

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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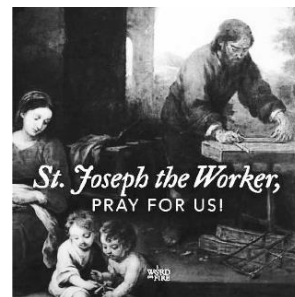
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 10 November 2024

The story of the widow’s mite is a fitting Gospel for this Remembrance Sunday. She gave everything she had. So did those whose memories we honour. Our Lord is astounded at the widow doing something which should never have been asked of her. Her generosity will make her own life much more difficult, because she has given is all she would otherwise have had to support herself in a society with no form of social security, and where widows and orphans were especially vulnerable. She should not have done it. But Our Lord is astounded at her generosity of heart and devotion to God.

This is perhaps a way of considering what else today is about. Remembrance Sunday is not, as some mistakenly allege, about the glorification of war. It is equally astounding that some could come to that conclusion from the poetry we find read out loud at this time of year. It is a time to honour the sacrifice of brave servicemen and women from Britain, Ireland, and the Commonwealth, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. We can wish the circumstances had been otherwise, and we can think that such a sacrifice should never have been asked of them, while still allowing ourselves the immense gratitude to them for the fact they gave all they had - their tomorrow, for our today. By custom, and by a particular privilege given to the Catholic Church here in England, this Sunday’s Mass will be a Requiem for all those who have fallen in war. May their souls rest in the peace of God’s loving and merciful embrace. Amen. *Fr. Gary*

Newsletter Layout

Welcome to the newly laid out newsletter! The newsletter will now be produced and printed in the parish office. Any items for inclusion can be sent to Ngozi the Parish Administrator.

Save the Date: Saturday 7th December

Parish family Christmas social - after the Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph The Worker Church Hall. Come and join us for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Tickets £5 per adult (children under 16 free).

Holy Souls and the November Dead List

November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to praying for the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have

nobody to pray for them. If you like a loved to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you might wish to make) in the November envelopes. We will pray for them especially throughout the month of November in our devotions and our Masses.

Vocation to the Priesthood

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 12 November at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read.

For further information please contact Fr Mark

Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

Cardinal calls for an hour of prayer for the dignity of human life

There is currently a bill before Parliament which would legalise euthanasia. Concerns have been raised about the lack of safeguarding towards the most vulnerable. The experience of the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada have shown horrific cases of patients being pressured into consent, or of legal drugs being administered without proper consent. The Bishops of England and Wales have urged Catholics to spend an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray that this legislation will be defeated. St Joseph’s is open all day and we have our time of adoration on Saturdays 10.30-11.15am. The Cathedral has a Holy Hour on Monday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm. Please also consider writing to our local MP to voice your opposition to this bill. Right to Life, a wonderful charity, have prepared a letter which all you need to do is sign, and edit if you wish.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>

World Youth Sunday 2024

Theme: ‘Your Kingdom Come’

Friday 22 November 2024 - World Youth FUNday

Livestream

Sunday 24 November 2024 - Feast of Christ the King

We are excited to announce the 2024 theme for World Youth Sunday in England and Wales is, “Let Your Kingdom Come.” This year’s celebration is particularly meaningful as it aligns with the ongoing Year of Prayer, a time of preparation for the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025: “Pilgrims of Hope”. On Friday 22 November, we will celebrate World Youth FUNday—a lively and collaborative livestream event centred around this year’s theme. This exciting day will feature prayer, reflection, inspiration, and uplifting praise and worship, all crafted to engage young people in a joyful expression of their faith. Last year, around 13,000 young people from across England and Wales participated!

To access these resources and register for the livestream, go to: www.wys.cymfed.org.uk

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9	5.30 p.m.	
	Dennis Norman	R.I.P.
Sunday 10	10.30 a.m.	
	Annie D’Souza	R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 11	9.15 a.m.	
	Alan Bailey	R.I.P.
Tuesday 12	9.15 a.m.	
	Peter Jackson	R.I.P.
	and deceased members of the Jackson family.	
Wednesday 13	9.15 a.m.	
	Beryl De Prazer	R.I.P.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 15	9.15 a.m.	
	Onyiauke Kenneth Okoro	(Anniversary)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16	5.30 p.m.	
	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	
	St Margaret of Scotland	
Sunday 17	10.30 a.m.	
	Intention of Sati Ariya	(thanksgiving)

Anniversaries

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

We pray for Priests of our Diocese.

May 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 2 November	5.30 p.m.:	98
Sunday 3 November	10.30 a.m.:	94

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 9 November	5.30 p.m.	Ewa Kania
Sunday 10 November	10.30 a.m.	Sarah Barber
Saturday 16 November	5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson
Sunday 17 November	10.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie

Registration for the FUNday livestream is now open and more information will be sent out soon to those who are registered!

First Holy Communion Children

Please can the parents of First Holy Communion Children sign the weekly signing sheet after Mass today. Thanks in advance.

Pilgrims of Hope

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

St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge

St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

200 Club

Each month there are cash prizes to be won through our very popular 200 Club.

All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order Form for £2.00 per month (there are forms for you in the Narthex) and hand it in to Marian Anderson or Fr. Gary. Once completed, you will be entered into a Prize Draw. Three names are drawn each month and cash prizes are £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 for first second and third respectively. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to win a cash prize, while 50% of the proceeds goes to boost parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

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.

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.

Baptism

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members into the Church. Baptism forms can be obtained from the parish office at hutton@brcdt.org.

Standing Orders and Gift Aid

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Standing orders allow us to budget for the year and meant that if, for whatever reason you are unable to come to Mass, then you can still support our parish family. If you would like to set up a standing order, this form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the

inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves. You can find you can find Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms on the parish website:

www.stjosephshutton. Alternatively, it can be done online using our details

Account Name: Catholic Church Hutton and Shenfield St Joseph The Worker
Sort Code: 40-13-22
Account number: 61018884

If you use this method, please put your surname and initial as a reference. If you are part of our gift aid scheme, then please add your gift aid number.

By entering this reference our gift aid organizer will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the gift aid regulations.

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website to register as a parishioner with us.

Christmas Hamper

Please help us raise some much-needed funds for our parish while also giving you a chance of winning this magnificent hamper. Just pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write your name and contact number on the envelope, put a £5 note inside, and hand in the completed envelope. That's all you need to do! The draw will be made on Sunday 22 December after the 10.30 Mass. Good luck!

St Frances Ascot Fatima Devotions, KSC home Prayer Group. 30 Minutes of praying the Rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID & Password below

Monday - Friday at 1.30pm
Mon 4th - Fri 8th November 2024
Zoom ID: 869 7928 1257

Password: rosary

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025.

For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/recruitment-1/>

Applications Close: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12pm.

Interviews: Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 9am

Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Volunteers Wanted! Do you have some time to help make a difference at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School? We are looking for volunteers to:

- Assist with light gardening to keep our outdoor areas looking beautiful
- Hear children read and support their love of reading
- Support children at lunch time

If you'd like to offer your time and make a positive impact on our children's school experience, we'd love to hear from you! Please note, a current DBS check will be required. Please contact the school office on 01277 227282 or email admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk

Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

Readers

Saturday 9 November	5.30 p.m. Ian Restall
Sunday 10 November	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Saturday 16 November	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-dale
Sunday 17 November	10.30 a.m. Sati Anya

Pope On Social Media

Let us Pray Together that the Church may continue to sustain a synodal approach as a sign of shared responsibility. May we promote the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and lay people.

May we ask God for the gift of peace for martyred Ukraine, for Palestine and Israel, for Sudan, Myanmar, and all lands wounded by war.

It is with sorrow and great concern that I continue to follow the spread and escalation of the conflict in Lebanon. Let us pray for the victims, for their families, and for peace.

We celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees today, which bears the theme, "God walks with His people." I renew my appeal to Europe and the international community to consider migration as an opportunity to grow together in fraternity.

Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 10 November the Plate Collection totalled - £290.00
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
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Thank you.

A Little Joke

Why shouldn't you write with a dull pencil?
Because it's pointless!

Mass intentions

Please don't forget to have a Mass said for the response of the soul of a family member, friends or someone who is sick or for a private intention. One day we will need people to pray for us. "Ask a holy priest to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (from book of Maccabees). The celebration of Mass is the most powerful prayer as we represent the earth and resurrection of Jesus.

Adoration and Confessions

Saturday 10.30 - 11.15 a.m. or on request before Mass or any other time.

Sick parishioners

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

The Divine Mercy Apostolate

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 30 November 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica 17 Kenninghall Road Clapton London E5 8BS

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information