

# 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.

FR. GARY DENCH

The Presbytery

17 Highview Crescent, Hutton Brentwood, Essex, CM13 1BJ

T: 01277 221917

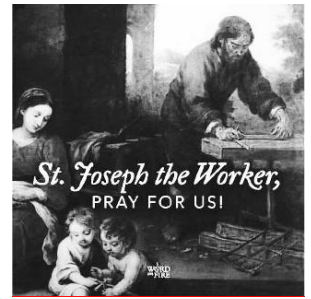
HEAD TEACHER

Mrs. Kathryn Poulter St. Joseph the Worker Primary School

Highview Crescent, Hutton Brentwood, Essex CM13 1BJ T:

01277 227282

web: [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org) email: [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org)



## 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 3 November 2024

This week we celebrated All Saints and All Souls—the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. These two days bring us into November which is marked as always by our consideration of eternal life in a more profound way. It makes sense. As the year draws to its close and the foliage of nature begins to fall, so too we are invited to consider the Four Last Things - Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. All Saints allows us to reflect on the fact that we are created not for this life, but for the next - for a life in Heaven with God and His Saints. All Souls reminds us that God, in His mercy, recognises fragility and so gives us time beyond death to make the final preparations to enter into his presence. Most of us will not be ready immediately after death to enter into the presence of God. Most of us recognise that we are not saints yet! This time beyond death is what we as Catholics know as Purgatory. This is why we pray for our dead.

During November we customarily keep the memories of our Beloved Dead in our prayers. Their names can be placed in the envelopes at the back of the church, along with an offering or donation if you can. These names will be remembered here at St Joseph’s throughout November in our Masses and our daily prayers, and their names recorded in the Book of Remembrance. In this way, we present them to God our loving father. Visiting a place of burial—or cemetery—is a custom at this time where you might think of pausing to pray for your loved ones. Please also do not forget to pray for those who have no loved ones left on earth. It is a wonderful act of love to pray for the Holy Souls, especially those who have nobody to pray for them. *Fr. Gary*

## Newsletter Layout

Welcome to the newly laid out newsletter! The newsletter will now be produced and printed in the parish office. Any items for inclusion can be sent to Ngozi the Parish Administrator.

## Save the Day: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Parish family Christmas social - after the Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph The Worker Church Hall. Come and join us for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

Tickets £5 per adult (children under 16 free).

## Mary’s Meals

\*You have till next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November to return your envelopes with all your foreign coins/notes\* in it. Mary’s Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and we want to reach many more. Please bring in your envelopes on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November and you’ll be helping Mary Meals reach the next hungry child. Thank you.

\*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren’t legal tender.

## Holy Souls and the November Dead List

November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to praying for the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have nobody to pray for them. If you like a loved to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you might wish to make) in the November envelopes. We will pray for them especially throughout the month of November in our devotions and our Masses.

## Run Alpha Catholic Context - Romford

Join the Alpha UK Catholic Context team on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3.30pm at St Peter’s Catholic Primary School in Romford for a session especially tailored for Catholic parishes to explore Alpha as a tool for evangelisation. Run Alpha is designed to give you the opportunity to experience sample Alpha sessions, discover how Alpha works in a Catholic parish setting, hear from other parishes already running Alpha, and most importantly to give you space to ask all your questions. The event is free. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. More details about the day can be found in the registration link below.

To register for Run Alpha in Romford please follow this link: [Run Alpha - Catholic Context, Romford Tickets, Sat 9 Nov 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Michael Roche at [Michael.Roche@alpha.org](mailto:Michael.Roche@alpha.org)

## World Youth Sunday 2024

Theme: ‘Your Kingdom Come’

Friday 22 November 2024 - World Youth FUNday Livestream

Sunday 24 November 2024 - Feast of Christ the King

We are excited to announce the 2024 theme for World Youth Sunday in England and Wales is, “Let Your Kingdom Come.” This year’s celebration is particularly meaningful as it aligns with the ongoing Year of Prayer, a time of preparation for the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025: “Pilgrims of Hope”. On Friday 22 November, we will celebrate World Youth FUNday—a lively and collaborative livestream

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Saturday 2	9.15 a.m.	All Souls
		Janice and David Masters R.I.P.
	10.30-11.15	Adoration
	12.00 p.m.	(Latin)

## FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	5.30 p.m.	
		Jack and Mary Connaughton R.I.P.
Sunday 3	10:30 a.m.	R.I.P.
		Ann Edwards R.I.P.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 4	9.15 a.m.	
		Brian Green R.I.P.
Tuesday 5	9.15 a.m.	
		Ann Edwards R.I.P.
Wednesday 6	9.15 a.m.	
		Bailey Family R.I.P.
<b>NO MASS ON THURSDAY</b>		
Friday 8	9.15 a.m.	
		De Prazer Family R.I.P.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9	5.30 p.m.	
		Dennis Norman R.I.P.
Sunday 10	10.30 a.m.	
		Annie D’Souza 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 26 October	5.30 p.m.:	70
Sunday 27 October	10.30 a.m.:	66

## For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 2 November	5.30 p.m.	Bill ORegan
Saturday 9 November	5.30 p.m.	Ewa Kania
Sunday 3 November	10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks
Sunday 10 November	10.30 a.m.	Sarah Barber

event centred around this year's theme. This exciting day will feature prayer, reflection, inspiration, and uplifting praise and worship, all crafted to engage young people in a joyful expression of their faith. Last year, around 13,000 young people from across England and Wales participated!

**To access these resources and register for the livestream**, go to: [www.wys.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.wys.cymfed.org.uk)  
Registration for the FUNday livestream is now open and more information will be sent out soon to those who are registered!

### 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'.

### St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge

St. John's RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

### Catechist Training and Resources Day

Saturday 9 November 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Queen's Road, Brentwood

We would like to invite anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, to join us for our annual Catechist Training and Resources Day run by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

This includes, but is not limited to, all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy.

We would particularly like to welcome any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

During the day we will be joined by national charities and organisations, hear from guest speakers, share exciting opportunities, have resources and information available to take away with you, as well as a chance to meet and share with fellow catechists and youth leaders.

For more information, including a proposed timetable for the day, please visit [www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechist-training-and-resources-day-2024)

To reserve your place for this FREE event, please email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org)

### 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!

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stjosephshutton). 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 to register as a parishioner with us.

### Christmas Hamper

Please help us raise some much-needed funds for our parish while also giving you a chance of winning this magnificent hamper. Just pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write your name and contact number on the envelope, put a £5 note inside, and hand in the completed envelope. That's all you need to do! The draw will be made on Sunday 22 December after the 10.30 Mass. Good luck!

**St Frances Ascot Fatima Devotions**, KSC home Prayer Group. 30 Minutes of praying the Rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID & Password below  
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Zoom ID: 869 7928 1257  
Password: rosary

### Readers

Saturday 2 November	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Saturday 9 November	5.30 p.m. Ian Restall
Sunday 3 November	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Sunday 10 November	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

### Pope On Social Media

Let us Pray Together that the Church may continue to sustain a synodal approach as a sign of shared responsibility. May we promote the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and lay people.

May we ask God for the gift of peace for martyred Ukraine, for Palestine and Israel, for Sudan, Myanmar, and all lands wounded by war.

It is with sorrow and great concern that I continue to follow the spread and escalation of the conflict in Lebanon. Let us pray for the victims, for their families, and for peace.

We celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees today, which bears the theme, "God walks with His people." I renew my appeal to Europe and the international community to consider migration as an opportunity to grow together in fraternity.

### Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 3 November the Plate Collection totalled - £235.00

Thank you and God Bless

### 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.

### A Little Joke

What is the most negative month of the year?  
NO-vember!

### 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.