

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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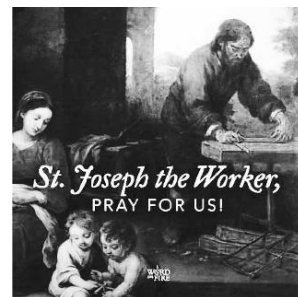
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Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 12 January 2025

Have you ever wondered why Our Lord was baptised? People came to John the Baptist seeking baptism as a sign of their repentance and the forgiveness of their sins. We also know that Our Lord was without sin and the Eternal Son of the Father. Why did He do it? The question seems to have confused John the Baptist who has an intrinsic sense that this is not the way that things should be. Our Lord, however, is insistent. It is a sign of His loving commitment to humanity that He took on all that it means to be human. This is the first reason. Christ submitting to baptism by John is a sign of His solidarity with sinful humanity.

More than that, however, is that we know that Christian baptism is greater than John's baptism even as Our Lord Himself is greater than John the Baptist. Our baptism not only forgives sins. It makes us members of the Church. It makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. It infuses the very life of God into our soul, and this is what makes us God's children. The origin of this is Our Lord's own baptism. We need to be cleansed in the waters of baptism. This is why one of the most precious things parents can do for their children is to bring them forward to be baptised. We are sanctified in the waters of baptism. Our Lord sanctified those waters by his own baptism.

We pray this Sunday for all the families in our parish, especially our young people. I am always pleased to hear from parents wishing to have their child baptised. Do get in touch any time.

May God bless you this week and always.

Fr. Gary

Crib Offerings

Our crib will remain up until the 2nd of February, which is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. The offerings in our diocese go towards the wonderful work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Newsletter

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

Confirmation 2025

The Bishop will be coming later in the year to visit our parish and to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to some of our young people. This is a wonderful in their lives and in the life of our parish. The first meeting will be taking place on 25th January. If you have not yet notified Ngozi of your intention to join the course, then please do so before this date as no new candidates will be allowed on to the course afterwards.

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.

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!

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,

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	5.30 p.m.	
	Clive Sexton	R.I.P
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m.	
	Pro Popolo	

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 13	9.15 a.m.	
	<i>St. Hilary, Doctor</i>	
Tuesday 14	9.15 a.m.	
	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 15	9.15 a.m.	
	Joanne	R.I.P
NO MASS ON THURSDAY		
Friday 17	9.15 a.m.	
	St. Anthony Abbot	

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	5.30 p.m.	
	Deceased children & grandchildren of Leo and Teresa Kenny	
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m.	
	Peace day	

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 4 December 5.30 p.m.:	96
Sunday 5 December 10.30 a.m.:	65

For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 11 January	5.30 p.m.	Marian Anderson
Saturday 18 January	5.30 p.m.	Ewa Kania
Sunday 12 January	10.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie
Sunday 19 January	10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks

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.

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. 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 <https://www.stjosephshutton.org> to register as a parishioner with us.

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. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

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.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will be from Friday 18 July - Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow. We hope you will join us.

VACANCY - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school office. For more information about the position and to

apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=107058>. Closing date is noon on Monday 13th January 2025. 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 would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £389.44 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 20 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

Church Lighting Appeal

As you may have noticed we have a number of lightbulbs out in the church. It is more cost effective to replace all the lightbulbs at once with more energy efficient, long-lasting LEDs. The lightbulbs cost £15 each, and we'll need 60 of them, plus the cost of the cherry picker required to install them.

Can you help by sponsoring one or two lightbulbs? If yes, put £15 cash or multiples of £15 in an envelope marked 'Lighting'. If you are a taxpayer, please add your name and postcode so that we can claim gift aid for your donation.

Alternatively, please donate using the bank details listed in the newsletter, referring your donation as 'Lighting'.

If you are a taxpayer and have not completed a gift aid form, they are accessible on the church porch. Thank you for your help.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively.

The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before 31st January 2025.



Little Joke

I'm so good at sleeping...

I can do it with my eyes closed!

Readers

Saturday 11 January	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-Dale
Saturday 18 January	5.30 p.m. Aria Olatunde
Sunday 12 January	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue
Sunday 19 January	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass today, January 12, 2025, 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 5 January, the Plate Collection totalled - £275.00

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
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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.

Sick parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and those in care homes.

The parish office of St. Joseph The Worker, Hutton is open on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have an urgent inquiry, please email hutton@brcdt.org.
Many thanks.

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

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for December is available from the Narthex £3.00 each.