

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

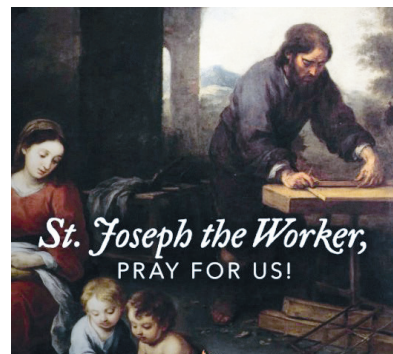
Parish Hutton and Shenfield

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.

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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 11 February 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10 6.00 p.m.
Holy Souls
Sunday 11 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with the
Rosary for Peace

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 13 9.00 a.m.
ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 14 9.15 a.m.
7.30 p.m.
Special Intention for Mrs. Briggs
Please note: Day of Fasting (one main meal
and two snacks)
Day of Abstinence – Do not eat meat on this day.
Thursday 15 9.00 a.m.
Fr. John Garrett RIP
Friday 16 9.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m. Devotion of the
Station of the Cross
Saturday 17 10.00 -10.30 a.m. Sacrament
of Confession with Rosary for Peace in
Middle East & Ukraine
Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.
Leo Kenny RIP
Mrs. Briggs
Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with the
Rosary for Peace

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
If you can come to weekday mass, the Eucharist is the Bread of Life, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of life Lord.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion in their homes, contact please Fr. Leslie for this important ministry. We also need Eucharistic ministers to help Fr. Leslie.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is available on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.



"My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions, and thanksgiving - especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet". (Timothy 2: 1).

Welcome to our parish families and visitors and our young people to our Eucharistic celebration today. Wednesday 14 February is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. Please do come with your families to journey the path Jesus

took out of great love, on His way to His death and resurrection. The Sacrament of Confession will be available on Saturdays from 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. and before Mass on request.

Lent invites us to a conversion of heart: a change of direction, an examination, a renewal and time for spiritual refreshment. Let us make this Lent a great time of conversion, repentance and love so that we arrive at Easter with mind and heart renewed.

I wish all our families God, The Father's blessing on each of you all.

Fr. Leslie

Stations of the Cross



On Fridays during Lent at 7.00 p.m. we will hold Stations of the Cross. Please do come and walk in prayer with Jesus to Calvary out of love Jesus has for us.

Come with your young people too – all are welcome.

Refreshments after Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass, and on the first Saturday in the month after 6.00 p.m. 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 a.m. Mass are always welcome. Please sign up on the rota.



Holy Hour

The holy hour of prayer and adoration will take place before the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. with the rosary for Ukraine and peace in our beautiful world.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 10 February	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Carol Turnbull
Sunday 11 February	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Willa Jackson
Saturday 17 February	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Mark Brennan
Sunday 18 February	10.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie Bill O'Regan

Readers

Saturday 10 February	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 11 February	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Saturday 17 February	6.00 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 18 February	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

Journey Home - continued

What does Lent mean to you? Giving things up? Taking things up? Ashes on the forehead, for sure. Lent invites us to a conversion of heart, a change of direction, an examination, a renewal, and time of spiritual refreshment. Lent is also a time to overcome cold indifference. The scriptures reveal the human heart is harder than we imagine. Lent introduces us to two seemingly old-fashioned ideas, sin and holiness. We don't hear too much about them these days. Is this because they make us uneasy and uncomfortable? Certainly, our culture is resistant to what it perceives as too negative a view of the human condition. In a way, this is right. We are created in the image and likeness of God, each of us possesses an inalienable dignity and destiny. However, we all know deep down that we fall short of God's glory, we do good, but we also do the not so good. Each of us is in need of God's mercy and forgiveness.

CAFOD

Family Fast Day Friday 23 February. Collection after Mass for CAFOD. Please see the Notice Board in the Narthex. (one of the corporal works of mercy).

CARITAS

For those who have been displaced by the war in Ukraine – Caritas Social action are working with one of our number of charities to co-ordinate a Home for Ukraine programme, which provided temporary housing aid support for Ukraine's displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. Already we have successfully matched 132 Ukraine guests with hosts across the country, nevertheless, nearly two years since the invasion of Ukraine, the number of those looking to find refuge in the UK is still increasing. As Christians we have a role to play. If you can help, please get in touch:
Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>
Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
Thank you for considering this request.

St. Joseph The Worker School – Head Teacher Vacancy

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do. The Governors of St Joseph The Worker are delighted to be in a position to offer the opportunity to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher to our successful and caring school. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils. Applications are invited from existing Headteachers and experienced Deputy Headteachers with great leadership experience who are capable and interested in driving whole school improvement. Full details of the post and application form are available on www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key-Information/Vacancies. Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk or to the school office marked CONFIDENTIAL FAO MRS L WILLATS
Closing Date: 11 March 2024 at 12 Noon.

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive. It is a reflection on the word of God and helps us to understand and live the teaching of Jesus in our lives so that we truly come to know him as our friend and draw closer to his heart of mercy and love.

Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is not very far away now. Ash Wednesday is on 14 February – and it is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.



Forward Planning - 1

Just to inform you that the Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP who was the preacher and spiritual director of the whole synod; the Revd. Dr. Jam Notnik, Director of Missions for the Bishops conference and its National ecumenical officer, Mr. Austin Ivereigh, Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis. Writer, Speaker on contemporary church affairs, Bishop Nicolas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (Former rector of the Ven English College in Rome), appointed delegate at the Synod this year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese.

Forward Planning – 2

As mentioned above. The talks of the outcome and what took place by four speakers who where present – Dates for your diaries below. These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; Wednesday 21 February, Wednesday 28 February, Wednesday 6 March and Wednesday 13 March. Please do try to attend.

Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year under the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'.



God's presence

When a family gathers together for a meal, say grace; i.e. Bless Lord our food which we have received, or a short passage from scriptures. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is with us. Wherever we go Jesus is always with us. Find time to pray with your children and in the silence experience the stillness and presence of Jesus. When you pass any Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to recognize the presence of Jesus, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

Gift Aid & Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donation it means that for every £1 that you give to our parish, we are able to claim back from HMRC an extra 25p. If you are a Tax Payer, you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the parish website www.stjosephshutton.org. The Gift Aid form needs to be returned to the parish office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number, which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church. We would also encourage you to consider setting up a standing order to the parish. Standing orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass, except when we have a second collection. If you email the Parish Office hutton@brcdt.org we will be able to provide you with the sort code and account number, and account name. Or alternatively you can download a standing order form from the parish website, and take this to your bank. Or use the QR codes. Thank you for helping your parish to maintain itself.

Food Bank Collections



The next collection is 2/3 March - to support Hutton Community Food Hub. 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.



Pope on Social Media

Prayer gives us the strength to strive ahead, overcome our fears, and glimpse the salvation that God prepares for us, even amid the darkness. Prayer also draws God's salvation near

May the Lord help us to journey together on the path of fraternity, and thus to become credible witnesses of God.

Jesus reveals to us that God is not a detached master who speaks to us from on high. He is a loving Father who draws near to us, comes into our homes, wants to save and liberate us, and heals us from every ill of body and spirit.

The journey towards #HumanFraternity is a common way, a long and difficult path. But it is a lifeline for humanity, one set against the many menacing signs and dark times in which we are living.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Eileen Worwood, Teresa Deeks, Elizabeth Guifoyle, David Hills, Patrick Todd, Patrick Faherty, and Irene Finch
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Donald Mills (2013), Fr. John Garrett (2020), Fr. Charles Snell (1949), and Fr. John Joyce (1947)

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 - 1

For the week ending Sunday 4 February 2024 you gave £155.00 with £31.00 via Gift Aid
Thank you and God Bless

Finance News - 2

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

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our many sick parishioners and those in care homes.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 3 February: 42
Sunday 4 February: 36

Light
Laughter
WINTER VERSION
What do snowmen call their kids?
Chill-dren!