

# 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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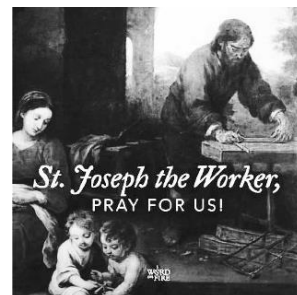
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 1 December 2024

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, this wonderful season of joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord’s birth in Bethlehem. The readings of the past few weeks have, in many ways, been quite apocalyptic. They have been preparing us for Our Lord’s coming at the end of time when he will establish his everlasting kingdom.

We look forward to the coming of Christ in our own lives and, in Advent, this vigilant hope is intensified. The liturgy of these first days of Advent points us to the end of the world and the that Second Coming for which we ardently hope. As we move through Advent, our thoughts are guided towards the coming of Christ in time—the Incarnation, when God Himself chose to take on human flesh. We need to try to live Advent properly. We will already be surrounded by Christmas glitz and office Christmas parties. We will even have something of that at our parish family social on December 7th! But, on the whole, the Christian is meant to use this time as an opportunity to think about what happened when God came into our world; to think about when He will come again; and to think about how we might receive Him into our heart today.

May God bless you all in this grace-filled season. *Fr. Gary*

## Newsletter

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

## Save the Date: Saturday 7th 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 £15 per adult (children under 16 free).**

## 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.

## Christmas Foodbank Collection 14/15 December

Please support families in need in Hutton by donating Christmas goodies, non-perishable foods and toiletries to our local Community Food Hub collection on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.

## 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 parish funds. The draw is made at the end of each month so act now to be involved in the next draw!

## 200 Club Winners

### September:

1<sup>st</sup> - J. Peachey  
2<sup>nd</sup> - C. Studdart  
3<sup>rd</sup> - D. Creedon

### October:

1<sup>st</sup> - B. Wignall  
2<sup>nd</sup> - B. Noble and 3<sup>rd</sup> - A. Hills

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30	5.30 p.m.	Domingos De Albuquerque (celebration of life)
Sunday 1	10.30 a.m.	Irene Bentley <b>R.I.P.</b>

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 2	9.15 a.m.	Deceased of the Docherty family (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 3	9.15 a.m.	Dominil de Albuquerque (Intention)
Wednesday 4	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
<b>NO MASS ON THURSDAY</b>		
Friday 6	9.15 a.m.	(Priest private intentions)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	5.30 p.m.	Medhat Fadheel <b>R.I.P.</b>
		Layla Retros
Sunday 8	10.30 a.m.	

## Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversaries of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Barlow (R.I.P.)

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 23 November	5.30 p.m.:	85
Sunday 24 November	10.30 a.m.:	68

## For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 30 November	5.30 p.m.	Bill O’Regan
Saturday 7 December	5.30 p.m.	Stella Walker
Sunday 1 December	10.30 a.m.	Percy Sa
Sunday 8 December	10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks

## 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.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.

## 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.

## Winter Fuel Allowance

Some members of our parish family may be worried about the prospect of losing the winter fuel allowance. Please do not be afraid to seek help and guidance. It maybe you are entitled to pension credit or other benefits that you have not been claiming. If you are entitled to pension credit, then you are entitled to the winter fuel allowance. Please look into this.

## 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

Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or [admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk) for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

## The Vigil of The Immaculate Conception

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, The Vigil of The Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10) Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1461899157815100/>

## Senior Citizens' Party - Sunday, 15th December 2024

Invitation to parishioners to attend annual Senior Citizens' Party at The Campion School on Sunday, 15th December 2024 between 12.30 pm and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30pm.

If you have any queries or questions about the day, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Please RSVP to Mr Pearn, ([rpearn@thecampionschool.org.uk](mailto:rpearn@thecampionschool.org.uk)) with the following requirements by Friday, 29th November 2024:

- Total Number of guests from your parish
- Transport required
- Vegetarian / Vegan meal required
- Allergies

If transport is required, please leave your contact details so that we will be able to call and arrange the details nearer the date.

## 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](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

## Brentwood Cathedral Liturgical Events

Sunday 1 December, 4 p.m.

Inauguration of Advent

Sunday 22 December, 4 p.m.

Nine Lessons & Carols



## Little Joke

What do you call a blind deer?

**No eye deer...**

## Readers

Saturday 30 November	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
Saturday 7 December	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman- Dale
Sunday 1 December	10.30 a.m. Hannah Ola
Sunday 8 December	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for December is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of our home and has other interesting articles to help you understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus, other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes. Christmas Cards can also be ordered - which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

## newsletters. Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 24 November the Plate Collection totalled - £225.00  
Second collection - World Youth Sunday BCYS - £260

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

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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.

## THE BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

- will be held on Saturday 14th December 2024 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon full of festive activities including: Grand Prize Draw; Tombola Stall; Santa's Grotto and Face Painting; Fancy Goods; Bric-a-Brac; Bottle Stall; various Arts and Crafts; a Homemade Cake Stall; Refreshments and much, much more! Please do come along join us for an afternoon of friendship and festive fun!