

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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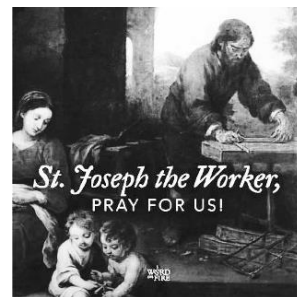
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 2 March 2025

Lent will soon be upon us, and it is a good idea to think about what we might want to do before it actually arrives. Lent is a time to draw closer to God through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. These are not just external practices which we should feel obliged to take on but essential expressions of the Christian life.

Fasting is not just a form of self-denial but also a way to strengthen the spirit. Fasting helps to purify the soul, turning our focus away from earthly desires and redirecting it to God. Fasting, in this sense, is a form of spiritual warfare, enabling Christians to resist temptation and grow in virtue. As we fast, we mirror Christ’s own fasting in the desert, which was his own preparation for the beginning of His public ministry. What do you enjoy that you would be willing to give up for 40 days?

Almsgiving is a manifestation of Christ’s love for the poor and needy. We remember the words of St Augustine, ‘The measure of love is to love without measure,’ encouraging Christians to give generously, not out of obligation, but out of a deep love for Christ and neighbour. Could Lent be an opportunity for you to share the material blessings you have received with those in need? Is there a charity you could support? Could you support our parish a little more in this season? Is there someone who you know to be in need?

Finally, prayer is the raising of our heart and mind to God. Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God, the source of all virtue, and is, alongside the sacraments, the means by which we receive grace. Lent is a time to deepen our prayer life, drawing near to God and cultivating our friendship with Him. It is through prayer that we are reminded of God’s presence in our lives and are empowered to live out the virtues of fasting and almsgiving with the right disposition. Could you give a little more time to prayer this Lent? Could you come to an extra Mass in the week? Could you find the time to come to Stations of the Cross?

Together, these practices prepare us for the Paschal Mystery—Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection—by helping us to die to ourselves and live more fully in His grace.

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

Ash Wednesday

This coming week we keep Ash Wednesday. It is a Catholic tradition to come to Mass on this day and receive blessed ashes on our foreheads. There will be Masses here at St Joseph’s at 9.15am and 7.30pm.

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.

Foodbank Collection

Our usual Foodbank collection is this weekend 1st and 2nd of 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 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!

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.

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 3	9.15 a.m.	<i>Desmond Maurice Fraser</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday 4	9.15 a.m.	<i>Francis Chambers</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 5	9.15 a.m.	<i>Graham Sarah</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
	7.30pm	<i>(Private intention)</i>	

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 7	9.15 a.m.	<i>Renee Jourjon</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
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NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	5.30 p.m.	<i>Francoise Strauss</i>	<i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 9	10.30 a.m.	<i>Maryline Ratier</i>	<i>(Intention - Healing)</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 22 February 5.30 p.m.:	123
Sunday 23 February 10.30 a.m.:	73

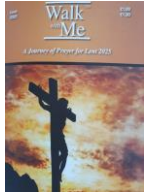
For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 1 March	5.30 p.m.	<i>Stella Walker</i>
Saturday 8 March	5.30 p.m.	<i>Catherine Bray</i>
Sunday 2 March	10.30 a.m.	<i>Chris Brooks</i>
Sunday 9 March	10.30 a.m.	<i>Sarah Barber</i>

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.com.

Thank you!

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, Cameras, Gadgets, Stamps. Thank you!

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.

Missio - is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online.

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo) - 13th April 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268762278, or 07740175557.

Email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Social with Disco - This Weekend

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.

Development Officer for Caritas Diocese of Brentwood

A vacancy for a Development Officer for Caritas. The role is to support, develop and grow the various projects of Caritas, Brentwood. Alongside the Director, it's an opportunity to be involved in activities and conversations that enhance the ministry of charity across Essex and East London.

The successful applicant must have excellent communication and administration skills.

The post will be full-time, 35 hrs pw (this includes some evening and weekend).

The salary is £24,000 - £27,000 pa - 3-year fixed term contract. Application is by CV and cover letter.

If you have any questions, or want to know more about the role, please email caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Please note: Any appointment is subject to references and enhanced DBS.

Please provide two referees if shortlisted, and email completed application to Director of Caritas: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Applications closing date: 12pm, 31st March 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview 8th April 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 1 March	5.30 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Saturday 8 March	5.30 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 2 March	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Sunday 9 March	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday March 2, 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 February, the Plate Collection totalled - £295.00

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 Juliana 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

How do you keep a bull from charging?
Take away its credit card!