

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 7 January 2024

UPCOMING MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 6 6.00 p.m.
Clive Sexton
J Sexton
Sunday 7 10.30 a.m.
Irene Dooley
B Dooley
3.00pm - 4.00pm
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 9 9.00 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
Wednesday 10 7.30 p.m.
Tollady & McGuerin Family
Thursday 11 9.00 a.m.
Margaret & Alan Cronin RIP
Friday 12 9.00 a.m.
Shelia McGrady RIP
Saturday 13 10-10.30 a.m. Sacrament of
Confession

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13 6.00 p.m.
Layla Petros RIP
Sunday 14 10.30 a.m.
Children & Grandchildren of late Leo &
Theresa Kenny
3.00pm - 4.00pm
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*

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.

Sick parishioners

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

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 January at 8.00 p.m. If you can offer any help with this ministry, please come along - amongst the items for discussion will be sacred Liturgy and various ministries.



Today's feast is set during the reign of King Herod. The journey of the Wise Men is paralleled to the human journey according to Saint Pope John Paul II. Whatever the age, culture or nation, we are always searching for God. Like the Wise men, we too set forth in faith in our desire to draw ever closer to Him. As we celebrate the beginning of a new year, let us in our everyday life, in our families, in our workplace, and whoever we meet, let us unite our hearts to the vision of the Church in proclaiming the light of Christ to the world. As Mary said at the wedding feast at Cana "Do whatever He tells you".

Jesus, on this most Holy Feast, I proclaim you are the light of the world. May I radiate each day your life and light.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and peace among nations is our prayer.

Fr. Leslie

Thank You

Thank you to the whole parish community for all they have done in helping to prepare for our Christmas celebrations this year. Thank you to all our visitors over the Christmas holidays. Thank you to our stewards, servers, readers, eucharistic ministers. On a personal note - I would like to thank you all who sent personal greetings and gifts and for the Christmas collection which forms a major part of my income. A big thank you for that. Thank you also to Andrew Wright and Julia Wilson and Amanada Romhany who enhanced our Christmas Masses. It is always important for the Lord that we try to give him the best as we daily, and at the weekends, offer our poor hearts up to him in sacred music.

Pilgrims of Hope

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

Journey Home - continued

In feigning to be interested in the birth of the Messiah, Herod reveals his duplicity and cunning. In fact, his heart was bent on extinguishing the light of the world. The Magi on the other hand, were bent on worshipping the light of the world. As we celebrate the beginning of this new year, we unite our hearts to the vision of the Church, which is to proclaim the light of Christ, to the world. We play a vital role in making Christ known - his love, mercy and compassion overwhelm the coldness and extinguish the darkness in our hearts.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 6 January	6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania Carol Turnbull
Sunday 7 January	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Chris Brooks
Saturday 13 January	6.00 p.m. Catherine Bray Marian Anderson
Sunday 14 January	10.30 a.m. Blane McKie Lyn Birnie

Readers

Saturday 6 January	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 7 January	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Saturday 13 January	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 14 January	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Forward Planning

Just to inform you that the Cathedral have organised a series of Lenten talks on the Synod that took place in Rome in October last and they have secured 4 of the participants who were present. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP who was the preacher and spiritual director of the whole synod; the Revd. Dr. Jam Notnik, Director of Missions for the Bishops conference and its National ecumenical officer, Mr. Austin Ivereigh, Roman Catholic Journalist, Biographer of Pope Francis. Writer, Speaker on contemporary church affairs, Bishop Nicolas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (Former rector of the Ven English College in Rome), appointed delegate at the Synod this year. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Synod on Synodality and it will be open to the whole diocese (More information in the New Year).

200 Club - 1

WINNERS

November	December
1st B Richards £50	1st B Hackett £50
2nd G Sarah £30	2nd JP McCready £30
3rd M Bottono £20	3rd I Restall £20

Well done to our winners and thank you to all who support the 200 Club. New members welcome. You'll find a form at the back of the church.

First Communion

Parents Meeting on the Eucharist will be on Wednesday 17 January, 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Please make a note in your diaries.

First Communion Children's Meeting will be on Saturday 20 January 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Please have the children seated by 9.30 a.m. for a prompt start.

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.*

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.

Urgently Needed Ministers

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

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.

Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (your name), 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

Vacancy - Parish Administrator - St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker church is looking for a Parish Administrator. **This is a paid position** for approx. 12 hours per week with some degree of flexibility. The role is to provide complete and comprehensive administration for our church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. 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

Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. 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.



Food Bank Collections



The next collection is the weekend - 3/4 February - 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.*

200 Club - 2

Many people took a 200 Club form recently - thank you. May I ask you to join the 200 club by filling in the form and returning it to Marian or Fr. Leslie? Half the proceeds go to our parish fund and the other half is paid out in prizes each month. Next month a cheque could be on its way to you - but you have to complete the Standing Order form first! The more members in the 200 Club the greater will be the prize each month.

Prayer and Adoration

The Holy Hour of prayer and adoration is on Sunday between 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament.

200 Club - 3

A great way to help our parish finances. If you do not belong to it, please join us. Forms are in the Narthex or from Marian Anderson.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart.

O Most holy heart of Jesus, foundation of all blessing, I adore you, love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine, make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your divine will. Grant Dear Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my affliction. Give me heart of body, assistance in my tempered needs, your blessing in all that I do, and the grace of a Holy death. Amen.



Pope on Social Media

Let us #PrayTogether that the Spirit may help us recognize the gift of the different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.

We entrust the new year to the #MotherOfGod. May we consecrate our lives to her. In her tenderness, she knows how to reveal its fullness, because she will lead us to Jesus, the fullness of time, of all ages. May this year be filled with the Lord's consolation.

The world needs to look to mothers and women to find peace, to break free from violence and hatred. Every society needs to respect, protect, and value every woman, aware that whoever harms a single woman profanes God, who was born of a woman.

We all have shortcomings, loneliness, and voids that ask to be filled. When we are tempted to retreat into ourselves, let us go to Mary, Mother of fullness. When we cannot untangle the knots of our life, let us seek refuge in her.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Catherine Start, Patrick Payne, Mrs. Bunn, Freddie Foster, Jean Vowles, Eric Smith, Florence Margaret Cronin, Gwendoline Thomas, Antoinette Vassey, Ann Morris, James Tobin, Frederick Scaughter, Mary Shaw, and Josephine Millet. Priests of our Diocese: Canon John Bloomfield (1932), and Canon Francis Dobson (1991) **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 31 December you gave £140.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid *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 30 Dec: 31
Sunday 31 Dec: 53

Light
Laughter
WINTER VERSION

What do you call a snowman in August?
A puddle!