

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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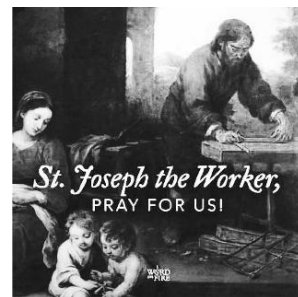
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Stewards Of the Gospel

“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 6 April 2025

As Our Lord stoops to write upon the dust of the earth, a woman stands before him. She trembles with fear, surrounded by men cloaked in the garments of righteousness but armed with stones of condemnation. They do not seek justice, but they will use this woman’s life in order to trap Our Lord.

The irony is striking. They bring a sinner before the One who can forgive sin. Yet in their blindness, they cannot see that their own souls stand more condemned than hers. Sin has made her fall, but hypocrisy has made them blind.

Christ bends low, tracing His finger in the dust—a silent echo of the hand that once inscribed the commandments upon stone. And when He does rise, it is not to throw a stone, but to cast a challenge: “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

One by one, the stones slip from their fingers, their own consciences having convicted them more deeply than any outward accusation. And when all have left, the only one with the authority to condemn her looks upon her with love and mercy.

Christ does not dismiss her sin, nor does He diminish it. He does not say, “It is nothing.” Rather, He says, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.” The divine pattern is set: the world condemns and does not forgive but Christ, in His infinite wisdom, forgives while calling the sinner to holiness.

Herein lies the great tragedy of modern man: we would rather throw stones than repent. We demand justice for others but mercy for ourselves. And yet, He who is without sin chooses mercy over judgment, bidding us to rise from the dust of our sins and walk anew in the light of grace.

For the only true shame is not in being a sinner—it is in refusing the mercy of God.

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

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.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 13th April

Saturday - 5.30pm

Sunday - 10.30am

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Mass with Washing of Feet - 8pm

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday - 18th April

Children’s Stations of the Cross - 10am

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 19th April

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets -Święconka- 10am

Easter Vigil - 8pm

Easter Sunday - 20th April

Mass - 8.30 a.m.

Mass - 10.30 a.m.

Mass - 12.30 p.m.

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.

Food Bank Collection

The Hutton Community Food Hub collection will take place this weekend on Saturday, April 5th and Sunday, April 6th. Please generously donate any tinned or packaged food, nappies, toilet rolls, or toiletry items. The Food Hub supports 50 families in the local area each week and are very grateful for your generosity. If you are unable to donate, then please remember those in need in your prayers.

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 March winners list

1st prize £50 - S Morris

2nd prize £30 - R Briggs

3rd prize £20 - P Shaw

God’s presence

When a family meets for a meal, say grace, i.e.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [Year C]

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 5.30 p.m.
Roy Weller R.I.P.

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.
Neia Norman
(Healing Intention)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 9.15 a.m.
Onyeka & David Orizu
(Marriage blessing intention)

Tuesday 8 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls

Wednesday 9 9.15 a.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
(Healing Intention)

NO MASS ON THURSDAY

Friday 11 9.15 a.m.
Juliana & Cyprian Okoro family
(Reconciliation & Peace)

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12 5.30 p.m.
Onyiuke Kenneth Okoro R.I.P.

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.
Alan Bailey 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 29 March	5.30 p.m.:	115
Sunday 30 March	10.30 a.m.:	84

For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 5 April 5.30 p.m.
Stella Walker

Saturday 12 April 5.30 p.m.
Mark Brennan

Sunday 6 April 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson

Sunday 13 April 10.30 a.m.
Chris Brooks

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.

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.

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!

Foundation Governor for St Joseph's

Our wonderful primary school is looking to appoint another foundation governor. If you would like further information about this role then please speak to Fr Gary. School governors play an important role in furthering the Church's mission and ensuring the long-standing excellence of Catholic education.

Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher Vacancies in Brentwood Diocese

Headteacher - St Peter's School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Deputy Teacher - St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow

Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 28th April 2025

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28th April 2025

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Registration is now OPEN. Register by scanning the QR Code or link below and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from 29th April - 3rd June inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope". Register here: Life in the Spirit Registration or Scan me:



Easter Hamper Raffle



Win a lovely Easter Egg Hamper or Afternoon Tea Hamper in our Easter raffle.

Place £5 in an envelope with your name and phone number or pay £5

donation via the cashless machine and mark this on your envelope with your name and phone number.

The raffle will be drawn after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 13 April. Help us to raise funds for church maintenance. Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 24th May 2025:

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact [*parish/parish rep's contact details*].

VACANCY - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay - are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit.

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344>

Closing date is 21.04.25

Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

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,

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.



First Holy Communion Children

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


Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent 2025 is available at the Narthex for £3.00 each. Thank you!

Readers

Saturday 5 April	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Saturday 12 April	5.30 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 6 April	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey
Sunday 13 April	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass Sunday April 6. 

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 30 March, 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 for the good of our parish community.

A Little Joke

What did the ocean say to the pirate?
Nothing, it just waved.