



The Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford



St Joseph and the English Martyrs, Bishop's Stortford
Holy Cross, at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham
Most Holy Redeemer, Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth
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 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 20th August 2017 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Donie O' Sullivan private intention
 11am Mass Alan Mc Dermott RIP
 6pm Mass People of the Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00 am Mass – People of the Parish

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish

Monday 21st August – St Pius X Pope

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Muz Morris RIP

Tuesday 22nd August –The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Maureen Smith RIP

Wednesday 23rd August – St Rose of Lima, Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Becky Jones RIP

Thursday 24th August St Bartholomew, Apostle

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Margaret Sharkey RIP

Friday 25th August– St Joseph Calasanz

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mary Donohue RIP

Saturday 26th August–Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Jose Ibbottson RIP



Mass requests

Please fill in the envelope provided, the date & time you would like the Mass with a contact number/ E-mail address and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill with your donation. Thank you very much.



We welcome Father Ángel, from Spain and Father Emmanuel, from Nigeria, to the Parish this week who will be celebrating Mass, so that Father Peter may have a well-deserved break (just for a few days!)

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOSEPHS – Due to the holidays there will be no planned 9am or 11am teas and Coffees during August – Apologies for this. If you are interested in joining our 'Refreshment rota' in the autumn please contact Vanessa Calladine via the Parish Office.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION -St. Joseph's are collecting for the Foodbank again during August (until 2nd/3rd Sept.) .Donations as usual in the cupboard at the back of the church - basic tinned/dried/packet foodstuffs please, and kindly check that they are in-date. Thank you very much.

PENNY COLLECTION - "Aquabox". Thank you to all who supported the recent lunch in aid of "Aquabox". £136 was raised, to add to the current total of £302 - still less than halfway to our target of £1,000, so please keep on losing your small change in the penny jar at the back of the church. £250 can provide a filtration unit to produce enough clean drinking water for 100 family groups of five (500 people) for over 18 months. If we could raise enough for four of these it would be wonderful.

WINE TASTING EVENING - Join us for an evening of tasting and socialising in the WCC Hall on Friday, 22 September at 7.30pm. Just bring yourselves - maybe a friend or two - and a few nibbles/soft drinks. Tickets for this popular event are available now at £5 each from Alison on 07880 946085 or Stephen on 07738 607678.

AN OPERATIC EVENING - Charity Concert in Aid of Tyburn Convent and its Mission Foundations, St James' Catholic Church, Spanish Place, London W1U 3QY, 22 September 2017 at 7.00 pm. For more info please visit <https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/concert>.

STREET PASTORS – Prayer & Praise initiative at 'The Hub Church Portland Rd at 8pm on Saturday 16th September. Contact Daphne Bagley Prayer Pastor Coordinator daphne.bagley@tesco.net 01279 721753

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2018



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 16th July 2017 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018

The preparation programme is **only** for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion within the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford and **not elsewhere**

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child – please do not take a form for someone else

**Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill
 by Monday 4th September 2017**

Fr Peter will not allow any exceptions to this cut-off date

PREPARING FOR MY FUNERAL – One certain fact is that one day we all will die. But as Christians our faith is that for the Lord's faithful, in death life is changed not ended. Our great hope is that we will be redeemed from death by Christ's great victory and that as we are united with Christ by sharing in a death like his so we may also be one with him in his resurrection. Catholics will want to ensure that their funeral service reflects this, their hope and the faith of the Church. However it can be very difficult for our next of kin to make detailed arrangements for our funeral at the same time as dealing with the grief and loss they will experience at our passing It can therefore be a real help to others when we ourselves give thought to our funeral arrangements ahead of time and let them know what our preferences are so that when the time comes they can be taken account of to the fullest degree practicable. Making such preparations can give us peace of mind too and be an occasion for finding a new assurance of faith by reflecting on passages from scripture and hymns. At the back of St Joseph's Church are 'Preparing for my funeral' forms which you may find helpful to use as a guide when considering your preferences or to start a conversation with your loved ones.

'Rejoice and be glad, for your rewards will be great in heaven'

'FAREWELL AND WELCOME PARTY' A date for your diary....



On Saturday 2nd September after the 6pm Mass at the Windhill Churches Centre we will be holding a 'Bring and share 'Farewell party for Father Fortunato' and a joint 'Welcome to the Parish party' for Father Carlos who will be joining us. Everyone is invited and drinks will be provided.

We shall be having a collection for Father Fortunato (whilst he is away!) If you would like to make a donation in grateful thanksgiving for his Ministry, please collect a 'donation envelope' available from this weekend at the back of each Church and return either via the collection basket or post through the door of number 3. Cheques may be made payable to 'WRCDT Bishop's Stortford'. Parishioners at Holy Cross may also hand their envelope to Martin Dillon.

Thank you very much

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PARISHIONERS – Are you stuck for something to do over the summer which does not cost a lot of money? Take a look at the Diocese of Westminster youth web site which has lots of ideas for activities, games, blogs, quizzes and events for under 18's <http://dowym.com/>

THIRST YOUTH CAFÉ (www.thirstcafe.com) on South Street is looking to employ a fundraiser, 2 days a week starting on the 1st October 2017. For further info contact jake@thirstcafe.com the closing date is 1st September

FLOWER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR - St James the Great, Thorley – August Bank holiday weekend Sat. Sun. Mon. 12.00 noon - 5.00 pm *Admission Free*

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those affected by the recent terrorist activity in Spain and for those in Sierra Leone as they cope with the aftermath of the landslide.



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Collections 12th /13th August 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1015.96 /Standing Orders July Total £7858.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: £29.70/ Standing Orders: July Total £940
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £TBA / Standing Orders July Total £662.33



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.
Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email RCIA : Applications open 17/4/17 Course starts Sept.
First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Applications open
Confirmation: Applications for 2017 are closed

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
 the Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us
 sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen*