

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

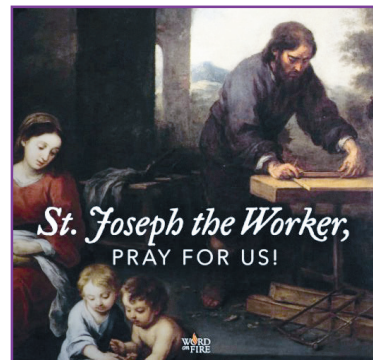
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Mission Statement

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 13 August 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 6.00 p.m.
Mary Dillane RIP
Sunday 13 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)

Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin
Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday 15 9.00 a.m.
7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 16 7.30 p.m.
Odette Roy RIP
Thursday 17 9.00 a.m.
Joe Duranti
Friday 18 9.00 a.m.
Helyna Leskiv (R C Briggs)
Saturday 19 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 6.00 p.m.
Intention David & Bridie Healy
Sunday 20 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the
Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m.
Please try and join us.

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

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children
into the church - other than someone has
to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety
good practice as it attracts insects etc. -
Please help us!

Friday Obligation

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

Church Cleaners are always welcome

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

Holiday season

Fr. Leslie wishes everyone a happy, safe and
restful holiday.



Welcome to our parish families and to our visitors.

I need to remind you that Tuesday of this week is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation on which we are obliged to attend Mass. We treat this day as a Sunday. If you are going on holiday please make sure you find the nearest Catholic Church. I hope all those going on holiday have a great restful time.

Ten ways to help nature. Buy organic, locally grown, unprocessed food. Take public transport where possible. Clean the house with eco-friendly products. Recycle and favour shops that don't have excessive packaging. Write to your council and ask them to plant nectar-rich flowers on road verges. Plant nectar rich flowers i.e. lavender in your garden. Use recycled paper in the office. Favour pubs and restaurants that serve locally produce organic food and beverages. Wear eco sound clothing. There are many ways we can easily live in harmony with nature, if we all make just a few changes. Spend a little bit extra on organic food and opting to purchase locally grown, seasonal produce instead of food flown or shipped halfway across the world. There is great love and service in these small changes, and when made by everyone, we can ensure that the earth remains a beautiful and peaceful place for all life to enjoy. We are truly stewards of God's good creation.

Pope Francis says "God always forgives, we sometimes forgive, but when nature - creation - is mistreated, she never forgives."

I wish you all every blessing.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 12 August 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Stella Walker
Sunday 13 August 10.30 a.m.
Jan Jarvis
Percy Sam
Saturday 19 August 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Ian Restall
Sunday 20 August 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks

Readers

Saturday 12 August 6.00 p.m.
Sophie Newbould
Sunday 13 August 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Saturday 19 August 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Sunday 20 August 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey

First Communion Programme 2023/2024

For all parents that registered their child on the
first communion programme.

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.

Music in the Church

We do need urgently to form a choir in order to
offer praise to God in Song. It is an important part
of our liturgy and we have some very good voices.
Please, please come forward and don't leave it all
to your priest. 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).

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

Do you believe Jesus walked on water? It's a fair question which deserves a fair answer. The church encourages us to question, scrutinize and interrogate and we've nothing to fear from the truth. However, we must also be aware that the Gospel writers weren't writing fiction or perpetrating a kind of propaganda – they were recording real events.

Vatican II's Dei verbum puts it like this: 'The sacred authors wrote the four Gospels, selecting some things from the many which had been handed on by word of mouth or in writing, reducing some of them to a synthesis, explaining some things in view of the situation of their churches and preserving the form of proclamation but always in such fashion that they told us the honest truth about Jesus.' The apostles were first hand witnesses who handed down to us a reliable account of what happened in Jesus' life. In other words, we can stake our lives on the fact that Jesus walked on water, thus revealing himself to be the Lord of sea and earth, the Master and Creator of the natural world. The reason he could walk on water and command the storm to cease is because he created them.

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 11 August 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

Bible Alive

For August is available in the Narthex £3.00 – please purchase a copy to help you and your families to grow in faith.

"We are stewards of God's gift of creation – called to come and protect it, not damage or harm. Climate change, raising sea levels and global warming are all existential and real and present danger. Never has our vocation to be stewards of the earth of creation been greater or more urgent" Bible Alive 2023 is on the horizon, launched in June 1996, it will present again the opportunity to examine our lives, renew and discover our faith.

Flower Arrangers

We only have two or three flower arrangers, we would welcome new members who love arranging flowers, so that our church looks lovely. For informal chat, please contact Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Please Help.

World Youth Day – last week -

[HTTPS://WWW.LISBOA2023.ORG](https://www.lisboa2023.org)

A message from Pope Francis:

Dear young people, God sees how good you are. He knows what he has sown in your hearts. Let it grow. Treasure it with care so that when the inevitable moment of fatigue comes, you can revive the graces of these days.



BCCS

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5 November from 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with the potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

March for Life - Important

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2 September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk This is so important.



Pope on Twitter



I am giving young people throughout the world an appointment to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth together in Rome in 2025. In 2027, #WYD will take place in South Korea, in Seoul. From Europe it will move to the Far East. This is a beautiful sign of the universality of the Church.

Dear young people, God sees how good you are. He knows what he has sown in your hearts. Let it grow. Treasure it with care so that when the inevitable moment of fatigue comes, you can revive the graces of these days.

Let us #PrayTogether for those who could not come because of armed conflicts and wars. I dream of #peace. I dream of young people praying for peace, living in peace and building a future of peace. Let us place the future of humanity into the hands of Mary, Queen of Peace.

Lastly, the third word: do not be afraid. Jesus Himself knows each of your hearts. He loves each of your lives. He knows your joys, your sorrows, your successes and failures. And today, on this #WYD, he says to you: do not be afraid, be courageous, do not be afraid.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Francis Blake, Christina Walls, Lyn Barber, Doris James, Catherine O'Callaghan, Peter Croftan, Victor Tuffin, and Mary Hayden.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Stephen Keane (1963), Canon Peter Prendergast (1959), Canon Vincent Hurley (2014), Fr. Sean Sheils (2015)

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.

Light
Laughter

What did the zero say to the eight?
"That belt looks good on you!"

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