

# 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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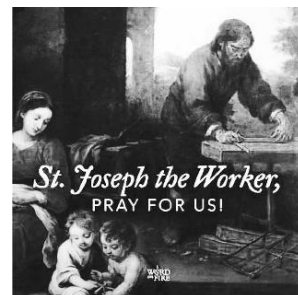
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## Stewards Of the Gospel

"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 19 January 2025

I am always struck by the role of Our Lady in the wedding at Cana. The story seems to suggest that it was Our Lady who was invited and that Our Lord and the disciples were also invited as an extension. Weddings were huge social events in the life of the community, and everybody came along. It is at the point of the wine running out that Our Lady notices there is something wrong.

It seems as though Our Lord is not going to intervene and is instead going to let the inevitable social death fall upon the host as he will have to bear the social stigma and the shame that goes with being unable to properly prepare a suitable and generous feast for his guests. What is that to me? My hour is not yet come!

Commenting on this St Thomas Aquinas makes these two same observations.

The first is Our Lady's compassion and the second is her own reverence for her Son, and a trust in Him and His mission.

Her kindness and compassion is shown through her desire to help those in any kind of need. Her compassion and her mercy radiates in her desire to relieve the distress of another, and to allow them to preserve their reputation.

Her reverence for her son is showing in how she presents the problem to him. She utters the very simple words, 'they have no wine.' She doesn't tell him what to do, nor does she even ask for a particular solution. We too can trust in the compassion of Our Lady, the kindness of God and we can emulate Our Lady's trust in Him by seeking His help in our own hour of need. *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.

## Last call for those interested in being Confirmed in 2025

Anyone wishing for their child to be confirmed in 2025 should email Fr Gary with their child's name and date of birth this week. There is a meeting for young people and their parents/guardians on Saturday 25th January at 4.30pm and we need to

know before Friday 24th January who will be attending.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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'.

## 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, or pay a short visit. Do not lose sight of God's presence.

## No Mass on Wednesday 22nd:

Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday 22nd.

## 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.	Lucy Meehan <i>R.I.P.</i>

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 20	9.15 a.m.	<i>private intention</i>
Tuesday 21	9.15 a.m.	Eric Spinks <i>R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 22	No Mass	
Thursday 23	NO MASS ON THURSDAY	
Friday 24	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25	5.30 p.m.	Pro Popolo
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m.	Bill Brennan <i>R.I.P.</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 4 December 5.30 p.m.:		115
Sunday 5 December 10.30 a.m.:		71

## For information

Fr. Gary's day off is on Thursdays.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 18 January	5.30 p.m.	Ewa Kania
Saturday 25 January	5.30 p.m.	Catherine Bray
Sunday 19 January	10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks
Sunday 26 January	10.30 a.m.	Blane Mckie

### 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

<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](http://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.

### 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.

The parish office is open on Wednesdays and Fridas. If you have an urgent inquiry, please email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org). Many thanks.

### 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)

(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](mailto: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.

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

### 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](mailto:frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org).

### 200 club winners

#### November Winners

1st C Turnbull  
2nd W & K Jackson  
3rd AM Ward

#### December Winners

1st U Scully  
2nd S O'Connell  
3rd P Creavin

Thank you for supporting the 200 club - raising much needed funds for the parish. New members welcome.

### Bible Alive

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

### Readers

Saturday 18 January	5.30 p.m. Aria Olatunde
Saturday 25 January	5.30 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 19 January	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders
Sunday 26 January	10.30 a.m. Tara Sanni

### Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

There will be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass today, January 19, 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 12 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:

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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.

### 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.

### Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal

In honour of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February - the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - could you help a new, growing, religious community? The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made at [www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal)

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What is a computer's favourite snack?

Computer chips.