

# 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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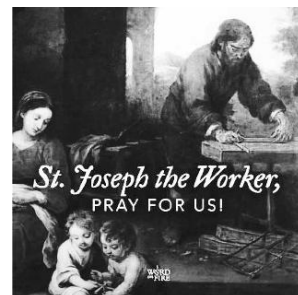
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 23 March 2025

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph. Although our parish is dedicated to him under a different title, it is still the same St Joseph! In the great drama of our redemption, where angels sang and the Virgin conceived, where shepherds knelt and kings offered gold, there stood a silent figure—his name is Joseph.

St Joseph, the just man, was chosen not for his words, but for his silence, not for his power, but for his obedience. In a world clamouring for recognition and limitless autonomy, he sought only to do the will of God. He was the shadow cast by the heavenly Father upon the earth, protecting the Light of the world before that Light could speak, defend, or even walk.

The world around us does not understand such greatness because it seeks strength in noise, wisdom in argument, and authority in coercion. But Joseph's strength lay in his forgetfulness of himself, his wisdom in listening, his authority in surrender. When the angel commanded, he did not hesitate; when the Child was in danger, he did not falter and when the hidden years stretched before him, he did not complain.

Joseph is the saint for our times because he teaches that holiness is not found in grand gestures, but in quiet fidelity, not in conquest, but in trust. The greatest miracles of God are often placed in the hands of those who do not seek them. And so, in the carpenter's home, the Son of God was raised, and the Savior of the world called a humble, working man His father.

May we, like Joseph, embrace the hidden will of God, knowing that the truest greatness is not in being seen, but in standing faithfully in the shadow of the Divine.

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 - Świąconka- 10am

Easter Vigil - 8pm

## Easter Sunday - 20th April

Mass - 8.30am

Mass - 10.30am

## 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.

## 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.

## First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts

Sale of First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts - Saturday, March 29th, from 9.15am to 10.45am at the Church Porch.

We have a fantastic selection of Cards and Gifts at very reasonable prices.

## 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!

## God's presence

When a family meets 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 Jesus' stillness and presence. When you pass a Catholic Church, make the sign of the cross, to acknowledge Jesus's presence, or pay a short visit. Never lose sight of God's presence.

## Parish Register

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

## MISSIO

The Spring 2025 edition of 'Mission Today' is available on the table in the porch. The magazine

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 5.30 p.m.

*Eileen Brodley*

*R.I.P.*

Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.

*Rosalina D'Silva*

*R.I.P.*

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 24 9.15 a.m.

*Conville and McGregor Families (R.I.P.)*

Tuesday 25 9.15 a.m.

*Joseph Kerbel*

*R.I.P.*

Wednesday 26 9.15 a.m.

*private intentions*

*R.I.P.*

### NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 28 9.15 a.m.

*Sr Joan Denyer*

*R.I.P.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29 5.30 p.m.

*Breda Conville*

*R.I.P.*

Sunday 30 10.30 a.m.

*Marian and Peter Barlow 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 15 March 5.30 p.m.: 103

Sunday 16 March 10.30 a.m.: 105

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 22 March 5.30 p.m.  
*Ewa Kania*

Saturday 29 March 5.30 p.m.  
*Bill O'Regan*

Sunday 23 March 10.30 a.m.  
*Blane McKie*

Sunday 30 March 10.30 a.m.  
*Percy Sam*

## First Holy Communion Children

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

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.

### Easter Hamper Raffle



Win a lovely Easter Egg Hamper or Afternoon Tea Hamper in our Easter raffle.

Place £5 in an envelope with your name and phone number or pay £5

donation via the cashless machine and mark this on your envelope with your name and phone number.

The raffle will be drawn after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 13 April. Help us to raise funds for church maintenance. Thank you.

### 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 do not currently give by standing order, but would like to, then please see the parish website for more details. Your support ensures we can continue to be a presence of hope in our local area. [www.stjosephshutton.com](http://www.stjosephshutton.com).

Thank you!

### 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:



### LENTEN TALKS 2025

Lenten talks on the power and significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives of faith, entitled, "Those who believe, don't leave."

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 7.30pm:** Fr Stephen Morrison (O Pream), Norbertine Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. After studying French at Oxford entered the Norbertine Order. Latin Scholar and speaks several other languages. Gifted preacher.

**Theme: "Eucharistic Doctrine of Song: The 'Lauda Sion' of St Thomas Aquinas."**

### Food Bank Collection

The next collection for Hutton Community Food Hub will be on 05/06 April. Please give generously any tinned or packet food, nappies, toilet rolls or toiletry items. The Food Hub are supporting 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your donations. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers.

### Brentwood Ursuline - 125th Anniversary

To mark out 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26th April 2025, followed by

a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: [www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk).

### Maranatha

Join us for Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 20th March from 7.00 to 9.00pm. We also continue this month with The Rescue Project which seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way. All are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along and we look forward to seeing you at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. Teresa Carvalho and team.

### THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

Invite applications for the post of BOOKKEEPER. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 HOURS A WEEK. Office based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at our website - [www.canonesses.co.uk](http://www.canonesses.co.uk).

Closing date for applications May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.

**Please note:** Any appointment is subject to references and enhanced DBS.

### 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,

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin

#### Free admission

Wednesday 12 March - Monday 21 April at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY.

St George's Cathedral is open - Monday-Friday from 7:15am-5pm, Saturday from 9am-7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am-7pm.

The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted.

More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/>

And on YouTube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUg>

### 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.



### Readers

Saturday 22 March	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Saturday 29 March	5.30 p.m. Hannah Ola
Sunday 23 March	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal
Sunday 30 March	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday March 23, and everyone is welcome. Please sign up to help on the list at the back of the church; new volunteers are always welcome.

### Newsletters. Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 16 March, the Plate Collection totalled - £275.00

### 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 in loving memory of **Cyprian Okoro - R.I.P.**

### Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent 2025 is available at the Narthex for £3.00 each. Thank you!

### A Little Joke

I told my friend ten jokes to get him to laugh. **No pun in ten did!**