

# 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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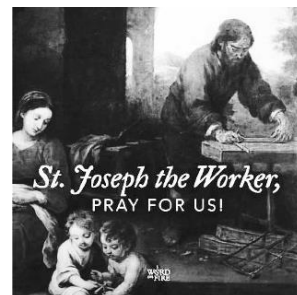
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 February 2025

It was such a blessing to have our school choir singing at the Saturday evening Mass last week, and to have the beginnings of our Sunday choir coming together under Amy’s direction. Music is such an important part of our celebration of the liturgy. It can serve to elevate our act of worship and enable us to benefit spiritually in a deeper way.

This weekend’s Gospel gives us the call of the disciples, and, at the heart of the Gospel, we find St Peter’s acclamation: depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.

When we feel that God may be calling us to some act of service, or act of charity, or act of witness, our instinct can be to think we are mistaken. Not I, surely! I am not good enough. I am not holy enough. So-and-so would be much better at that. The truth is that God does want each and every one of us for some definite service.

For the disciples it was to witness to Him in a definite and often dramatic way. It need not be so with us. Our witness to Christ, and our service of Him in our lives, can be low-key, simple and day-to-day. Is there some hidden gift or talent that you have which could be put to use in our parish?

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

## Crib Offerings

Thank you for your generosity in the crib offerings. The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society does wonderful work, and your donations will be put to good use.

## New Mass Envelopes

New Mass intention envelopes have arrived. It is now possible to gift-aid the offerings for Mass intentions. While it is customary for Mass stipends to go directly to the priest for his upkeep, Fr Gary does not keep these, but they are instead paid into the parish account to support our rather delicate financial situation.

If you are able to gift-aid the donations made for Mass intentions, this would be a tremendous additional help to St Joseph’s. If you are unable to make a donation, Fr Gary would still be delighted to offer Mass for your intentions.

## 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.

## 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.

## Pilgrims of Hope

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

## 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 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.

## Parish Register

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

## Brentwood Directory

The new diocesan directory is now available for purchase. It contains information relating to local churches, Mass times, as well as articles about our

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	5.30 p.m.	
	<i>Valerie Tyler</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 9	10.30 a.m.	
	<i>John Wright</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 10	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Private intention</i>	
Tuesday 11	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Private intention</i>	
Wednesday 12	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
NO MASS ON THURSDAY		
Friday 14	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Marios Joannou</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

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Saturday 15	5.30 p.m.	
	<i>Douglas Bennie</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 16	10.30 a.m.	
	<i>Mr and Mrs Roy</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>

## 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 February 5.30 p.m.:	147
Sunday 2 February 10.30 a.m.:	92

## For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 8 February	5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson
Saturday 15 February	5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan
Sunday 9 February	10.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie
Sunday 16 February	10.30 a.m.	Percy Sam

newly ordained priests and many other interesting things.

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

### Church Lighting Appeal

As you may have noticed we have a number of lightbulbs out in the church. It is more cost effective to replace all the lightbulbs at once with more energy efficient, long-lasting LEDs. The lightbulbs cost £15 each, and we'll need 60 of them, plus the cost of the cherry picker required to install them.

Can you help by sponsoring one or two lightbulbs? If yes, put £15 cash or multiples of £15 in an envelope marked 'Lighting'. If you are a taxpayer, please add your name and postcode so that we can claim gift aid for your donation.

Alternatively, please donate using the bank details listed in the newsletter, referring your donation as 'Lighting'.

If you are a taxpayer and have not completed a gift aid form, they are accessible on the church porch. Thank you for your help.

### Secondary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Secondary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week. Further details and an application form can be obtained by emailing:

[victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

The closing date for applications is midday on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4th March 2025.

Start Date: Ideally from 1st September 2025 depending on current contractual arrangements.

### Newsletter

The newsletter is now produced and printed in the parish office. Any items for inclusion can be sent to Ngozi the Parish Administrator.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)** is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March 2025.

Guests are kindly invited to arrive for 1pm to be greeted and seated in good time for tea between 1.30 and 3.30pm. This event is open to all and promises to be a lovely afternoon celebration. Tickets are £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) so that we can note these. Guests will be seated at tables of 12 so if you are coming in a group, do please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

### Lost Property

There are a number of items of lost property in the narthex including an asthma pump, pair of glasses, hat gloves and water bottle. Please check and retrieve the items that may belong to you. Anything left by 03 February will be disposed of. Thank you.

### Parish Social with Disco 01 March

We are holding a Parish Social with Disco on 01 March, 6.30 to 9.30pm in the Parish Hall, organised by Leszek; one of our parishioners. Adults £10, children free. Wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase or bring your own drinks/snacks. Due to space for the dance floor capacity in the hall is limited to 100, so please buy your ticket in advance to ensure your place for this popular event. Tickets are available after Saturday and Sunday

### VESPERS FOR UKRAINE

There will be a special Vespers in the Cathedral on Wednesday 26th February at 6.00 p.m. to pray for peace in Ukraine on the eve of the third anniversary of the Russian invasion. The service will feature a mixture of Ukrainian music and familiar English church music, including a contribution by Ukrainians who are now part of our community. We will be privileged to be joined by the Ukrainian Eparchy (Bishop) for Great Britain, Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, who will preach at the service. There will be refreshments available in the Parish Hall after the service.

For more information email [cathedral@brcdt.org](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.org) or visit [www.brentwoodcathedral.org.uk](http://www.brentwoodcathedral.org.uk).

### 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

Of course, you may wish to make your own travel and hotel arrangements for your parish. You are most welcome to do this and still participate fully in the program of the diocesan pilgrimage. If so, please tell me and I shall make sure you are able to join as much of the diocesan program as you would like.

### 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 8 February	5.30 p.m. Catherine Bray
Saturday 15 February	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 9 February	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Sunday 16 February	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday February 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 February, the Plate Collection totalled - £230.00  
BCCS Crib Collection totalled - £520

### 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  
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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 Evelyn Burrell RIP.**

### Bible Alive

Bible Alive for January is available at the Narthex for £3.00 each.

### A Little Joke

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