

# 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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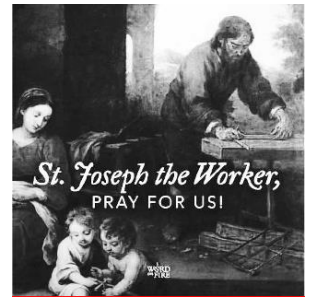
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 16 February 2025

Can you be a Christian and not believe in the Resurrection? St Paul gives us the answer in the second reading, and it is a resounding 'no.' It makes no sense. He goes on to explain why. If Christ has not risen, then what would the point be? If Christ had not risen, we would still be slaves to sin and death. It is only because Christ has risen that we know what God the Father has promised to us - eternal life. Our hope in this is founded upon our belief in Christ's resurrection from the dead. There is no getting around this point. St Paul, this Sunday especially, makes that very clear.

In other words, we cannot set aside the more mystical aspects of our belief to focus solely on the good works that Christians do. The Church is not just another charitable organisation. The Church does wonderful things in communities all across the world. The Church feeds, clothes, houses, cares for, and medical treats, more people than any other institution on the planet. But this is not what defines us. All of these good work's flow from our relationship with the Lord who calls each of us to some definite form of service.

*'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.'* Pope Benedict XVI

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

## 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 donate, Fr Gary would still be delighted to offer Mass for your intentions.

## Social Media

Our parish has, for a long time, had a Facebook page. It is an additional way of keeping in touch with parish news. We also now have an Instagram page. If you would like, do please 'give us a follow' at [huttoncatholics.com](https://www.huttoncatholics.com).

## Congratulations

We welcome Claire into the Church of God. She was baptised, confirmed, and admitted to Holy Communion, here at St Joseph's on 11th February, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We keep her in our prayers and wish her our warmest congratulations.

## 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 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' 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.

## 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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>

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Leo Kenny</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 18	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Private intention</i>	
Wednesday 19	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Mary O'Shea</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
NO MASS ON THURSDAY		
Friday 21	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>Private intention</i>	

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22	5.30 p.m.	
	<i>Mr and Mrs Gonsalves</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 23	10.30 a.m.	
	<i>Mary Rudin</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 8 February 5.30 p.m.:	131
Sunday 9 February 10.30 a.m.:	83

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 15 February	5.30 p.m.	Mark Brennan
Saturday 22 February	5.30 p.m.	Bill O'Regan
Sunday 16 February	10.30 a.m.	Percy Sam
Sunday 23 February	10.30 a.m.	Blane McKie

### 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.

### Church Lighting & Building Maintenance

As you may have noticed we have been able to replace all the hanging light bulbs with new LED ones and our church is looking much brighter. Thank you to all those who donated towards the lighting.

We appreciate all donations towards our building maintenance fund to help keep our church in good order. If you are able to make a contribution at any time, please do so via a pink envelope and mark it 'Building Fund' or you can donate electronically via the card reader in the narthex or by bank transfer. Thank you!

### Parish Secretary - Billericay

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at Billericay- The Most Holy Redeemer.

The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills.

The post will be part-time working 20 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish.

The salary is £12.46 per hour

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org)

Closing date: 25th February 2025

**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.

**Maranatha** - Join us for Prayer and Praise on Thursday 20th February from 7.00 to 9.00pm. This month we will also include hosting The Rescue Project which seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight sessions. Join us for the first one at the Sion Community - Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX - All are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along. Teresa Carvalho and team.

### 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 Eparch (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).

### 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

### 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.

### A Day with Mary

A day with Mary, is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

### School Vacancies

**Headteacher - Holy Family Primary School, Witham**

**Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Thursday 27th February 2025**

**Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford**

**Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 17th March 2025**

### 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 15 February	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
Saturday 22 February	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Sunday 16 February	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Sunday 23 February	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday February 16, 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 9 February, the Plate Collection totalled - £290.00

Lourdes Collection totalled - £115

### 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:

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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 Rose Burrell RIP.**

### Bible Alive

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

### A Little Joke

I'm so good at sleeping.  
I can do it, with my eyes closed!