# ST. JOSEPH HE 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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CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE!

# 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 5 November 2023

## **UPCOMING MASSES**

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4

6.00 p.m. Jo Duranti RIP M Anderson

Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.

Anne Edwards RIP Edwards family grateful for their support

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) The name of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 7 9.00 a.m.

For our Parishioners

Wednesday 8 9.00 a.m.

Gonsalves Family RIP 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 9 Susan Feore &

Christoper Connelly

Friday 10 9.00 a.m.

November Dead Saturday 11

10.00 – 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.

We all need Jesus.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - YEAR A

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10.30 a.m. Anne Edwards RIP 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

Don't forget to have a Mass said for members of your family or former parishioners. Envelopes are at the back of 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).

## Food Bank

Collection this weekend

#### **Mass Attendance**

Saturday 28 October 6.00 p.m. 38 Sunday 29 October 10.30 a.m. 40

Welcome to all our parish family, our children and visitors to our Sunday celebration

Thank you to all who picked up a 200 club form. Could you please complete and return them as soon as possible? By joining you are helping our parish and at the same time each month there are three cheques for the lucky winner. It's a win win situation! Also Gift Aid is very important to the income for our parish, as for those who sign up, every pound you give results in our parish getting 25p extra. Another win win situation! Also for other donations please use the QR in the newsletter or at the back of the church.

A big thank you to those who help us in many many ways to help

with the running and the development of our parish.

Pope Benedict XV1 said "Faith hope and charity go together. Hope is practised through the virtue of patience, which continues to do good even in the face of apparent failure, and through the virtue of humility, which accepts God's mystery and trusts him even at times of darkness.

Faith tells us that God has given his Son for our sakes and gives us the victorious certainty that it is really true. God is love! It thus transforms our patience and our doubts into the sure hope that God holds the world in his hands and that ...in spite of all the darkness, he ultimately triumphs in glory. Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross, gives rise to love.

Love is the light and in the end, the only light that can illuminate a world grown dim, and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. Love is possible, and we are able to practise it because we are created in the image of God. (Deus Caritas).

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Please share the above with your family to help them to understand these three great virtues of faith hope and charity.

May I remind our first Holy Communion parents to continue to be faithful in helping your children to grow in love for the Sacraments which they are preparing for, by talking about your love for Jesus and the importance of Confession and The Most Holy Eucharist? You have your book to guide you.

May God bless your families and may we all remain faithful to Him. As St. Paul reminds us "God loves you and you have been chosen".

Christmas hamper Raffle – Jt's Back, Bigger And Better!!

Same rules as usual! Please just put £5 in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside and you'll be entered into a great Christmas Hamper raffle. The hamper itself is bigger and better than last year's so don't delay and get your envelopes in asap please. And Good Luck to you all. The Twelfth Night Christmas Gift Hamper. Nestled in a sophisticated Lidded Kubu Basket, this selection of treats will delight the senses. Savour the whisky-infused shortbread, milk chocolate oat biscuits, and a round salted caramel cake, followed by an array of chocolates and milk chocolate buttons. Savoury delights such as Real Ale Chutney, Hummus and smoked mixed nuts add contrast, whilst a cup of delights such as Real Ale Chutney, Hummus and smoked mixed nuts add contrast, whilst a cup of premium hot chocolate offers comfort. The final flourish comes with an array of wines and prosecco, alongside an alcohol-free sparkling option. Hamper contains:

Prosecco Millesimato DOC Zonin Italy (11%), 75cl The Black Stump Durif Shiraz Australia (14.5%), 75cl The Black Stump Chardonnay Pinot Grigio Australia (12.5%), 75cl Belle & Co Alcohol Free Sparkling Brut, 75cl

Butlers Chocolates Assorted Chocolates, 300g Williams Hand Baked Milk Chocolate Oat Biscuits, 290g

Maxwell & Franks 4"" Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel, 280g

Odysea Houmous, 265g SlumberJack Premium Hot Chocolate, 250g England Preserves Bermondsey Bramble Jam, 225g Highfield Preserves Real Ale Chutney, 215g Fairfields Farm Crisps Maple Glazed Ham, 150g

Hebridean Baker Whisky Shortbread, 150g Olives Et Al Verde Green Olives, 150g Seggiano Sesame Seed Grissini Handmade Breadsticks, 150g Linden Lady Decorated Milk Chocolate Buttons, 100g Mr Filbert's Somerset Applewood Smoked Mixed Nuts, 100g Radfords World's Best Crumbly Salted Caramel Fudge Box, 100g Rendles Cheese Palmiers with Honey & Mustard, 100g Joe & Seph's Eggnog Gourmet Popcorn, 80g Grand Illusions Partridge Crackers x 6 Maxwell & Franks 4 Mince Pies Lidded Kubu Basket

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

Jesus' focus in today's Gospel is on the Pharisees' behaviour, which he highlights is motivated by a desire to draw attention to themselves, rather than leading others to worship God. The Pharisees occupy the seat of Moses and their responsibility – and right – is to teach the ways of God, based on God's Word. Jesus says we shouldn't imitate their behaviour, because it's not of God. Their actions, and many of their words of agreement (as opposed to the teaching of the Word of God), arise out of their own fallen nature, self-will and self-justification. Even the way that they liked to be addressed, as 'Rabbi' or 'Teacher', Jesus implies, has turned into a selfelevation, rather than a description of service or servanthood.

The truth is, there's something of the Pharisee and hypocrite in us all. We can practice our faith for people to see and be ostentatious and selfseeking. But rather than hungering for selfrighteousness and self-justification, let us hunger for the new life that Jesus came to bring. It's Jesus who now occupies Moses' seat. In fact, it turns out that it was always Jesus' seat -Moses was merely keeping it warm!

#### **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.

# **Urgently Needed Ministers**

- Team of Flower Arrangers (Especially for Christmas)
- Team of Church Cleaners
- Readers to Proclaim the Word 3.
- Stewards 3 per Mass 4.
- Eucharistic Ministers (especially to take Holy Communion to the sick)
- Altar Servers (Training will be given)
- Music Leader & Choir to enhance celebration 7.
- 8. Organist
- Rota for Refreshments, after Mass Please help your priest and parish - please respond.

# **CAFOD**

Wish to thank all our Parishioners for their donation of £255, which they received on 13 October 2023. They hugely appreciate our support for the local experts like Dr. Nasha to reach people with vital help.

Dr Nasha says 'we are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It is so heartwarming to know we have friends, who are there for us when we need it.' Pope Francis renews our care for our common home. Thanks again for your generosity and prayers.

#### Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive. It is a reflection on the word of g#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.

#### Decorator

GPC Decorating Services. Painting and Decorating. Interior and Exterior. Wallpapering. Residential and Commercial. Call Gary on 07711 108 979

#### 200 Club

Thank you to all who joined 200 club. Please can you return your forms that you received - filled in. Money prizes are monthly and for £24 per year or £2 a month both our parish and yourselves benefit. Thank You.

## 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.

## Lunchtime Recitals

Next Wednesday 8 November at 1.00 p.m. we are thrilled to welcome Joshua Furtado-Mendes Operatic Tenor from the Royal College of Music and Stefan Weidner Pianist from Trinity Laban Conservatoire who will be performing Schumann's wonderful song cycle 'Dichterliebe.'

#### 200 Club

If you have not joined our 200 club - then please pick up a 200 club form. If only costs £24 per year (£2.00 per month by Standing Order) and you have the benefit of winning a monthly cheque and our parish will also benefit. Please help us and join. Thank you

## **Vacancies**

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School has two current vacancies.

Year 6 Class Teacher. Immediate start.

Pay range: Main Scale/UPS

Key Stage 1 Class Teacher. Start date 01/01/2024.

Pay range: Main Scale/UPS For more details contact:

admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

Tel: 01277 227 282

#### **Mass Intention Bookings**

At present I am not taking any bookings for next year until December - I would appreciate that next year Mass bookings will be for two months at a time. Please ask Fr. Leslie first when you book a Mass in 2024. Thanks

# **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.

# Calendars for 2024

Sunday 12 November

Are on sale for £5.00. They are beautiful with lovely prints on each page with a scripture quotation. They are going quicky - don't delay.

#### Pope on Social Media

Holiness is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life.

Your prayers give me strength and help me to discern and accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit.

Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Let us ask them to sustain us in our fidelity to the Gospel and to guard our hearts in the hope of sharing their joy in communion with the Lord and with all whom we have loved.

Let the arms cease. Stop, brothers and sisters: war is always a defeat — always, always!

# <u>Anniversaries</u>

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

We pray for: Robert Richardson, John Wing, Norah Manning, and Mary Pearce. Priests of our Diocese: Cardinal John Carmel Heehan (1975), Fr. William Philpot (1949), Deacon Norman Wiseman (1993), and Canon Denis Petry (1990)

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 Sunday 29 October you gave £145.00 with £0.00 via Gift Aid Thank you and God Bless

## Canon Patrick Sammon RIP: Sale of Books and CD:

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 E11 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.

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# **Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 11 November

Saturday 4 November 6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Marian Anderson Sunday 5 November 10.30 a.m.

Blane Mckie Lyn Birnie 6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull

Stella Walker Sunday 12 November 10.30 a.m.

Sharon Ruffles Sarah Barber

Saturday 4 November 6.00 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale 10.30 a.m. Hannah Ola Sunday 5 November Saturday 11 November 6.00 p.m. Ian Restall

10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Elpechue



There's only one thing I can't deal with, and that's a deck of cards glued together!