

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 31 March 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD THE PASSION OF THE
LORD - YEAR B**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Holy Saturday

Saturday 30 8.00 p.m.
For Our Parishioners

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 10.30 a.m.
John Wright RIP
H. Wright
NB. NO Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament with the
Rosary for Peace

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

APRIL

Tuesday 2 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 3 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 4 9.00 a.m.
Friday 5 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 6 No confession except
on Request

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Holy Saturday

Saturday 6 6.00 p.m.
Deceased Members of the

Dillane Family

Sunday 7 10.30 a.m.
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
A Fadheel
3.00 - 4.00 p.m. Divine

Mercy Rosary and Exposition 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*
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.



EASTER REFLECTION

"The Lord 's prayer provides a constant heartfelt praise and petition
to Mary the mother of Jesus together with the Rosary".

Welcome to our parishioners and visitors to our Easter celebration of
the Pascal mysteries.

The empty tomb is a sign inviting us into the mystery of the risen Lord.
The basis of Easter is the grace of our baptism which gives us a share
in the resurrection. The resurrection life is a life of grace nurtured by
a humble faith which encourages us to a new life with God.

Jesus Christ is risen today ! Alleluia Alleluia.

This day was made by the Lord and indeed we are glad.

Today, Easter Sunday, our world changed forever. The power of the resurrection, the power
of the new life of Holy Spirit .

Lord Jesus, you draw us into the light of your presence.

Lord Jesus, you have the power to overcome darkness.

Lord Jesus, your Rising from the dead points the way to perpetual light. Amen.

A happy Easter to all our parish family .

Fr. Leslie

GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our Giant Easter Egg Raffle raised an amazing £640.00 for our (much
needed) Parish funds.

Congratulations to **Mrs. L Briggs** for winning the Giant Easter Egg -
enjoy! - and to **Jo Weller** who won the Baileys Gift Box. Two very
happy parishioners there then!

Thank you all for your support - every contribution helps!

God Bless you all.



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.

Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many
years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit
our website and fill in your name, address and
contact details. Also visit our website to request
Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish
will find it much easier to communicate with you,
and you with it, if you are registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US.
IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 6 April	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Marian Anderson
Sunday 7 April	10.30 a.m. Chris Books Blane McKie

Readers

Saturday 6 April	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 7 April	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

TODAY IS EASTER SUNDAY JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY. ALLELUIA



Please note the times of Holy Week Services:

Holy Saturday 30 March 8.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 31 March 10.30 a.m.

Journey Home - continued

Jesus' resurrection was a real event, historically verified by the New Testament writers. It is the crowning truth, the cornerstone and living tradition handed down from the apostles: 'I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.' John holds out the empty tomb as the sign of the resurrection. An empty tomb in and of itself is not direct proof – the absence of the body could be otherwise explained.

The empty tomb is a sign inviting us to enter into the mystery of the risen Lord. When John discovered the linen cloths lying there, he saw and believed. We too are invited to see and believe that through Jesus' resurrection a new humanity is possible, radiating and resplendent with the glory, power and beauty of God.

Holy Souls

Please do not forget to pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. They need our prayers on their journey to eternal life. Most powerful prayer is our Holy Mass.

From CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £330 which we received on 7 March 2024. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. Please do not forget to pray

Lunchtime Recital

Our next Lunchtime Music Recital will be on Wednesday 10 April at the usual starting time of 1.00 p.m.

This will be given by our Cathedral Organist Stephen King who will be accompanied by Sophia Assitzoglou on the Violin and Owen Romhany who will be playing the Trombone and Cello. Both Sophia and Owen are in the sixth form at Brentwood School.

The Programme is as follows:-

Gustav HOLST	Duo Concertante for Trombone and Organ
Josef RHEINBERGER	Suite for Violin, Cello and Organ

We look forward to your support.

Parish Partnership

Our parish of St. Joseph's is now in a partnership with our Cathedral instead of being with Ingatestone, Stock and Ongar.

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre helping us to grow in faith as a community where we all feel welcomed, loved and valued. We all have the opportunity to serve at our parish of St. Joseph in so many ways. There are many ministers, choir and music, altar serving, readers, eucharistic ministers, (especially to bring Holy Communion to the sick), church cleaners, hospitality and welcome refreshment team.

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.

Votive Candles

Please note the price of votive candles has increased when ordered.

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.

Sick parishioners

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

Easter Offering

Is for your priest and forms a major part of his salary. Don't forget to pick up your Easter Envelope.

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).

Food Bank Collections



The next collection is 6/7 April - 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.

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.

Pilgrims of Hope

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



Pope on Social Media

The roots of our faith are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, in death, made hope spring up. He opened the way to heaven; He gave us eternal life; He brought us salvation

#HolyWeek is a time of grace that the Lord gives us to encounter Jesus, as well as to show others the light and joy of our faith. May we do so with love and God's tenderness, in respect and patience, knowing that it is He who guides us.

Christ is alive and He loves you with an infinite love. He gave His life for you, so in His love for you He does not wait for you to be perfect. Look at His arms outstretched on the cross, and let yourself be saved over and over again.

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble and peaceful King: let us open our hearts to Him! Only He can free us from enmity, hatred, and violence, because He is mercy and the forgiveness of sins.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Albert Bonface, Lucy Calabritto, Josephine Connelly, Ellen O'Connell, and Gladys Clarke

Priests of our Diocese: Bp. Hugh Christopher Budd (2023), Fr. William Newton (2023), Fr. Ronald Roberts (1983), and Canon Charles Loughran (2006)

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 weeks ending Sunday 24 March and Sunday 17 March combined you gave £309.67.

The Easter Egg raffle raised £270.00 making a total raised of £640.00

Thank you so much, 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.

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.

Light
Laughter
EASTER VERSION

How many Easter eggs can you fit in an empty basket?
Only one. After that, it's not empty anymore!