

# 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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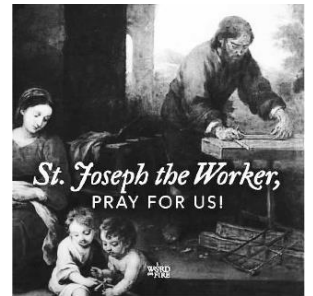
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## Stewards of the Gospel

“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 17 November 2024

The Apocalypse gets a bit of a bad reputation even though it is something which as Christians we look forward to and pray for. Whenever we come to Mass, after the bread and wine have been consecrated and transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of Christ, there is the memorial acclamation which we all say together.

*We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.*

Our lives will not last for ever. Our world will not last for ever. And even Sacraments will not last for ever. God gives them to us in order to help us in this life to prepare for the life to come.

Each and every Mass is praying for when Our Lord will come again.

We say that we eat this bread (His Body) and drink this cup (His Blood) until he comes in glory. When he does come in glory we will experience God in even more glorious way. We will be able to gaze upon God Himself directly and allow ourselves to be caught up in His love in eternal bliss.

We will no longer need the Eucharist because the same Jesus Christ which we receive in Holy Communion at Mass we will then see directly face-to-face. We will see him not in Sacrament but as He really is.

Yes, the Apocalypse, gets a bad reputation but the end of the world is therefore a good thing. It’s something that as Christians we pray for and look forward to, not because we are fed up with this world, but because we love the world and long for its perfection and completion in Christ. *Fr. Gary*

## Newsletter

The newsletter will now be 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 £5 per adult (children under 16 free).**

## Adoration and Confession:

There will be no adoration or confessions on Saturday morning 16 November 2024.

## Holy Souls and the November Dead List

November is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to praying for the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones and those who have nobody to pray for them. If you like a loved to be prayed for, then please place their names (and any donation you might wish to make) in the November envelopes. We will pray for them especially throughout the month of November in our devotions and our Masses.

## Christmas Social

Tickets on sale from this weekend 16th/17th November. £5 per adult. Children free. Cash only, please.

Please buy your tickets in advance to help us plan the catering. Thank you

## Cardinal calls for an hour of prayer for the dignity of human life

There is currently a bill before Parliament which would legalise euthanasia. Concerns have been raised about the lack of safeguarding towards the most vulnerable. The experience of the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada have shown horrific cases of patients being pressured into consent, or of legal drugs being administered without proper consent. The Bishops of England and Wales have urged Catholics to spend an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray that this legislation will be defeated. St Joseph’s is open all day and we have our time of adoration on Saturdays 10.30-11.15am. The Cathedral has a Holy Hour on Monday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm. Please also consider writing to our local MP to voice your opposition to this bill. Right to Life, a wonderful charity, have prepared a letter which all you need to do is sign, and edit if you wish. <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>

## World Youth Sunday 2024

Theme: ‘Your Kingdom Come’

Friday 22 November 2024 - World Youth FUNday Livestream

## 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’.

## St. John’s RC School, Woodford Bridge

St. John’s RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY (DAY OF THE POOR)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 16	5.30 p.m.	
		St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop. St. Margaret of Scotland.
Sunday 17	10:30 a.m.	
		Intention of Sati Ariya ( <i>thanksgiving</i> )

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 18	9.15 a.m.	
		Kathleen Green R.I.P.
Tuesday 19	9.15 a.m.	
		Monica Kenny R.I.P.
Wednesday 20	9.15 a.m.	
		Mary Moriarty R.I.P.
NO MASS ON THURSDAY		
Friday 22	9.15 a.m.	
		Angela Booker R.I.P.

## THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23	5.30 p.m.	
		St. Columban Abbot St. Clement I, Pope. Martyr.
Sunday 24	10.30 a.m.	
		Winnie Spinks 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 9 November	5.30 p.m.:	109
Sunday 10 November	10.30 a.m.:	77

## For information

Fr. Gary’s day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 16 November	5.30 p.m.	
		Marian Anderson
Saturday 23 November	5.30 p.m.	
		Mark Brenman
Sunday 17 November	10.30 a.m.	
		Lyn Birnie
Sunday 24 November	10.30 a.m.	
		Blane McKie

on 020 8504 1818 or email  
office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

### 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!

### 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.

### 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!

### 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-primarysite.net/recruitment-1/>

Applications Close: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12pm.

Interviews: Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 9am

Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willatts 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.

### Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have some time to help make a difference at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School? We are looking for **volunteers to:** - Assist with light gardening to keep our outdoor areas looking beautiful - Hear children read and support their love of reading - Support children at lunch time If you'd like to offer your time and make a positive impact on our children's school experience, we'd love to hear from you! Please note, a current DBS check would be required. Please contact the school office on 01277 227282 or email [admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk)

### Hall Hire

The Parish Hall of St Joseph the Worker is available for hire Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

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

Invitation to parishioners to attend annual Senior Citizens' Party at The Champion 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.

### Readers

Saturday 16 November	5.30 p.m. Natalie Coleman-dale
Saturday 23 November	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 17 November	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya
Sunday 24 November	10.30 a.m. Cianna Dareal

### Fr Gary writes to Alex Burghart MP

Fr Gary has written to the Member of Parliament expressing concerns over the new bill in parliament to legalise clinician-induced death. Alex's brief reply is available on the white board in the porch. Now that the bill has been published Fr Gary will write again in order to obtain a clearer response. Please consider writing to him yourself or send the post-card which can be picked up in the porch or the back of the church next to the

### newsletters. Finance News - 1

For the week ending Sunday 10 November the Plate Collection totalled - £265.00 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  
Sort code: 40-13-22  
Account Number: 61018884  
Thank you.

### A Little Joke

Where do hamburgers and hot dogs go dancing? A meatball!

### 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.

**Please note:** There will be no adoration or confessions this Saturday morning 16 November 2024.

### Sick parishioners

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

### 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 may be 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.