

# 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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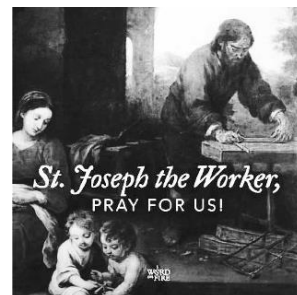
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 9 March 2025

Today's Gospel invites us into the wilderness with Our Lord as He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil. This moment in Christ's journey is not just about His struggle but about revealing to us the path we walk in faith.

Each temptation—turning stones into bread, testing God's protection, and seeking worldly power—reflects the challenges we face in our own lives. The devil tempts Jesus with comfort, security, and control, yet He responds with unwavering trust in His Father's word. Christ shows us that true strength is found not in self-reliance but in surrender to God's will.

Lent is our own journey through the wilderness. It is a time to confront our weaknesses and deepen our dependence on God. Our Lord's victory over temptation reminds us that through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can overcome the trials that seek to pull us away from Him. May we embrace this season as an opportunity to grow in faith, resisting the fleeting promises of the world and finding our true sustenance in God alone.

A huge thank you everyone involved in the organising of our parish party last week. It was very well-supported, and a good evening was had by all. The older members of the parish had the opportunity to show off their dance moves to the younger ones. And a special thank you to our DJ and entertainers! We are already looking forward to the upcoming social events. If you would like to get involved with them then please speak to me, Marian or Willa.

I am on retreat this coming week and will be making a pilgrimage to Rome. Do let me know if you have any particular intentions you would like me to take to the Eternal City.

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.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours.

## 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 Children

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

## 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!

February Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> - £50 N & C Sutcliff

2<sup>nd</sup> - £30 E Omole

3<sup>rd</sup> - £20 S Jones

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

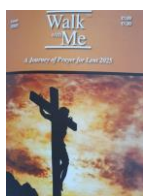
## God's presence

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.

## Walk With Me Booklets



A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols introduces this special Jubilee Lenten edition, reminding us that we are all pilgrims of hope.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8 5.30 p.m.  
*Francoise Strauss* R.I.P.

Sunday 9 10.30 a.m.  
Maryline Ratier  
(Intention - Healing)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Please take note that there will be no weekday Masses from Monday, March 10th to Friday, March 14th.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 5.30 p.m.  
*Joan Williams* R.I.P.

Sunday 16 10.30 a.m.  
*Ann Edwards* 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 1 March 5.30 p.m.: 142  
Sunday 23 February 10.30 a.m.: 69

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 8 March 5.30 p.m.  
Catherine Bray

Saturday 15 March 5.30 p.m.  
Marian Anderson

Sunday 9 March 10.30 a.m.  
Sarah Barber

Sunday 16 March 10.30 a.m.  
Lyn Birnie

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Friday, the 14th, at 7.30 p.m. You are all invited to take part. God bless.

## 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.

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

### 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](http://www.stjosephshutton).

Thank you!

### Life in the Spirit Seminars

Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars which are being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall, over 6 Tuesday evenings (29th April - 3rd June). 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. More details will follow shortly...

### Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy

The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by entering through the holy door. The parish of OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions.

We will visit THE VATICAN, ROME, ASSISI, PADUA, VENICE & PISA. DATE: 30TH AUGUST-4TH SEPTEMBER 2025 (6 DAYS). Superior 4\* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: [frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org](mailto:frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org) or call: 01268281732.

### 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 19th March:** Fr Philip Caldwell who is a parish priest of the Salford Diocese who taught Theology for many years at Ushaw Seminary before its closure; he writes for the Catholic Truth Society and gives retreats. Theme: The Eucharist and the Saints.

**Development Officer for Caritas Diocese of Brentwood** - A vacancy for a Development Officer for Caritas. The role is to support, develop and grow the various projects of Caritas, Brentwood. Alongside the Director, it's an opportunity to be involved in activities and conversations that enhance the ministry of charity across Essex and East London.

The successful applicant must have excellent communication and administration skills.

The post will be full-time, 35 hrs pw (this includes some evening and weekend).

The salary is £24,000 - £27,000 pa - 3-year fixed term contract. Application is by CV and cover letter.

If you have any questions, or want to know more about the role, please email [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

Please provide two referees if shortlisted, and email completed application to Director of Caritas: [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Applications closing date: 12pm, 31st March 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview 8th April 2025.

### KS1/2 CLASS TEACHER

Required for September 2025

Salary: MPR (+ London Fringe)

Contract: full-time, permanent. (Applications from ECTs are welcome).

Details can be found at: <https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/recruitment-1/>  
<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/>  
<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Search.aspx>.

### 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!

### 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).

### Beginning Experience Weekend

Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. This next programme will be held on 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex; for further details please contact: Mary: 07730 884315, or email [BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com).

### 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

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| Saturday 8 March  | 5.30 p.m.<br>Mark Brennan          |
| Saturday 15 March | 5.30 p.m.<br>Aria Olatunde         |
| Sunday 9 March    | 10.30 a.m.<br>Uzoamaka<br>Ekpechue |
| Sunday 16 March   | 10.30 a.m.<br>Tara Sanni           |

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday March 9, 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 2 March, the Plate Collection totalled - £255.00

### 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 Douglas Bennie.**

### Bible Alive

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

### A Little Joke

What tool do mathematicians use most?

*Multi-pliers!*