

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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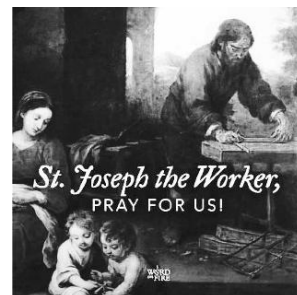
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 30 March 2025

The parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most powerful reminders of God’s infinite mercy. In this story, the younger son turns away from his father, wastes his inheritance, and finds himself lost and broken. Yet, when he decides to return home, his father runs to meet him with open arms. Instead of punishment, he receives forgiveness, a robe, a ring, and a feast.

This is a beautiful image of God the Father and His love for us. No matter how far we stray, God is always waiting, ready to welcome us back. This is the heart of the Sacrament of Penance—when we confess our sins with a repentant heart, God forgives us completely.

The older son’s reaction also teaches us an important lesson. He struggles to accept his father’s mercy, just as we sometimes find it hard to forgive others. But God calls us to share in His joy over a sinner’s return.

During Lent, this parable invites us to examine our hearts. Do we need to return to the Father? Are we holding onto resentment instead of forgiving? Let us embrace God’s mercy and extend it to others, trusting in His endless love.

‘This son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found!’

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

Maudy 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.

Hall Hire

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

Food Bank Collection

The next collection for Hutton Community Food Hub will be on Saturday, 5th & Sunday, 6th of 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.

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 Has a particular focus on hope in the Jubilee Year.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 31 9.15 a.m.

Vera Jemmott

R.I.P.

Tuesday 1 9.15 a.m.

Fr. Gary

(Birthday intention)

Wednesday 2 9.15 a.m.

Holy Souls

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 4 9.15 a.m.

Uzoamaka Ekpechue

(Thanksgiving)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 5.30 p.m.

Private intentions

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.

Neia Norman *(Intentions)*

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 22 March 5.30 p.m.: 120

Sunday 23 March 10.30 a.m.: 77

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 29 March 5.30 p.m.
Bill O’Regan

Saturday 5 April 5.30 p.m.
Stella Walker

Sunday 30 March 10.30 a.m.
Percy Sam

Sunday 6 April 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

First Holy Communion Children

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

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.

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 2nd 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."

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.

BCYS Youth Mass, Brentwood Cathedral, Thursday 3rd April from 6pm

Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for their monthly Youth Mass this coming Thursday.

Beginning with pizza in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, followed by Youth-led Stations of the Cross before celebrating Mass at 7:30pm.

For more information you can visit www.bcys.net follow @brentwoodcys on social media or email gabriellaskinner@brcd.org

Thank you to those who have already replied to the email below, but if you haven't not, I would greatly appreciate your help in being linked with any contacts in your parish.

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,

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](#)].

VACANCY - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay - are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit.

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344>

Closing date is 21.04.25

Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

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.

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 You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>.

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 29 March	5.30 p.m. Hannah Ola
Saturday 5 April	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 30 March	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Sunday 6 April	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday March 30, 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 23 March, the Plate Collection totalled - £185.00.

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 **Kenneth 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

What do you call an alligator in a vest?

An investigator!