Joseph's or email hutton@brcdt.org.

**Christmas Party** - 5th December

## INGATESTONE:

### Ingatestone Book of Remembrance

Given the age of our parish, it is surprising we do not have a Book of Remembrance. I would like to purchase one. Is there a parishioner, with very neat writing, who might be willing to commit to writing in the names of our loved ones to be inscribed into the book? The book should be something of beauty, fitting for the noble remembrance of, and prayer for, our dearly departed, and I am afraid my own writing would not be suitable. . . Please get in touch with me if you might be willing. *Fr Gary*

### Trip to Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair - 19th November 2026

Jacinta is organising a trip to Ely Cathedral for the Christmas Fair on 19th November with the coach leaving Ingatestone Catholic Church at 9.15am. Arrival in Ely at c.10.30 and pick up at 4.30pm to be back in Ingatestone by 6pm.All are welcome and roughly 16 tickets will be reserved so please let Jacinta know if you would like to come on 07949 270902 as soon as possible. The deadline is Monday, 12 October. Cost will be roughly £48 depending on numbers.

### Ingatestone Hall Christmas Wreath Making Event – 23rd November to 4th December 2026

This is an opportunity for a guided wreath making class to be enjoyed with mulled wine and delicious canapés in the beautiful setting of Ingatestone Hall. The cost £95pp and groups are limited to 14 people per session.

Visit: Online Box Office: www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-wreath-making-and-canapes-at-ingatestone-hall-2311-0312-tickets-1999018241372?aff=oddtdtcreator for more information.

### Ingatestone Parish Christmas Meal – Monday 14 December

Our parish Christmas meal will take place at **The Viper, Fryerning, on Monday 14 December at 7pm**. This lovely local pub promises a wonderfully festive atmosphere! Places are limited, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church **by 31 October**. A sample menu is available, with the final menu expected in mid-November. For further information, please contact Jacinta on 07949 270902.

**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 ***Michael Kelleher (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.

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.

**200 Club AGM held 10th October.**

Minutes of the meeting are available from the Club Secretary.

**200 CLUB SUPER DRAW IN NOVEMBER**

**Top prize £100 for November only... with additional prizes of £50, £30, £20.**

**Join now to be included in the draw.**

**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

**Maranatha at Upminster 19 November 2026**

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Upminster RM14 2SY on **Thursday 19 November 2026** 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Not been to Maranatha before - why not come and see?

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**

The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

**A Day With Mary**

Taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day.

Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

**World Youth Day 2027 (Seoul, South Korea)**

Be part of something extraordinary at World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world, gathered with Pope Leo for this global celebration of faith. Open to those currently in Year 13 and above.

Details and applications: www.bcys.net/events/wyd27.

**170th Anniversary Year History of St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford.**

This new booklet is full of facts and insights about one of the oldest parish churches in the Diocese. The cost is £7 including postage. If you would like a copy please email romford@brcdt.org.

**St Joseph the Worker RC Primary School, Hutton – Reception 2027 Parent Tours:**

Thursday **5th November** – 9.15am. Tuesday **10th November** – 9.15am Wednesday **18th November** – 2.00pm. Monday **23rd November** – 2.00pm.

To book a place, please contact the school office on 01 277227282.

**CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**

We are celebrating the Annual Mass for our deceased relatives and friends, in particular those buried in our cemetery, on Saturday 7th November 2026 at 2pm at New Hall in the School Chapel. The Mass will be followed by visits to the cemetery for those who wish, and tea. All welcome. For purposes of catering and printing, please let us know if you will be with us by emailing crssuk@canonesses.co.uk.

## JOB VACANCIES

**Walsingham House Manager**

**Location**- Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with travel to retreat locations and BCYS events, as needed.

**Hours**- 35 hours per week- including significant evening and weekend work

**Salary**- £30 - 32K depending on prior experience (ideally this is a "live in" role, with a one-bedroom flat provided, however it is not essential).

**Contract:** 3-year fixed term contract

The closing date for applications is **23rd October 2026**.

**Ursuline Preparatory School - Teaching Assistant**

The Ursuline Preparatory School are seeking to appoint an experienced Teacher Assistant at our thriving Prep. School.

Required for **January 2027** to join our dedicated team. Salary offered will be dependent on knowledge and experience.

Please apply in writing with accompanying CV to Mrs. Wilson, Headteacher by post to Ursuline Preparatory School, Great Ropers Lane, Warley, Brentwood, CM13 3HR.

By e-mail: secretary1@ursulineprepwarley.co.uk.

Closing date for application is **Friday, 23rd October 2026.**

## PARISH SCHOOLS

**https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/**

## EVENTS

**Diocesan Jobs** – For further details, please visit **https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/**

## A Little Joke

When is a pumpkin not a pumpkin?

**When it gets squashed.**

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*Please pray for our departed parishioners:*

*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+*

*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.*