

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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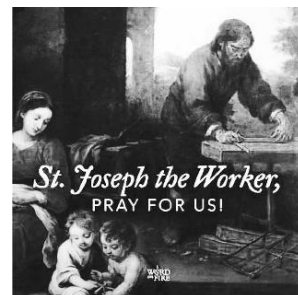
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 5 January 2025

Within the hearts of men and women is a natural desire to know God. We instinctively reach out for that which is greater than ourselves. Some people seek this is in the wrong places, and find their gods in ideology or hedonism. But as Catholics we know that we are created for God, created by God to seek to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this life in order that we may forever happy with Him in the next. This is central to the feast of The Epiphany of Our Lord which we celebrate this weekend.

Christ is revealed to the whole world in the persons of the Wise Men, symbolic as they are of the non-Jewish world, who follow their instinctive desire to worship Him. Within this one feast we see how faith and reason are mystically brought together. We see how reason can lead us to God. We can see mankind’s natural desire to worship God shine forth in the homage that the Wise Man pay to the Christ child. We see God’s plan to save all mankind in the person of His Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Their mysterious gifts teach us so much about who Christ is. Gold for a King. Frankincense for God. Myrrh pointing to His death on the Cross. In today’s celebration we can unite ourselves with the gifts of the Wise Men. We need not bring gold, or frankincense or myrrh. God does not need things from us. Instead, what He wants from us is an open and loving heart, seeking to know Him, love Him and serve Him.

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man, I would do my part
Yet what I can, I give Him
Give my heart

I wish you all a happy New Year and every blessing for 2025! *Fr. Gary*

Crib Offerings

Our crib will remain up until the 2nd February, which is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. The offerings in our diocese go towards the wonderful work of the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society.

Epiphany House blessings

At the feast of the Epiphany (which we keep this year on Sunday 5th January) we celebrate the visitation of the Magi to the infant Jesus, and their mysterious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally, this visit has been linked with the new year blessing of our homes. There are sheets to take away for anyone who wishes to do this. Fr Gary is also happy to receive requests to come and bless your home.

Food Bank

This weekend, January 4th and 5th, 2025, is the Foodbank donation. Please support families in need in Hutton by donating goodies like non-perishable foods and toiletries to our local Community Food Hub. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

Newsletter

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

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.

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’.

“Missio Red Boxes and 2025 Calendar

Please would everyone who has a Missio red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The ‘Mission Today’ Calendar 2025 is available to collect from the table in the church porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio red box would like one, please speak **Clare Barton**. Missio is the Church’s official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4 5.30 p.m.
Private intentions
Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.
Terry and Ron Plumer

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 6 9.15 a.m.
(Private intentions)
Tuesday 7 9.15 a.m.
Irene Dooley *R.I.P.*
Wednesday 8 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 10 9.15 a.m.
Peter Barlow *R.I.P.*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11 5.30 p.m.
Clive Sexton *R.I.P.*
Sunday 12 10.30 a.m.
Pro Popolo

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 28 December 5.30 p.m.: 82
Sunday 29 December 10.30 a.m.: 58

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 5 January 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Sunday 12 January 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie

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.

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.

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. 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.

Parish Register

Please consider visiting our website

<https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025.

For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/recruitment-1/>

Applications Close: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12pm.

Interviews: Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 9am

St John Bosco Children's Camp - summer 2025

Can you volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer? Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at

www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

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 newly ordained priests and many other interesting things

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will be from Friday 18 July - Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow. We hope you will join us.

Headteacher Vacancy for September 2025 -St Peter's Catholic Primary School Romford.

Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Friday 31st January 2025



Little Joke

What happens when a snowman
throws a tantrum...

He has a meltdown!

Readers

Sunday 5 January 5.30 p.m.
Paul
Downey

Sunday 12 January 5.30 p.m.
Uzoamaka
Ekpechue

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for December is available from the Narthex £3.00 each.

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass today, January 5, 2025, 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 29 December, the Plate Collection totalled - £165.00

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

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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

There's no Holy Hour or confessions this Saturday 4th January 2025.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.

The parish office of St. Joseph The Worker, Hutton is open on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have an urgent inquiry, please email hutton@brcdt.org. Many thanks.