

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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11TH/12TH JULY 2026 ✠ FIFTEENTH 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 – every day 9am-5pm. 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 11th	5.30 p.m.	Hilary Sease	R.I.P.
Sunday 12th	9.00 a.m.	Angela Podmore	R.I.P.
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	
Monday 13th	9.15 a.m.	Philomena, Mary and Sue	R.I.P.
Tuesday 14th	9.15 a.m.	<i>Private intention</i>	
Wednesday 15th	9.15 a.m.	<i>Private intention</i>	
Friday 17th	9.15 a.m.	<i>Private intention</i>	
Saturday 18th	5.30 p.m.	Leo F Kenny	R.I.P.
Sunday 19th	9.00 a.m.	Fiona Ware	
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 04/05 July 2026

Plate Coll. **Hutton 5th July:** £185.00

Ingatestone 5th July: £164.90

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 11th – 5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan	Kevin Bray
Saturday 18th – 5.30 p.m.	Nina Hackett	Brian Hackett
Sunday 12th – 10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders	Tony Peluso
Sunday 19th – 10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey	Chris Brooks

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64(65):10-14.

Response: *Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.*

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the Sower; all who find him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 4th July	- 5.30 p.m.	78
Sunday 5th July	- 9.00 a.m.	44
Sunday 5th July	- 10.30 a.m.	85

REFLECTION

One of the striking features of the Parable of the Sower is the generosity of the Sower himself. He scatters the seed everywhere. Some falls on the path, some among rocks, some among thorns and some on rich soil. By human standards it might seem wasteful, but Our Lord is teaching us something profound about the love of God. He does not ration his grace. He offers his word to everyone, giving each person the opportunity to receive it and respond.

The question, then, is not whether God is speaking. He is. The question is whether our hearts are ready to receive what he says.

Our hearts can become like the hard path through indifference, like rocky ground through shallowness, or full of thorns when anxieties, distractions and the pursuit of comfort leave little room for God. None of these things usually happen overnight. They develop gradually if we neglect prayer, the Sacraments and the quiet discipline of the Christian life.

The good news is that soil can be cultivated. A farmer does not simply hope for a harvest; he prepares the ground. So too, every Mass, every confession, every moment spent in prayer, every act of charity, and every effort to forgive another person helps to soften the soil of our hearts so that God's grace may take deeper root.

As the summer holidays begin for many families, routines inevitably change. Holidays are a gift, but they need not become a holiday from God. Wherever we may be, let us keep Sunday Mass at the heart of our week, make time for daily prayer, and continue reading the Scriptures. In doing so we allow the seed of God's word to grow quietly within us.

May our parish be known not simply for busy activity, but for hearts that are fertile soil, receiving God's word with faith and producing the rich harvest of holiness that Christ longs to see.

On Monday 27th July, I will take a walking pilgrimage from Greenwich to Canterbury, covering just over 50 miles in a single day. The route will take me through Rochester, Sittingbourne, Boughton and Harbledown before arriving in Canterbury in the evening. Along the way I will be praying for our two parish communities, for all our parishioners, and for the many intentions that people have entrusted to me. I have never done anything like this before, but two friends are doing it with me, and I thought it would be good for my own spiritual life. I would be very grateful if you would consider sponsoring me. Every penny raised will go directly towards our parish funds, helping us continue the work of maintaining our churches and supporting parish life. If you would like to sponsor the walk, please speak to me after Mass over the coming weekends or contact the parish office. Whether your donation is large or small, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please also keep me in your prayers. A 50-mile walk will certainly be a challenge, but pilgrimages have always reminded Christians that the journey of faith requires perseverance, hope and trust in God. I hope to carry your prayers with me every step of the way.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week!

Fr Gary

Congratulations – Alexandra and Barnabas

Huge congratulations to Alexandra and Barnabas Peluso, whose marriage I went to Madeira to solemnise last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this exciting new adventure. Congratulations to Julia and Noel, and Johanna and Tony, their very wonderful, and very proud parents

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.

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 *Angela Podmore 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.

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

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.

Final Places – Summer Holiday Opportunity

The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at www.boscocamp.co.uk