

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HUTTON

WITH ST JOHN AND ST ERCONWALD, INGATESTONE



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1ST / 2ND AUGUST 2026 ✠ EIGHTEENTH 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 1st	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo	
Sunday 2nd	9.00 a.m.	Sydney James Fisher	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Private Intention	
Monday 3rd	9.15 a.m.	Veronica Lyon	R.I.P.
Tuesday 4th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Wednesday 5th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Friday 7th	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention	
Saturday 8th	5.30 p.m.	Private Intention	
Sunday 2nd	9.00 a.m.	Lilian Mary Jones	(F)
	10.30 a.m.	Pro Populo	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Date 25/26 July 2026

Plate Collection: Hutton 26th July - £270.00
 Ingatestone 26th July - tbc

ROTAS

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 1st – 5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson	Catherine Bray
Saturday 8th – 5.30 p.m.	Ian Restall	Stella Walker
Sunday 2nd – 10.30 a.m.	Sati Ariya	Lyn Birnie
Sunday 9th – 10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson	Tony Peluso

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

Response: *You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.*

Second reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 25th July	- 5.30 p.m.	78
Sunday 26th July	- 9.00 a.m.	35
Sunday 26th July	- 10.30 a.m.	67

REFLECTION

'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?' Few passages in Scripture are as stirring or as comforting as these words from St Paul. He writes from experience. He knew imprisonment, hardship, persecution, hunger and danger. He had been beaten, rejected and shipwrecked. Yet he was able to say with complete confidence that none of these things could separate him from the love of Christ. That is because the Christian faith is not built upon changing circumstances but upon an unchanging person. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will return. His love does not depend upon our success, our health or even our feelings. It was revealed most perfectly on the Cross, where He loved us to the very end.

This week I was reminded of that in a small way during my sponsored pilgrimage to Canterbury. My ambition had been to walk the entire route, but after around thirty-five miles, a combination of minor injury and an unexpected diversion caused by a fallen tree made it clear that attempting to complete the final stretch on foot would have been unwise. The last part of the journey had to be made by train. I confess I was disappointed. Like many of us, I had set myself a goal and wanted to see it through. Yet pilgrimages have a way of teaching us lessons we were not expecting. They remind us that we are not saved by our achievements but by God's grace. Success and failure, strength and weakness, are not what define us. What matters is continuing to place one foot in front of the other, trusting that the Lord walks beside us.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the pilgrimage so generously through your prayers, encouragement and donations. Your kindness has been deeply humbling. I hope you would consider the effort made still worth sponsoring! The cause remains exactly the same. Every gift helps support the life and mission of our two parish communities as we continue our work of worship, outreach, education and service.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed week

Fr Gary

Ingatestone Parish BBQ

This will be taking place on 6th September. Do keep the date free!

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.

Foodbank Collection

Our monthly foodbank collection in support of Hutton Community Food Hub will take place this weekend Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd August 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!

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.

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 *the Parish Community*.

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

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.