

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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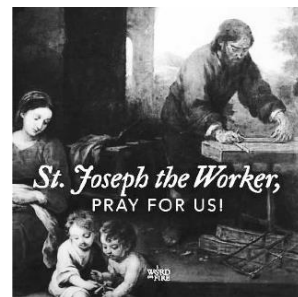
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 23 February 2025

Saturday 22nd February is the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. We know that we have feast days in the liturgical calendar for saints, particular moments in the lives of some of the saints (the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and even feasts celebrating the mystery of God Himself (Trinity Sunday), but why a piece of furniture? It is not so much the celebration of the chair so much as what the chair represents. For St Peter, for every Pope, and for every Bishop even, their chair represents the authority they have been given by Christ. This is why bishops traditionally sit to preach. This authority is why we have cathedrals. Cathedrals are called so because they are the church of the local bishop, and which contain his chair (*cathedra*) inside.

On the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, we remember the particular authority given to him by Our Lord, and which is found in Matthew 16 - *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.* These words are emblazoned all around the dome of St Peter's in Rome. In fact, there is a chair in the basilica which tradition tells us was used by St Peter, but today's feast is more about the authority which the chair represents. From St Peter, there is an unbroken succession of popes through the Church's two-thousand-year-old history. This authority, and the vocation to serve which goes with it, is passed to each of the successors of St Peter. Among them are many great saint and martyrs who have devoted themselves to maintaining the unity of the Church, the integrity of the Catholic faith, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Holy Father is 'the perpetual and visible source and foundation' of the unity of the Church. We continue to keep the Holy Father in our prayers that Our Lord will shelter him under the protection of His Sacred Heart.

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

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](https://www.huttoncatholics.org).

Foodbank Collection

Our usual Foodbank collection is on 01/02 March. If you have any strong re-usable carrier bags the Foodbank would appreciate these also. They are very grateful for all our donations.

Our Parish Vision

Our mission statement speaks of Christ at the 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.

First Holy Communion Children

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

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 - January winners.

1st. J and AM Clarke £50
2nd. A McCabe £30
3rd. S and C O'Hare £20

Join today, £2 per month.

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.

Brentwood D 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 5.30 p.m.
Mr and Mrs Gonsalves R.I.P.
Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.
Mary Rudin R.I.P.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 24 9.15 a.m.
Bridget Brennan R.I.P.
Tuesday 25 9.15 a.m.
Patrick and Catherine Kelly *R.I.P*
Wednesday 26 9.15 a.m.
Eillen Norman (*Intentions*)

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 28 9.15 a.m.
Dominic D'Albuquerque
(*Intentions*)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1 5.30 p.m.
Roy Weller R.I.P.
Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.
Romao Fernandes 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

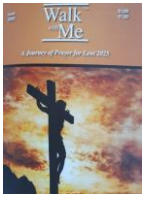
Saturday 15 February 5.30 p.m.: 100
Sunday 16 February 10.30 a.m.: 74

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 22 February 5.30 p.m.
Bill O'Regan
Saturday 1 March 5.30 p.m.
Stella Walker
Sunday 23 February 10.30 a.m.
Blane McKie
Sunday 2 March 10.30 a.m.
Chris Brooks



Walk With Me Booklets

A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 are on sale at the back of the church for £1.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols introduces this special Jubilee Lenten edition, reminding us that we are all pilgrims of hope.

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.org.

Thank you!

Headteacher - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford

Our current Head, Mrs Waterfield, is retiring after 20 years. The Governors are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to begin in September to continue the excellent work at this caring, friendly and diverse two form entry primary school. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged, and can be arranged at a time to suit you. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>.

Salary Group 3 L18-24a (depending on experience). Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March.

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 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.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy

The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by entering through the holy door. The parish of OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions.

We will visit THE VATICAN, ROME, ASSISI, PADUA, VENICE & PISA. DATE: 30TH AUGUST-4TH SEPTEMBER 2025 (6 DAYS). Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org or call: 01268281732

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 or visit 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 Masses.

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/>

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 12th March: Brendan Thompson who is the U.K. Programme Director for Word on Fire Ministries. Brendan is a Lay Theologian speaking to thousands of people each year. Theme: This is my Body - Eucharistic revival. Time: 7.30pm at the Brentwood Cathedral.

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 22 February	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Saturday 1 March	5.30 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 23 February	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders
Sunday 2 March	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday February 23, 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 16 February, the Plate Collection totalled - £250.00

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 Michael Kaufman R.I.P.

Bible Alive

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

A Little Joke

Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
Because chickens hadn't evolved yet.