

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 3 March 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2 6.00 p.m.
Intentions of Bridget Kelly
A Turvey
Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.
Mary Rudin RIP
J. Jarvis
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 5 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 7.30 p.m.
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Thursday 7 9.00 a.m.
Kathleen & Alfred Hicks
C Turnbull
Friday 8 9.00 a.m.
For our parishioners
7.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
Sunday 10 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.



"This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep, for this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold" (Nehemiah 8: 9,10).

Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

We are now well into the Lenten season. Let us make time with our families for a quiet moment in our homes to switch everything off and try to enter our desert, a time of quiet to reflect on the cross, dwell on it and think of the times we have fallen into sin, times when we have entered into jealousy of what other people have, gossip, anger vented after material things, forgotten the

sick, the lonely, the homeless and countries where innocent people have lost their lives and many other things that come to mind. It is through the cross and resurrection that Jesus entered so much pain and died. It is through the Resurrection and Ascension that He opened for us everlasting life. He did this because He loves you. Then together as a family say the Our Father and then ask the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to love Jesus more and more as we again say together Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Lord Jesus, teach me to listen to the Spirit and to be led by you and not by the frantic pace and demands of life.

May The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit bless our families in this Lenten season as we daily walk the way of the Cross.

Fr. Leslie

GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Following on the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle we are today, and for the next 5 or 6 weeks, raising much needed funds for the Church through a Giant Easter Egg Raffle. The Giant Easter Egg will be on display in the Narthex, and all you have to do to enter, raise some funds, and be in with a chance of winning this magnificent Easter Egg, is put your name and phone number on an envelope, place a £5 note inside, and we'll take care of the rest!

A Giant, smashable, Golden Easter Egg made from Belgian chocolate and filled with Easter treats!

Jack and the beanstalk has been given a chocolate makeover! This showstopping, Giant Golden Egg is made from a thick layer of Belgian milk chocolate.

The egg is filled with Easter Mallows, chocolate mini eggs, and 6x Malteser Bunnys! Plenty to share with Friends and Family this Easter!

And the good news? The Giant Easter Egg stays fresh for up to 6 months if stored in its original packaging. What's not to like?

Let's see just how much we can raise this Easter. Everybody loves chocolate, right?

£500



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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 2 March 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Carol Turnbull
Sunday 3 March 10.30 a.m.
Percy Sam
Willa Jackson
Saturday 9 March 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Marian Anderson
Sunday 10 March 10.30 a.m.
Blane McKie
Lyn Birnie

Readers

Saturday 2 March 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Sunday 3 March 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey
Saturday 9 March 6.00 p.m.
Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 10 March 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Holy Week Services

Please let Willa know if you are available to Minister during Holy Week.

Journey Home - continued

Jesus makes two points about the temple; the first is that a destruction needs to occur, and the second is that out of this ruin and devastation a new temple will be raised up. This is an image of the death and resurrection of Jesus. As the Lord himself, and in three days I will raise it up. Jesus has replaced the temple, he is the new Temple. Jesus is now the place where we can draw close to the presence and glory of God. Jesus is the fulfilment of all that the temple meant for Israel, including its purpose in revealing sin. Sin could not be destroyed by the destruction of the temple, but it was destroyed by the death of Jesus, because Jesus took sinful humanity with him to the cross.

MISSIO

The Spring 2024 edition of 'Mission Today' is available on the table in the porch. The magazine has a particular focus on the support of future priests and nuns.

Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

Thank you for your support Clare Barton

Easter Offering Envelopes

Please pick up an Easter offering envelope for your priest. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. Thank you so much.

Lunchtime Recitals/Evening Concerts

The Musical Programme at the Cathedral for March is as follows:-

Wednesday 6 March James Todd from the RCM will be giving a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital here in Brentwood Cathedral. Programme tba.

Wednesday 13 March Benjamin O'Riordan (Tenor) will be giving a Lunchtime MUSIC Recital accompanied by Sammy Li on the Piano. Programme tba.

Saturday 16 March at 7.30 pm we are delighted to welcome back the WIENER MOZART TRIO. Their Programme will consist of music by Mozart, Schumann and Dvorak. Admission of £15 payable at the door (under 18's free).

Hope you can join us for some of these splendid musical events. More details to follow.

Ministries needed

Readers, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic, Church Cleaners (Thursday 1 hour), Altar Servers from those who have made first holy communion plus year 5+6.

These are all important ministries – Readers Proclaim the Word God.

Extraordinary ministers – Bring Holy Communion to the sick and assist at Mass. Church Cleaners – keep the house of God clean Flower Arrangers to decorate the sanctuary Altar Servers (a great privilege to be close to Jesus and enhance our liturgy). Please do come forward.

St. Joseph the Worker School – Admissions Policy

After consultation the Governing Body have agreed the Admissions policy for 2025-26. Further details can be found on the school website.

www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

Lenten Reconciliation

On Monday 25 March at 7.30 p.m. there will be a service of reconciliation (confession), with a number of priests available to hear your confession, at our cathedral in Brentwood. This is one very important way to spiritually prepare for Easter by seeking the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in this Sacrament.

Lenten talks on the Synod

The Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last year and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese. These talks will all be at The Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on selected Wednesdays in February and March; the first talk was on Wednesday, 21 February and will be followed by talks on Wednesday 6 March and Wednesday 13 March. Please do try to attend.

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.



The Marillac

The Marillac Neurological Care Centre located in Eagle Way, Warley (less than ten minutes from our Church), is an independent ABI (Acquired Brain Injury facility) having some 52 beds and specialising in the rehabilitation of patients.

Having previously been run by the Daughters of Charity it is now completely independent and acts as a non-profit making charitable company and is registered as a charity.

We are seeking additional Trustees to assist in the running of this wonderful institution. It is not an onerous task with a maximum of 4 board meetings per year and a monthly attendance (personal or by zoom/teams) on particular committees which are for no more than an hour or so.

If you feel that such a voluntary role would be of interest to you please contact the signatory below to discuss further.

Peter Nicol - Chair of Trustees - chair@marillac.co.uk



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neurological
care centre

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.



Pope on Social Media

Let us #PrayTogether that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

I have chosen "God walks with His people" as the theme for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Let us recognize in our migrant brothers and sisters the Lord who knocks at the door of our hearts.

The increasingly frequent kidnappings in Nigeria are extremely concerning. I express my closeness in prayer to the Nigerian people, hoping that efforts will be made to contain the spread of these incidents as much as possible.

Let us #PrayTogether for the tormented Ukrainian people and for Palestine, for Israel, and for the many peoples torn apart by war. Let us think of the huge amount of suffering; let us think of the wounded, innocent children.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Raymond Bolt, Roy Weller, Mary Sheehan, Henry Smith, John Allum, and Leslie Denton

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Patrick O'Donnell (1981), Fr. Brian Galvin (1994), and Fr. John Gordon (1992)

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 25 February 2024 you gave £130.00 with £9.00 via Gift Aid. Giant Easter Egg Raffle: £115.00 CAFOD collection: £305.00

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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 24 February: 35

Sunday 25 February: 46

Light

Laughter

WINTER VERSION

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?
Frostbite!