

# 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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£1,000

£240  
so far!

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 26 November 2023

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING - YEAR A FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Janice & David Masters RIP I & C Restall
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Romando Fernandes RIP 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 28	9.00 a.m. For our Parishioners
Wednesday 29	7.30 p.m. Joe Duranti RIP Jackson Family
Thursday 30	9.00 a.m. November Dead
Friday 1	9.00 a.m. Susan Feore & Christopher Connelly
Saturday 2	10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### SEASON OF ADVENT

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Fred Greenfield RIP J.Greenfield
Sunday 3	10.30 a.m. Marion Barlow RIP Jackson Family 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

### 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

Next collection will be weekend of 2/3 December.

### Mass Attendance

Saturday 18 November	6.00 p.m.	45
Sunday 19 November	10.30 a.m.	50

## Christmas Hamper Raffle - It'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 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	Fairfields Farm Crisps Maple Glazed Ham, 150g
The Black Stump Durif Shiraz Australia (14.5%), 75cl	Hebridean Baker Whisky Shortbread, 150g
The Black Stump Chardonnay Pinot Grigio Australia (12.5%), 75cl	Olives Et Al Verde Green Olives, 150g
Belle & Co Alcohol Free Sparkling Brut, 75cl	Seggiano Sesame Seed Grissini Handmade Breadsticks, 150g
Butlers Chocolates Assorted Chocolates, 300g	Linden Lady Decorated Milk Chocolate Buttons, 100g
Williams Hand Baked Milk Chocolate Oat Biscuits, 290g	Mr Filbert's Somerset Applewood Smoked Mixed Nuts, 100g
Maxwell & Franks 4*** Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel, 280g	Radfords World's Best Crumbly Salted Caramel Fudge Box, 100g
Odysea Houmous, 265g	Rendles Cheese Palmiers with Honey & Mustard, 100g
SlumberJack Premium Hot Chocolate, 250g	Joe & Seph's Eggnog Gourmet Popcorn, 80g
England Preserves Berrymondsey Bramble Jam, 225g	Grand Illusions Partridge Crackers x 6
Highfield Preserves Real Ale Chutney, 215g	Maxwell & Franks 4 Mince Pies
	Lidded Kubu Basket



Welcome to our Parish Family to our visitors and to all our young parishioners.

Today is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year before we come into the season of Advent. In the Book of Revelation John records the eternal hymn of praise of the four living creatures, capturing the glory, honour, worship and praise which is due to Jesus, the servant King, because he laid down his life only to take it up again, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty". Our faith teaches us that Jesus is truly enthroned as King as we await and long for the full unveiling and realisation of the kingdom: For as St. Paul says to the church in Corinth "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death".

Today we prepare to celebrate once more the Coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who laid aside his majesty and glory to humble himself by being born not in regal comfort but in a humble stable. Let us open the gates of our hearts. Let the King of Glory enter in and take up in our hearts His home as the Lord and King of our hearts.

We have a great hamper to raffle, the proceeds of go into our parish funds Please take an envelope, put your name and contact details on the envelope, insert £5 note and return it to the box at the back of the church. Take as many envelopes as you can (and return them of course!). Why not ask your friends and families to join in and maybe win the hamper? They would also be supporting us at a time when parish finances are really stretched. This is our major fundraiser. We have set a target to raise £1,000 but maybe we could push past that?

Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times.

May God bless our families and our school.



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**St. Joseph The Worker Parish Partnership  
Family Christmas Social Evening  
7pm to 9.30pm (after 6pm Mass)**

\* **£4 per adult** - which includes a glass of mulled wine or red/white wine, nibbles, and a mince pie.

\* **Children Welcome** (free entry and fruit juice)



**Bring along games to play and don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas outfit!**

\*It would be great to know in advance if you're coming (for catering purposes) please email us at.....

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### Journey Home

'Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.' In a processional hymn which celebrates the ark of the covenant entering its sanctuary in the temple at Jerusalem, the Psalmist leads us in joyful prayer and praise. For the Jewish people the ark was the respected seat of God and was where the Lord, the great king, dwelt. The worshippers called for the temple to open its gate so that the Lord of hosts can come in. Echoing this, on today's Feast of Christ the King, we who worship God in spirit and truth acknowledge Jesus' rightful place seated on the throne of glory, at the right hand of his Father. Jesus is the Son, the King, the Lord, the Alpha and the Omega, the One who has overcome our deadliest foes: Sin, Satan and death.

### Finance Update:

To be transparent on our accounts this month. Payments in £3601.70; payments out £5025.59. This pattern is obviously very difficult to manage but has become totally normal. If you can help in any way for the upkeep of God's House, which is so important, either by gift aiding your donation, increasing your giving where you can, joining the 200 Club or placing donations in the white bucket. We would be so grateful.

### Christmas Offering for your Priest

These envelopes are at the back of the church. This offering forms a major part of your priest's income. Please pick up an envelope as you leave church - Thank you.

### Catholic Universe

There are two copies of the universe at the back of the church for you to browse over. Let Fr. Leslie know whether you would purchase a copy - we would like to re-introduce this Catholic newspaper with all Catholic news and how we can grow stronger in our faith. Also, news of the church throughout the country. If enough people would like to purchase a copy - let Fr. Leslie know and he will order a few.

### Decorator

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

### Caritas – Home for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war, with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

### 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.*

### Christmas Hamper

A major fund raiser for our parish. Please pick up an envelope - name and contact details (so we can contact you should you be lucky). £5 inside the envelope and return to the church as soon as possible. You will see details of the hamper in the newsletter. Our grateful thanks for the parishioner who donated this magnificent hamper.

### Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned? Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address.

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2024 is available to collect from the table in the church porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. *Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.*

### Baptism

A Baptismal form can be got from

[hutton@brcdt.org](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Lunchtime Recitals

Wednesday Joanna Lam  
29 November Piano

Winner of the Hall Memorial Trophy. Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition

### Refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass from the end of September, 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 for October to December in the Narthex.



### Pope on Social Media

How many children are deprived of the fundamental right to life and to physical and mental integrity due to conflicts? How many children are forced to take part, directly or indirectly, in fighting, and bear the scars? No war is worth the tears of children.

Let us continue to pray for tormented Ukraine, and for the populations of Palestine and Israel. Peace is possible. Let us not resign ourselves to war! And let us not forget that war is always, always, always a defeat: the only ones to gain are arms manufacturers.

I reiterate my closeness to the dear people of Myanmar, who unfortunately continue to suffer from violence and abuse. I pray that they are not discouraged and trust always in the help of the Lord.

Poverty is a scandal. When the Lord returns, he will settle accounts with us. Let us #PrayTogether that each of us, according to the gift we received and the mission entrusted to us, may strive "to make charity bear fruit" and draw near to some poor person.

### Anniversaries

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

**We pray for: Sally Cannon, Paul Denton, Anthony Michael, John O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rice, John Draper, Bina Southgate, Konrad Barrett, James Barrett, Hattie Dalley, John Cropton, Colin Towler, and Sheila Slade. Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Aydon (1973), Fr. Patrick Bennett (2001), Deacon Anthony Collings (2016), Fr. Francis Branney (1975) & November Dead.**

**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 - 1

For the week ending Sunday 19 November you gave £155.00 with £14.00 via Gift Aid **Great Christmas Hamper Raffle: £155.00** this week making £240.00 total. Great start - keep those envelopes coming please! *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

### Calendars for 2024

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



What bites but doesn't have teeth?  
Frost!

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 25 November 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 26 November 10.30 a.m.  
Chris Books  
Bill O'Regan  
Saturday 2 December 6.00 p.m.  
Stella Walker  
Mark Brennan  
Sunday 3 December 10.30 a.m.  
Lyn Birnie  
Blane McKie

### Readers

Saturday 25 November 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Sunday 26 November 10.30 a.m.  
Cianna Dareal  
Saturday 2 December 6.00 p.m.  
Marian Anderson  
Sunday 3 December 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders