

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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 15 October 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14	6.00 p.m. Bridget Massey RIP <i>A Turvey</i> 10.30 a.m. Marion Barlow RIP <i>Jackson Family</i> 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Do come along to pray to Jesus)
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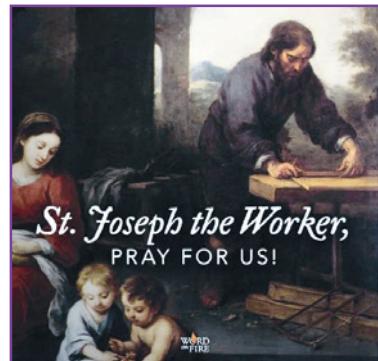
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Mission Statement

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.



WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

The name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 17	9.00 a.m. For our Parishioners
Wednesday 18	7.30 p.m. Frederick Gay & Mario (Sick)
Thursday 19	9.00 a.m. Mary & Jack Connaughton RIP
Friday 20	9.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday 21	10.00 – 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Ann Edwards RIP
Sunday 22	Arthur Edwards 10.30 a.m. Fr. D Mason Ints C. Waters 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note: The Newsletter is put together two weeks in advance. If you wish your mass intention to be printed, you will need to have it handed in by then. Thank you

Masses

Don't forget to have a Mass said for members of your family or former parishioners. Envelopes are at the back of the church for this purpose. One day you will want someone to pray for you. 'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be released from their sins' (Book of Maccabees).

Music in church

Urgently needed is a leader for our music, an organist or piano player. When we sing, we pray twice.

Mass Attendance

Attendance at Mass on Saturday 7 October: 33
Attendance at Mass on Sunday 8 October: 60

Hello and welcome to our parish family and to our visitors. I hope you are finding us a welcoming family. If you do not know the person beside you, please introduce yourself to them and invite them into the hall for tea or coffee after Mass.

Last week we had the school children at morning Mass - each class on different day to say a decade of the rosary and sing a couple of hymns. I explained to them about the shrines to Our Blessed mother. Thank you to the parents who came and joined us. I was hoping more would have come to support your family. Thank you also to Mrs. Giles for teaching the children the hymns. They sang so well and it was so beautiful to see them together honouring Our Lady.

The catechism of the Catholic Church speaks to us "The church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship". From the most ancient times, the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of "Mother of God" to whose protection the faithful fly in all dangers and needs....This special devotion differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration. The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel" express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Mary conceived without sin. Pray for us who have recourse to you.

Please pray the rosary as part of your family prayer.

May God bless and protect our families.

Baptism

A Baptismal form can be got from
hutton@brcdt.org

You must live in our parish – Godparents are one Godmother and one Godfather. Both should be Catholic or at least one. The Catholic Godparents should be practicing their faith. A letter from their parish priest confirming they are regular Mass attenders should accompany your baptismal form request.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m.
Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

November Dead Envelopes

November Dead Envelopes are in the Narthex on the table. Please take one and add the names of those who have died inside the envelope. It is customary to make a donation. They will be placed at the altar and Mass will be offered up for the repose of their souls during the month of November. May they Rest in Peace and Rise and Glory.

Bible Alive £3.00

Scripture, the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly every day, is printed in Bible Alive. We need to be familiar with God's word, in order to live our call to holiness and family prayer. Please purchase a copy each month. In this month's edition, for example, we hear that 'Miracles do Happen.'

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 14 October	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson Carol Turnbull 10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles Bill O'Regan 6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Ewa Kania 10.30 a.m. Chris Brooks Blane McKie
Sunday 15 October	
Saturday 21 October	
Sunday 22 October	

Readers

Saturday 14 October	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 15 October	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal
Saturday 21 October	
Sunday 22 October	6.00 p.m. Anthony Ekpechue 10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

Journey Home Threshold of Hope – Please read each week - (Continued)

Today's Gospel is the last of a set of three parables. Through all three parables, Jesus confronts the Chief Priests and Pharisees, who were overconfident about their own status, and smugly superior in their attitude to 'sinners'. In the first parable, he says, 'Truly... the tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.' In the second parable, the warning is stronger: '..the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.'

This theme of replacement is even more pronounced in the third parable. The original invitees, who refuse repeated invitations correspond to the original tenants in the second parable, while the new tenants to whom the vineyard was leased are paralleled by street guests. The tables aren't merely turned – they're toppled over! Salvation isn't only freely available, but available to all.

The wonder of God's grace is that, while our best isn't good enough to earn it, our worst isn't bad enough to exclude us. Grateful acceptance of this gift is the only appropriate response to such an amazing grace.

Save The Date – Saturday 2 December

PARISH PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Venue: St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall.

7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (after 6.00 p.m. Mass)

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Parish Partnership to meet up socially. We'll have Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Nibbles, Wine and Soft Drinks. £4.00 per adult- to include glass of wine, nibbles and a mince pie.

It would be good to know in advance if you're coming – for catering purposes. Please email sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com

Lunchtime Recitals

To all our Music Friends - Our Wednesday Lunchtime Music Recitals between now and the end of the year are as follows:-

Wednesday 25 October	Christopher Hughes Organ RCM
Wednesday 8 November	Schumanns Dichterliebe Josh Furtado-Mendez
Wednesday 15 November	Krassimira Jeliazkova-Jones Violin. Stephen King Organ &Piano
Wednesday 29 November	Joanna Lam Piano

Winner of the Hall Memorial Trophy. Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition

Saturday
30 December Trajecti Voices, Holland – Choral Concert at 12 noon

On Saturday 2 December at 4.00 p.m. Brentwood Cathedral Music presents seasonal music and carols for all sung by founder members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. Hilary Punnett – Organ; Joanna Smith – Piano, both directed by Roderick Elms.

BCYS Youth Gather – Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 October. Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island

Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on "The Voice" (many will remember her from Flame in March!)

There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more!

This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

First Communion Parents

Reconciliation – Once your child begins this journey, a good idea would be to have a meal to celebrate – invite grandparents, God parents and close friends. During the meal, give your child a card signed by all present with thoughts and blessings for a 'happy journey to first reconciliation.' (ideally both parents will be part of this journey and will be involved as much as possible throughout the rest of this year).

Christmas Hamper

Donated by one of our Parishioners – We are so grateful.

Shortly we shall be selling tickets for our Christmas Hamper. It will be usual format – pick up an envelope – name and contact details on the envelope and place £5 inside and return to the church.

This is our annual money raiser. So please help us to raise funds for the maintenance of our building. Since COVID we have lost many families and our expenses each week are more than our income. Which is a cause of great concern.

GIFT AID is one way, if you're a Tax Payer, please gift aid your giving at no extra cost to you.

Join our 200 Club - £24 per year – Half of the amount will go on monthly prizes – the other half to our parish.

If you can increase your giving to our church via plate, please be generous. We do have an obligation to support our parish and priest.
Thank you for your generosity.

Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 Mass from the end of September, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00pm Mass.

All are welcome to come into the hall after Mass for a drink and a chat.

Volunteers to help prepare and serve the refreshments at 10.30 Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota for October to December in the Narthex.

Parish Hall

Have you visited the Parish Hall recently? The renovation and refurbishment has transformed our Parish Hall and with the floor and painting finished, the transformation is complete! Please pop in after Mass.

Thank you for your donations which made the remedial work possible, and huge huge thanks to Sean Clarke, Jay Lockwood and Tim Murphy for all their hard work with hall and wall repairs, painting, woodwork, jet-washing chairs, maintenance, care of the gardens etc. etc. The result is a Parish Hall that we can all be proud of. Well done team!

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker church is looking for a Parish Administrator. This is a paid position for approx. 12 hours per week with some degree of flexibility. The role is to provide complete and comprehensive administration for our church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr. Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Food Bank Collections



Next monthly Food Bank Collection 4/5 November to support Hutton Community Food Hub. Collections will also take place on, 2/3 December, and 6/7 January. Please bring along your donations of non-perishable tinned and packet goods, toiletries, nappies and non-food items and place in the boxes at the back of the church. If you are unable to donate at this time please remember all those in need in your prayers. Thank you.

Prayer and Adoration

The Holy Hour of prayer and adoration is on Sunday between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament.



Pope on Twitter



The right to life is threatened in those places where the death penalty is legal. The death penalty cannot be used for a supposed State Justice, since it is not a deterrent, nor does it render justice to victims, but only fuels vengeance.

Let us start from the poor and we will discover that we all share an interior poverty, that all of us need the Spirit of God to free us from the spirit of the world, and that humility is the grandeur and fraternity is the true wealth of every Christian.

One of the tasks of the #Synod is to journey together and to listen to one another, so that the Spirit can suggest to us new ways and paths to bring the Gospel to the hearts of those who are distant, indifferent or without hope, yet continue to seek "a great joy"

I thank all who are accompanying in prayer the Synod that is taking place, an ecclesial event of listening, sharing and fraternal communion in the Spirit. I invite everyone to entrust the proceedings to the Holy Spirit.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Agnes Lyons, Benda Crawley, William Livesley, Mary Whittle, Antonette Parascandolo, Bernard Gordon, Mary Connaughton, and Sheila Towler.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Roderick Grant (1934), Mgr. Canon Christopher Creede (2002), and Fr. Bernard Clay (1970).

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.

Finance News

For the week ending 8 October you gave £165.00 with £13.00 via Gift Aid

Second Collection for CAFOD Fast Day: £255.00

Thank you and God Bless

Canon Patrick Sammon RIP: Sale of Books and CDs

Over the last few weeks the late Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E12 2PR (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30 p.m., Sunday 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr. Pat to have a memento via books and CDs, £1.00 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr. Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

Light Laughter

Barbers...you have to take your hat off to them!