

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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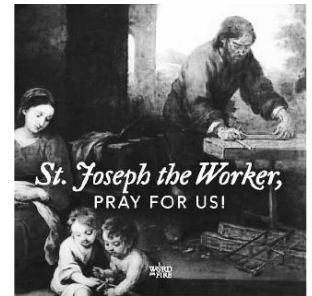
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 13 April 2025

By the waving of palms and the cries of ‘Hosanna,’ the world welcomed its King. But even as the crowd shouted out joy, the shadow of the Cross stretched long and silent across the road to Jerusalem. On this day, Christ rode not on a war horse, but on a donkey—the beast of burden—foreshadowing the burden He would soon carry: the sins of the world.

Palm Sunday is not merely a remembrance of a festive procession. It is the Church’s quiet reminder that glory and suffering often walk hand in hand. The same crowd that welcomed Him would, within days, demand His death. This is the drama of Holy Week—God’s love meeting the fickleness of the human heart.

But the Cross is not the end—it is the door. From the wood of the Cross blooms the tree of life.

So let us wave our palms not only in celebration but in commitment. Let them be a sign that we are willing to follow Christ—not just to Jerusalem, but all the way to Calvary. For only then can we rise with Him in glory.

We have the full schedule of Holy Week services here at St Joseph’s. On Maundy Thursday we will have the evening Mass at 8pm where we will commemorate the Last Supper and have the washing of the feet. On Good Friday at 3pm we have the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. We will listen to the Passion and the venerate the Cross. Then on the Easter Vigil we gather at 8pm to celebrate the triumph of light over darkness. We will light the Easter fire and proclaim the light of Christ’s Resurrection into the darkness of the night. Our celebration continues with the Easter Day Masses.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed week. *Fr. Gary*

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday we will mark the Way of the Cross at 7.30pm here in the church. Everyone is very welcome. This is a traditional Catholic devotion for Lent, and it takes about 20minutes.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 13th April

Saturday - 5.30pm

Sunday - 10.30am

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Mass with Washing of Feet - 8pm

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday - 18th April

Children’s Stations of the Cross - 10am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 19th April

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets -Święconka- 10am

Easter Vigil - 8pm

Easter Sunday - 20th April

Said Mass - 8.00 a.m.

Sung family Mass - 10.30 a.m.

Latin Mass - 12.30 p.m.

Easter Collections

Priests in our diocese do not receive a salary and have no pension, which means that, although basic expenses are covered, they rely upon the generosity of the people they serve. Together, the Christmas and Easter collections form a major part of a priest’s income for the year and determine his ability to put something aside for his retirement or in the event of sickness. The Easter offertory collection is your gift to your priest. Thank you for your continued love and support of the work of our parish.

Easter and Standing Orders

The diocese does not permit any part of the donations of those who give by standing order to go towards the upkeep of clergy for Christmas and Easter. If you give by standing order, you might consider giving an additional donation for the support of your priest. It is also possible to make an online donation via the QR code on the newsletter or bank transfer. Please use the parish bank details and mark the reference as ‘Easter.’ Thank you.

Easter Food Blessing

W Wielką Sobotę zgodnie z polską tradycją w kościele 19tego kwietnia 2025 roku o godzinie 10.00 odbędzie się poświęcenie pokarmów. Obrzęd ten będzie sporozan w języku angielskim i polskim. Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w naszym kościele, Św Józefa Pracownika. Serdecznie zapraszamy rodziny i przyjaciół.

Food Bank Collection

The Hutton Community Food Hub collection will take place this weekend on Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th. Please generously donate any tinned or packaged food, nappies, toilet rolls, or toiletry items. The Food Hub supports 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your generosity. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers.

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.

Hall Hire

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

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 5.30 p.m.

Onyiuke Kenneth Okoro R.I.P.

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.

Alan Bailey R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 14 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

Tuesday 15 9.15 a.m.

Eileen Kavanagh R.I.P.

Wednesday 16 9.15 a.m.

Thursday 17 8.00 p.m.

Hannah Jennings (Intention)

Friday 18 10.00 a.m.

Children station of the cross

3.00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 8.00 p.m.

Namir & Shireen (Intention)

Sunday 20 8.00 a.m.

Pro Popolo

10.30 a.m.

Onyeka & David Orizu

(Marriage Blessing Intention)

12.30 p.m.

(Private Intention)

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 5 April 5.30 p.m.: 140

Sunday 6 April 10.30 a.m.: 85

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 12 April 5.30 p.m.
Mark Brennan

Saturday 26 April 5.30 p.m.
Marian
Anderson

Sunday 13 April 10.30 a.m.
Chris Brooks

Sunday 27 April 10.30 a.m.
Blane McKie

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!

200 Club March winners list

1st prize £50 - S Morris

2nd prize £30 - R Briggs

3rd prize £20 - P Shaw

MISSIO

The Spring 2025 edition of 'Mission Today' is available on the table in the porch. The magazine Has a particular focus on hope in the Jubilee Year. Missio - is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Foundation Governor for St Joseph's

Our wonderful primary school is looking to appoint another foundation governor. If you would like further information about this role then please speak to Fr Gary. School governors play an important role in furthering the Church's mission and ensuring the long-standing excellence of Catholic education.

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Registration is now OPEN. Register by scanning the QR Code or link below and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from 29th April - 3rd June inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope". Register here: Life in the Spirit Registration or Scan me:



Alpha

Alpha is coming to St Joseph the Worker in September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help lead, host or welcome at the Alpha sessions. More details will follow in June, but in the meantime, we ask for prayers from the parish for the success of Alpha in Hutton.

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the centre of helping us 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.

First Holy Communion Children

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

Easter Hamper Raffle



The Easter raffle draw will take place on Sunday, 13 April, after 10.30 Mass.

Any final draw envelopes need to be in the raffle box this weekend.

but it is not too late to enter by placing your name and phone number on the outside of an envelope, with £5 inside or pay £5 electronically. We have raised over £500 so far towards church maintenance; but would love it to be more! Thank you for entering!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 24th May 2025:

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact [*parish/parish rep's contact details*].

VACANCY - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay - are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit.

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344>

Closing date is 21.04.25

Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals - serving school meals to children living in the world's poorest countries.

Following on from our successful collection of foreign currency earlier this year, we have another opportunity to support this worthwhile charity by donating items for recycling.

In the porch, you'll find a collection box for items Mary's Meals can recycle to raise funds...

jewellery, Coins, Currency, Mobile Phones, Cameras, Gadgets, Stamps. Thank you!

QR CODE

It is now easier to give online! Simply scan the QR code on your phone and choose which project you would like to support here at St Joseph's? By giving to a specific project, like our building fund, you can ensure your donation goes totally towards supporting your local parish.



Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

Readers

Saturday 12 April 5.30 p.m.
Sophie Newbould

Saturday 26 April 5.30 p.m.
Mark Brennan

Sunday 13 April 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

Sunday 27 April 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be no refreshments on Easter Sunday.



Please sign up for the new Rota in the porch from Sunday 27 April until August.

New volunteers are always welcome, and full instructions can be given. Thank you.

Newsletters. Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 6 April, the Plate Collection totalled - £330.00.

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

Thank you.

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.

Keep a Flame Burning (Ex. 27:19-20)

Our sanctuary always burns to honour Christ and His presence in the Blessed Sacrament. It represents Our Lord among His people, and the fulfilment of His promise that He will be with us always. Would you like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or for a specific intention? Please contact Ngozi who will make a note of the date.

This week, the sanctuary lamp burns for Julia and Deo Orizu (Blessings).

A Little Joke

Why did the student eat his homework?
Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.