

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

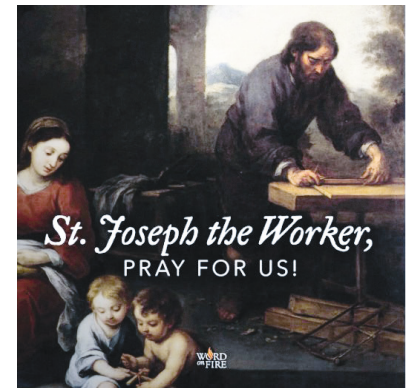
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## Mission Statement

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 May 2022**



**The Lord declares, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful."**

**John 14:27**

**"You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you'. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."**

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not just as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

Entire industries are built upon our desire for peace of mind. The insurance industry seeks to provide us with a sense of peace and security in the face of tragedy, loss or bereavement. The pensions industry urges us to invest in various schemes to enjoy a peaceful and happy retirement. Security firms are eager to alert us to how vulnerable and exposed our houses and possessions are without their particular alarm system. Politicians and statesmen promise military stability and economic health in their endeavour to win elections.

The world can offer some peace, but it doesn't last. Our fears and worries can't be placated by the external efforts of the world. Inner tensions and conflicts that at times rage within us are a cry for a deeper, more lasting peace. Our thirst for peace is a search to know peace with God. Jesus alone is the One who gives us peace, but it's a certain strain of peace, a quality which is divine, holy and eternal.

The peace Jesus offers is the peace of Reconciliation with God. Through his cross Jesus destroyed the dividing wall of hostility between us and God: he bridged the unbridgeable through shedding his blood and ransomed us from sin and death. He opened the door of heaven and allowed us to share in the very life of God: we are justified, made righteous and reconciled to him.

The truth of this can become ours as we accept, embrace and believe in the salvation secured for us by Jesus. Jesus' peace will flood our heart, mind and soul as we grasp God's amazing and wonderful love, and can give us an inner security and strength regardless of the trials and anxieties we face in this life.

*Heavenly Father, the peace you won for us is our most precious possession. Today I want to take hold of the truth that I have been justified through faith and have peace with you through my Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

##### MAY

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 22	10.30 a.m. Mass 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 24	9.00 a.m. <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>
Wednesday 25	7.30 p.m. Mass (Please note the time) <i>Feast Ascension of the Lord</i>
Thursday 26	9.00 a.m. Mass 2.30 p.m. School Children 7.30p.m. <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>
Friday 27	9.00 a.m.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 29	10.30 a.m. Mass 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

\* 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:** Any mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

#### Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

21 May	6.00 p.m. E Kania M Brennan
22 May	10.30 a.m. M. Allum C Brooks

#### Readers For This Week's Masses

21 May	6.00 p.m. M Brennan
22 May	10.30 a.m. S Ruffles

#### Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

28 May	6.00 p.m. S Walker C Turnbull
29 May	10.30 a.m. W Jackson P Sam

#### Readers For Next Week's Masses

28 May	6.00 p.m. M Anderson
29 May	10.30 a.m. R Mulvey

#### Ministries

**Church Cleaners** - We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

**Altar Servers** - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

**Eucharist Ministers** - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.



Welcome to our parish family and our visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Pascal mysteries. Please note that Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. Please do note the times of the Masses on this day in this week's newsletter

In today's gospel Jesus says whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Our world is very empty and who but we are to fill it with an understanding that

God is there with them. We have to give the gift of God's love and to teach others how to love God is the reason that Jesus came to dwell among us and why he makes his home with us in the first place.

Also the second part is peace. "Peace I leave with you. A peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. So do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid". Those two gifts that we give to the world love and peace. This begins in our domestic church, our homes. We do this through the power of prayer, the power of the Eucharist and the power of Mary.

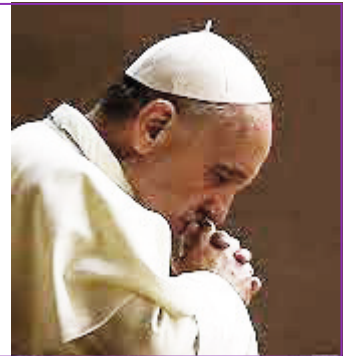
Please remember as a family to pray together especially the Holy Rosary for peace in Ukraine and for those who have lost everything, the young and the old in particular. Also for all who have died as a consequence of war.

Every blessing on your families.

*Fr. Leslie*

## Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*



## The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline – a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Registration for First Holy Communion

Children who are at present in YEAR 3 and above.

Registration for children who are currently in Year 3 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2023) will begin from this weekend 21/22 May for the next four weekends until 11/12 June.

In order to register, please pick up a form from Fr. Leslie after one of the weekend parish masses. Please return this form to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible after. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Leslie after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Priority for places will go to practising Catholic children. If you do not come to Mass regularly then it might be better to defer your child's application until you are ready to make this commitment.

## Flowers

Any donations to towards the flowers in our church would be greatly appreciated.



## BCYS Youth Gather

22-23 October: Mersea Island, Colchester.

Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you a fresh insight into yourself and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in year 9 and above. Book now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

## Bible Alive

Daily Reflections on the scriptures for each day of the week – This little book (£3.00) is a great way to reflect on the daily readings with yourself and your families. Please set aside some time each day to reflect on the word of God and how we can come close to Jesus and live our Catholic lives through his word.

Also you will find – How to order – Thank you cards, Kids Birthday Cards – Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament etc.

During the month of May – pray the rosary "the Family that prays together, stays together" (Fr. Peyton).

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## First Holy Communion Day



See some wonderful photos of our great celebration on the back page. The church was full with 200 people attending. It was a great day. Thank you all so much.

Thank you to the Catechists, Parents and Children for all your hard work.

Thank you to Jan & Mary for the beautiful flowers.

## Ted Griffiths RIP

Very sad to hear of the passing of Ted Griffiths who died suddenly last Sunday. Ted, and his wife Diana who died in 2014, were long time parishioners and he will be sorely missed by us all. He was also an active Catechist for over 60 years and was a founder member of Brentwood Circle. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. May he rest in peace.

## March for Life

This will be held on 3 September in London - Please put this date in your diaries. - Ten Million too many. Every life is precious.

## Stewards

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry. The list is on the table at the back of the church.

Thank you for your help.

## God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. - Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. - Matthew 22:34-39



## Lunchtime Recitals

Please make a note in your diaries for Wednesday 25 May when **David Silkoff** will be returning to give another much awaited Lunchtime Piano Recital. On 8 June we are delighted to welcome **Caroline Brennan** who will be giving her first Lunchtime Harp Recital in Brentwood Cathedral.

## Knit and Natter

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? A New group has started and will meet regularly in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



## Dates for your Diaries

### CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The present year of the family will conclude with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome 22 -26 June 2022. Whereas previously participation in the World Meeting of Families had been pretty much limited to those present, this time the aim is to encourage much wider participation, with a smaller gathering in Rome itself. The talks given in Rome will be made available online, and there will be a special blessing for families at the end of Pope Francis's Sunday Angelus on 26 June. It is hoped that all parishes will be able to make marriage and family life a particular focus for preaching and intercession. More information about the WMF programme can be found online at <http://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

In terms of diocesan events to mark the end of the Year of the Family, our focus is on relaunching the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life after a Covid enforced hiatus. In addition to the prayer cards, Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 16 July. Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. As part of the Year of the Family we will be inviting people to send in their own prayer requests via our website, and these will be placed before the altar at this Mass and included in the intentions for the Mass. If any families would like to attend, please see Father Leslie who will give you an invitation card.

For those attending there are no special car parking arrangements, therefore they should come early and be prepared to use one of the public car parks in Brentwood or travel via public transport as the cathedral car park will fill up very quickly.

## Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

4 June • 2 July • 6 August •  
3 September • 1 October •  
5 November • 3 December  
It will be good to see you!



## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00am. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

## Candles

Lighting candles has restarted - Please be careful when sanitizing your hands - that you don't over-do them especially if you are lighting a candle. (Sanitiser and flames do not go together!). If you can use the QR for your candle donation, that would be wonderful.



## Pope on Twitter



Beatitude, holiness, is not a life plan made up only of effort and renunciation, but is above all the joyful discovery of being God's beloved children.

As tensions and wars increase in the world, may the new Saints inspire paths of dialogue, especially in the hearts and minds of those who hold positions of great responsibility and are called to be agents of #peace, not war.

#Holiness does not consist of a few heroic deeds, but of loving a lot every day.

Each of us is called to #holiness, to a unique and unrepeatable form of holiness. The Lord has a design of love for everyone. He has a dream for your life. Welcome it! Pursue it joyfully!

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 15 May you gave £554.10 with £42.00 through Gift Aid. Second collection for Vocations: £119.35 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.

## Mass attendance

Holy Communion Mass: 197  
Saturday 14 May: 40  
Sunday 15 May: 74

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Stanley Sullivan, Sheila Curtis, Margaret Bailey, Leon Craddock, Edith Hill, John Oakey, Karen Field, Constance Pollard, Jessie Kilarney.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Henry Pearce (1990), Fr Charles Carless (1939), Fr Austin Thorburn (1950)

**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.

## Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Light  
**Laughter**

Why do golfers always take an extra pair of socks when they play golf? In case they get a hole in one!

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*A wonderful day for our  
parish family*

