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Parish Hutton and Shenfield

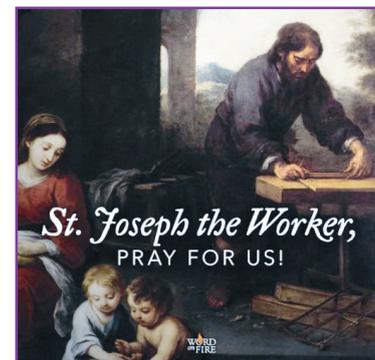
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Mission Statement

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 3 September 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 2 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
Katie Greenfield
- Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Do come along to pray to Jesus)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

- Tuesday 5 9.00 a.m.
Fr Leslie's Parents & Sister
- Wednesday 6 7.30 p.m.
Odette Roy RIP
- Thursday 7 9.00 a.m.
Fr. Pat Sammon RIP

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Friday 8 9.00 a.m.
For Deceased Priests of our Diocese
- Saturday 9 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 9 6.00 p.m.
The Curry Family
A Turvey
- Sunday 10 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday 2 September 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Mark Brennan
- Sunday 3 September 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks
- Saturday 9 September 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Carol Turnbull
- Sunday 10 September 10.30 a.m.
Bill O'Regan
Lyn Birnie

Readers

- Saturday 2 September 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
- Sunday 3 September 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey
- Saturday 9 September 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
- Sunday 10 September 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue



Hello to all our parish family and our visitors. You are all very welcome.

Just to remind you that Bishop Thomas Emeritus has invited all our parishioners as part of our partnership parish to join him on Saturday 16 September from 12.00 to 3.30 p.m. We will meet in the Cathedral Hall for a short lunch (bring your own). Bishop Thomas will give you a tour of the Cathedral explaining the history and significance of our Diocesan Cathedral and finish with a short concelebrate Mass. It's also an opportunity to meet parishioners from other parishes in our partnership. Please do respond positively to Bishop Thomas Emeritus

invitation and a great opportunity to meet him again.

Our school children return to school and we welcome our new headmaster. During September our parish hall will have new flooring and be painted inside, so it will out of use for a few weeks. This is all costly, but essential, so we would appreciate any donations, no matter how small, to our parish refurbishment.

We are also looking into the possibility of moving the Blessed Sacrament to the centre of the church and turn the side chapel into a shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham. Every Sunday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Please do come along, if only for 5 or 10 minutes of quiet reflection.

Lord, I dedicate my life to being a servant of your truth and light and the Gospel of life. Grant that I may stand up for the innocent and protect the rights and dignity of the vulnerable from the cradle unto the grave. Amen

Blessing on all our parish families, especially our new parishioners.

Fr Leslie

First Communion Programme 2023/2024 (if you have completed the form)

The first parent meeting is on Wednesday 13 September at 8.00 p.m. in the parish hall.

The first Childrens meeting is Saturday 23 September 9.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. in the parish hall.

From Bishop Thomas (Parish Outing)

Bishop Thomas Emeritus has suggested a day out at our Cathedral – now that it is listed Grade II. He would like to do this with proposed 'link' parishes. The proposed schedule would be as follows:

Date: Saturday 16 September – Arrive at Cathedral 12 noon. Introductory talk by Fr. Martin or Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture and liturgical layout of the cathedral and its artefacts, then time for questions and tour. Picnic lunch in the hall (each are invited to bring their own lunch). Concelebrated mass in the Cathedral. It would be great for a positive number from our parish as Bishop Thomas Emeritus has offered us this opportunity to learn about our Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

Fire Inspection

Recently we have had a fire inspection: Details can be had from parish administrator. Some important points –

Hall – All fire doors must have a long bar across them. The emergency lighting needs to be inspected at least one once a year. Outside door of the hall should be a fire door. Maximum attendance in the hall 150.

In the Church – No children to light candles - no crowding of people at any one time, when they had been lit. Fire Wardens need to be trained in what will be expected of them. Church doors all need to be unlocked.

When many people are gathered, a fire warden should be present. After a mass a practice run should be put in place.

Entrance to the school gates should be clearly marked as a fire exit and no parking. That's just a few points to share with you.

Be ever watchful.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

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

There are many important questions: what should I do with my life? What career path should I pursue? Should I marry or enter the religious life? What's the meaning of life? What happens after death? However, there's one question that's more important than every other, that sets the course of our life and needs to be answered daily: who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is? This was the question put to the disciples by Jesus and which Peter answered so decisively and clearly; the fruit, we learn, of the blessing and grace of the Holy Spirit.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. Another turned traitor. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only thing he owned on this earth - his clothing. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend and rose again on the third day. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he's the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

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).

Flowers in church

Now in particular we need a flower arranging team who will be responsible for creating floral decorations for weekend Masses and special occasions.

Jan has done this beautiful task with Mary Allum for many years. Now they feel it's time to step down after nearly thirty years. We as a parish thank them both with gratitude. We now need a new team of parishioners to continue this ministry. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Leslie to continue securing our community and our Blessed Lord who is always present in the church day and night. Thank you in anticipation and prayer.

200 Club Winners

AUGUST

Congratulations to our winners.

1st prize. Mrs C Studdard

2nd prize. Mrs C O'Hare

3rd prize. Mr. M Yates.

Members continued support has enabled the 200 Club to support the renovation of our parish hall. New members are most welcome to join...please see Fr. Leslie or pick up a standing order form at the back of the church.

SPUC Petition Day 2023

SPUC - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state.

Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible rights abuse.

Either Scan QR code on the white board in Narthex or www.spuc.org.uk/complicit-petition

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways. There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick, church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 2 days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 1 September 2023. 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

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m.

Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Mass Attendance:

Saturday 26 August: 38

Sunday 13 August: 46

Finance News

For the week ending 27 August you gave £105.00 with £44.00 via Gift Aid.
Thank you and God Bless

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking. Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker

Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884



Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

The sign of encountering the Lord is joy. Sadness, or fear, on the other hand, are signs of distance from God. Those who distance themselves from the Lord are never happy, even though they have an abundance of possessions and possibilities at their disposal.

I assure my remembrance in prayer for the victims of the fires that have broken out in recent days in north-eastern Greece, and I express my solidarity with the Greek people. And let us stay close to the Ukrainian people, who suffer due to the war: do not forget Ukraine!

Jesus does not want to be an important person from past history, but for you today; not a distant prophet, but the God who is near!

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Albert Chaplain, Kathleen Oster Meyer, Philip Burton, Daniel Burns, Mark Kotulski, William Kiely, Dorothy Duranti, Gordon Hill, Elizabeth Eagle, and Anne Rimmer
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Pat Cavanagh (2001), and Mgr. Canon Michael Wilson (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.

Newsletter Production

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Light
Laughter

Believe it or not, there are twice as many eyebrows in the world as there are people!

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