

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

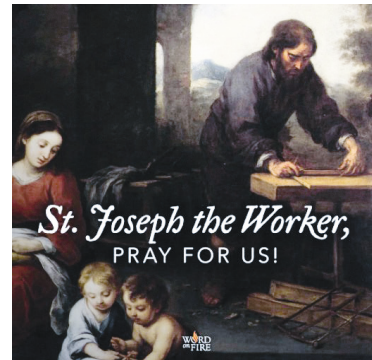
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## Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



## Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

**Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 22 January 2023**



*"He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"*

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus began his public ministry in Galilee, as predicted by Isaiah (see 9:1-2). Tragically, the chief priests and Pharisees, who were familiar with the Scriptures, were so stubborn, blind and resistant, and said to Nicodemus, 'Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee' (John 7:52 NIV).

Jesus' initial preaching began like John the Baptist's, with a simple proclamation about the need for conversion and change: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near' (v.17). Repentance doesn't sit comfortably with us today, probably because we've lost a sense of sin and consequently have also lost a sense of the need to repent and turn back to God. We strive for a different grammar of faith, and sin, repentance, contrition and conversion are rarely mentioned. The Greek word metanoia means 'to change one's mind or change direction'. The Holy Spirit works in us to convict us of sin and lead us towards repentance; in other words, to change our minds and think differently. The Holy Spirit is the mind-changer but more importantly the heart-changer.

Repentance in this sense isn't difficult because the Holy Spirit leads us to see how destructive and dark ways of thinking harm and undermine our wellbeing and happiness. God created us with the gift of free will, which is why repentance is so vital. God assists us with grace but also respects our free will and ability to choose and decide whether to sin or not to sin, to turn back to God or to remain in our rebellion. Once we repent, once we turn back to God, once we take that first step, we open ourselves up to his healing mercy. Repentance unlocks the door to the royal road, the highway of holiness, the way of the Spirit.

*Lord, thank you for the gift of repentance and for the chance to change, turn over a new leaf, and renounce ways of thinking and acting that harm me and those around me.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Convillie Family & Wignall Family
Sunday 22	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 24	9.00 a.m. Eric Spinks RIP JGA Spinks
Wednesday 25	7.30 p.m. Holy Souls
Thursday 26	9.00 a.m. Margaret & Alan Cronin RIP C.Turnbull
Friday 27	9.00 a.m. Bill Brennan RIP
Saturday 21	10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

*Do try and come to a weekday Mass.  
We all need Jesus.*

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28	6.00 p.m. Brian Green RIP C Sutcliffe
Sunday 22	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

*We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.*

## BCCS

The BCCS Collection raised £145 which, together with the Christmas Greetings, which raised £60, means £205 will be on it's way to BCCS. Thank you and God Bless.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 14 January:	48
Sunday 15 January:	66



Welcome to our parish family and visitors to our Sunday Mass.

Jesus begins his Public Ministry with the familiar important Sermon on the Mount. Jesus begins with a message of Blessedness. To be blessed in this context means to be fortunate or to be happy; usually in the sense of being a privileged recipient of divine favour. May you share in this blessedness now and always, especially as you relentlessly make effort to be peacemakers in your family and in your environments.

In saying this we are daily confronted with hatred, disorder, war, destruction and disruption that is prevalent in our world today. Our prayer should be 'Lord, make us an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

May you find peace in full as you assist in making the world a peaceful place. I wish you all a happy and Holy Sunday and a wonderful week.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Saturday 28 January 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Shenfield & Hutton Union Church,  
Roundwood Ave, Hutton, CM13 2NA

Dorit Oliver-Wolff will tell her story from 'Yellow Star to Pop Star (How one young girl survived the Holocaust and became a singing sensation). Light refreshments are available following the meeting.

## CAFOD

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk)

## BCYS Events For The Diocese

### THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 6.00PM YOUTH MASS AT CATHEDRAL

Saturday 4 March FLAME at Wembley Arena (Hope for a good attendance across the diocese including our Young people who will attend as part of their World Youth Day Programme) More information will be available in the New Year.

Christian Leadership Formation Programme for Sixth Formers at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PT.

Further information about the programme

contact 01254 827074 or [admin@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:admin@christianheritagecentre.com)

Application forms available at [www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf)

## Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP**

## Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

### Funds can be remitted to:

**Account Name:** Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

**Account Number:** 20927317

**Sort Code:** 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is: Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

## Help Wanted

After many years of sourcing and arranging of flowers in our church, I am looking for someone to take over this task, and perhaps, if possible, be part of a team.

Also some help with the washing of the altar linen would be most welcome.

Please consider giving some time to help and care for God's house if you can.

If interested please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie.

## The Tablet – Since 1840

Subscribe to The Tablet today and not only will you be able to delight in up-to-date news about the Church in the world through the lens of The Tablet but you will also have access to its archive dating back to 1840 and for every new subscriber referred by a parish, The Tablet will donate £10 to that parish in return.

Please see the poster in the Narthex.

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## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

**IN BRIEF: "CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY".**

### WHO CELEBRATES?

Liturgy is an action of the whole Christ. Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the heavenly liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast.

### THE CELEBRANTS OF THE SACRAMENTAL LITURGY

It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates.

"Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is 'the sacrament of unity,' namely, the holy people united and organised under the authority of the bishops. Therefore, liturgical services pertain to the whole Body of the Church. They manifest it, and have effects upon it. But they touch individual members of the Church in different ways, depending on their orders, their role in the liturgical services, and their actual participation in them." For this reason, "rites which are meant to be celebrated in common, with the faithful present and actively participating, should as far as possible be celebrated in the way rather than by an individual and quasi-privately."

## Lunchtime Recital

Next Wednesday 25 January at 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. we have a rather special Lunchtime Music Recital featuring Jonathan Venner Pianist accompanying William Wayne Countertenor. Their Programme is as follows:-

**Antonio Vivaldi (1678 – 1741)**

Solo Cantata: 'Nisi Dominus'

**Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)**

Piano Solo 'Bist du bei mir'

(arr. William Harris 1883 – 1973)

**Henry Purcell (1659 – 95)**

'Vouchsafe, O Lord' from the Te Deum in D

**Georg Friedric Handel 1685 – 1759)**

Virgam virtutis from Three Vesper Psalms, No. 1

**Frank Bridge (1879 – 1941)**

Piano Solo: 'Rosemary'

**Arvo Pärt (b 1935)**

'Vater Unser' The Lord's Prayer

**Leonard Bernstein (1918 – 90)**

'Adonai roi' from the Chichester Psalms

**Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)**

'King David'

## SYNODAL Pathway Progress

We invite you to reflect on the Synodal Pathway. Pope Francis has extended Synod on Synodality to 2024. He made this decision "in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment". He would like everyone to live it as the journey of brothers and sisters who proclaim the joy of the Gospel.

The first was the worldwide undertaking during which Catholics were encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses – these have now gone to Rome. The continental share discussion will be with the Synod of Bishops. The final universal phase will begin at the General Assembly of Synod of Bishops October 2023 to October 2024.

In the meantime, we need to reflect on Eucharistic revival and how we develop and some of reverence and awe in our celebration of the Eucharist and live our Catholic values in today's world.

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator

([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## Brentwood Diocesan Directories

Brentwood Diocesan Directories are available to purchase from the narthex or parish office in the church at a cost of £2.95. If possible, please use the OR Code or red box on the table.

## Banking Coins

The banking of Coins has become a challenge as HSBC refuse to accept them. We now bank coins in the post office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers waiting to be served. Therefore, if possible, please support our parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking – our parish bank details are as follows:

**Account Name:** Catholic Church Hutton and Shenfield St Joseph The

**Worker**

**Sort Code:** 40-13-22

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If you use this method, please put your surname and initial as a reference. If you are part of our gift aid scheme, then please add your gift aid number.

By entering this reference our gift aid organizer will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the gift aid regulations.

I do understand that there are some people who would prefer to continue making their offering by cash. We will continue to pass round the collection baskets as normal. *Thank you ever so much for your continued generosity and support of the running, work and mission of our parish at St. Joseph the Worker.*

## Knit and Natter

**Or just knit.  
Or just natter!**

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278

Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

## Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, household parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29 May 2023, led by Bishop Alan. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.



## Pope on Twitter



Last Saturday, a new missile attack in #Ukraine caused many civilian victims, babies among them. I unite myself to the sorrow of their relatives. The testimonials of this tragic episode are a powerful appeal to every conscience. You cannot remain indifferent!

I ask all of you to join me in praying for Father Isaac Achi, of the Diocese of Minna in northern Nigeria, who was killed last Sunday in an attack on his rectory. So many Christians continue to be the target of violence. Let us #PrayTogether for them.

Today the Week of Prayer for #ChristianUnity begins. This year's theme is: "Learn to do good; seek justice" (Is 1:17). Let us thank the Lord who faithfully guides his people towards full communion

Those who are familiar with God's Word receive healthy lessons about what is essential. They discover that life is not the time to look at others and protect themselves, but is an opportunity to go out and meet others in the name of the God who is near.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 15 January you gave £230.00 with £32.00 via Gift Aid.

BCCS Collection: £145 plus Christmas Greetings £60, making a total donation of £205 to BCCS.

*Thank you and God Bless.*

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

## Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**We pray for:** Fergal McDonagh, Anna Bloomer, Dorothy Hunt, Maurice Mansfield, Frank Lowen, Stephen Eagle, Patricia Gower, Longin Czuprinski, Anthony Fleming, Edward Williams, Kathleen Dalton, and Leo Naughton.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Pope Benedict XV (1922), Bp. Arthur Doubleday (1955), Fr. John O'Sullivan (1999), Fr. John Hibbert (1975), Fr. Alfred Field (1946), and Bp. Patrick Casey (1999).

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.**

Light

# Laughter

Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely!

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### CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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#### Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

Dates for 2023

4 February · 4 March · 1 April · 6 May  
Coronation Day · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2  
September · 7 October · 4 November · 2  
December

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat  
with fellow parishioners. Please join us.



#### Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass. This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance. We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Help also needed, come on we are a family.



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