

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

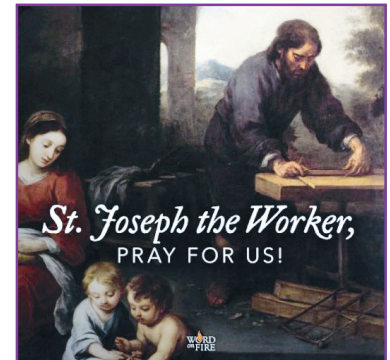
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Mission Statement

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 23 July 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 6.00 p.m.
Sister Marian Therese
90th Birthday
Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
This Sunday is World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 25 9.00 a.m.
Feast of St Joachim & Anne,
(Parents of Mary)
Wednesday 26 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 27 9.00 a.m.
Friday 28 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 29 10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29 6.00 p.m.
Lee Frances Kenny RIP
Sunday 30 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 15 July: 27
Sunday 16 July: 250



Welcome and Hello to our parish family and all our visitors, parents and their children.

I ask you to pray for the persecuted church around the world. There are countries around our world where Christians are put to death and churches are destroyed. Even in the west we are attacked by our very secular world, especially by the social media and the internet. Your children are very exposed to this. If only we were addicted to Jesus as we are to our phones, our world would be more peaceful and a world full of joy and contentment to God Our Father.

I ask you every day to pray the rosary as our Blessed Mother asked us to do when she appeared to the three young children at Fatima. Pray to keep our families united like the example of the Holy Family. We invite you to come regularly to the Sacraments that Jesus left us especially the Most Holy Eucharist when we encounter the physical and spiritual presence of Jesus Christ. When we fall into sin, we have the means of repentance in the Sacrament of Confession where we experience the forgiveness and Mercy of Jesus.

Every Sunday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A time we could spend with our friend and saviour if we have the will and desire to love Jesus. Our church is open all day for prayer. Let us not neglect our Immortal Soul when we will be judged on how we fulfilled the First commandment, namely to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and our neighbour as ourselves. Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit. "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and the word".

Lord, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, give me the wisdom to want to win souls for you and to lead just one person to this joy this year.

I wish you and your families a happy and holy week.

Fr. Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 22 July 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Mark Brennan
Sunday 23 July 10.30 a.m.
Jan Jarvis
Willa Jackson
Saturday 29 July 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Marian Anderson
Sunday 30 July 10.30 a.m.
Chris Books
Bill O'Regan

Readers

Saturday 22 July 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 23 July 10.30 a.m.
Sati Ariya
Saturday 29 July 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Sunday 30 July 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles

Music at Mass

The second Vatican council decree on the liturgy 'the musical tradition of the universal church is a treasure of the universal church of immeasurable value, greater than any act.'

We really need to form a small choir from our parish community to lead our singing. Together we have great voices, but we need someone to lead us all in our singing. We would also like to have some Gregorian chants from time to time. I would like to have a meeting of those interested in forming a choir for the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Also we need an organist or keyboard player so that we can offer beautiful music to Jesus – and on special occasions.

Please do come forward.

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.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

Jesus' parables were composed to ignite and stimulate our imaginations. As we contemplate them, their imagery and composition speak deeply to both our conscious and subconscious minds. They reveal that the truths of the kingdom cannot be assimilated simply cerebrally, but need to enter our consciousness at a deeper level. The parable of the weeds invites us to ponder what the kingdom of God is like: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.'

'How then would the wheat, the good people, be uprooted as well if the angels gathered up... the wicked.... To separate them from the just?' The fact is that many godless sinners who live among people who are upright and devout repent in time and are converted, and by learning new habits of piety and virtue they cease to be darnel and become wheat.

'And so some wheat would be uprooted... if the angels snatched the wicked away before they repented... This is why he who sees everything before it comes into being would not permit the darnel to be uprooted until the appointed time.'

Mass Intentions

Please note Intentions for the Saturday evening Masses are booked through until October. Weekdays are mainly free at present. In the book of Macabees 'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the Dead that they may come into the presence of our Father.' Don't forget to have a Mass offered for them on their anniversaries. Thank you. Envelopes are in the Narthex for this purpose.

Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne



On July 26 we commemorate the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – TODAY

The Mass to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held on Sunday 23 July. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

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

Light

Laughter

I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.

I asked him – "what's the word on the street!"



Pope on Twitter



Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it.

With sorrow, I learned that blood has been poured out again in the Holy Land. I hope that the Israeli and Palestinian leaders can resume direct dialogue to bring an end to the spiral of violence and open paths of reconciliation and #peace.

The little ones are those who, like children, feel their need and are not self-sufficient. They are open to God and allow themselves to be amazed at his works. They know how to read the signs, to marvel at the miracles of his love!

Let us #PrayTogether that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

Finance News

For the week ending 16 July you gave £460.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid.
Thank you and God Bless

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Doreen O'Neil, Fred Shaw, Edwin Cannon, James Cannon, Angela Calabritto, Mary James, Elizabeth Chandler, and Stephen Sutcliffe (Baby).
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Boardman Jones (1923), Fr. Michael Hannan (1927) Fr. Dermot Moore (1966), Fr. James Cooney (1987), Fr. John Harding (1969)

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.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

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