

# 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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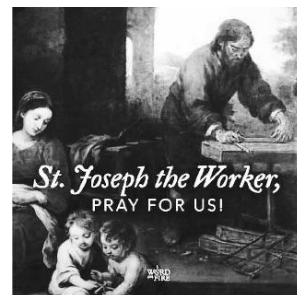
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 20 April 2025

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we rejoice in the greatest victory ever known: Christ’s triumph over sin and death. The tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away, and the light of the Resurrection shines into every corner of our lives.

Easter is not only a moment in history, it is a living promise. Christ’s Resurrection means that death does not have the final word, and no darkness in our lives is beyond the reach of God’s love. In every hardship, in every season of waiting or loss, Easter reminds us that death does not have the final word.

As we gather in joy and celebration, may we let the truth of Easter fill our hearts: that in Christ, we are made new. Let us carry the light of the Risen Lord into our homes, our families, and our world, especially to those still walking in shadows.

This Easter, may we not just proclaim, ‘He is risen,’ but live as people who believe it – with hearts full of peace, joy, and the quiet strength that comes from knowing God has already conquered all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

*Fr. Gary*

## Holy Week Services

### **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 - Świąconka- 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 also 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. Świecenie 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. Thank you

## 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](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

## Hall Hire

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

## 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!

## Thank you from MISSIO

We have had a notification from MISSIO that our parish of St. Joseph the Worker raised £310 in 2024 through the Red Boxes and individual donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

## EASTER SUNDAY

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 5.30 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)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 21 No Mass

Tuesday 22 9.15 a.m.

*Private Intention*

Wednesday 23 9.15 a.m.

*Holy Souls*

Thursday 24 9.15 a.m.

*Private Intention*

Friday 25 No Mass

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26 5.30 p.m.

*Lena Curry*

*R.I.P.*

Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.

*Sylvester*

*R.I.P.*

## 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 12 April 5.30 p.m.: 96

Sunday 13 April 10.30 a.m.: 104

## For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 26 April 5.30 p.m.

Marian  
Anderson

Sunday 27 April 10.30 a.m.

Blane McKie

The missionaries and the communities they serve have asked to pass on their thanks for supporting missionaries overseas through your prayers and financial assistance.

Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more, including how to donate online.

Thank you for your support.

### Easter Raffle



Congratulations to our winners! C & J Dareal, M Smith and L Pearce.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Because of your generous support we were able to raise £640 for parish maintenance funds. We are hoping to run something similar in the summer. Please speak to Marian, Willa or Fr Gary if you have an idea or would like to donate a hamper. Thank you again!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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].

### 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:



### 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!

### Parish Register

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

### First Holy Communion Children

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

### 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 the good of our parish community.

### 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.



### Bible Alive

The bible alive will no longer be available at the Narthex. If you would like one, please subscribe to Bible Alive.

Contact: +44 (0) 1782 745600

Email: [general@alivepublishing.co.uk](mailto:general@alivepublishing.co.uk)

Website: [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk)

### Readers

Saturday 26 April	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
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 13 April, the Plate Collection totalled - £220.00.

### 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.

### Readings at Mass

First reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 117(118):1- 2,16-17,22-23

Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: 1Cor 5:7-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

## A Little Joke

Why did the Easter Bunny fail?

He put all his eggs in one basket.