

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 28th May 2017 - The Ascension of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
- 11am Mass Thomas Joyce RIP
- 12.30 pm Baptism Aimee and Michael Finlay
Matthew Peachey
- 6pm Mass James Smith RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass People of the Parish

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

11.15 am Mass People of the Parish

6pm Thy Kingdom Come Service

Monday 29th May Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Private Intentions

Tuesday 30th May -Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Requiem Mass- Vincenzo Gimigliano RIP

Wednesday 31st May- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Alfred and Lily Frost RIP

Thursday 1st June -St Justin, Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

10.30 am Requiem Mass- Barbara Bryan- Brown RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

7pm Holy Hour & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 2nd June- Sts Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - José Morgan Special Intention

Saturday 3rd June-St Charles Lwanga & Companions Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am / 1.30pm / 3.30pm First Holy Communion Mass

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Christopher and Linda Matthews 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.

THY KINGDOM COME
 Join the global wave of prayer
25th May - 4th June 2017

NOVENA
OF PRAYER



This Sunday evening at 6pm at St Andrew's/Holy Cross, Church Lane, Much Hadham - a Service for Evangelisation and Unity. ALSO on Thursday evening at 7pm a Holy Hour with Exposition led by Fr Peter, again, in St Andrew's /Holy Cross, Church Lane.



Bella Notte

An evening of music from, or inspired by, Italy,

Saturday June 17th at 7.30pm at

Most Holy Redeemer Church, Sawbridgeworth.

Tickets £7 adult, £4 child or £20 family ticket available from Clare Hodgson after Mass at MHR or

e-mail: mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com

(In Aid of CAFOD's Syria fund)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our 62 Children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday. Thank you to Father Fortunato, Father Peter, our fabulous team of Catechists, Parents and Parishioners who have very generously given their time and worked hard to help prepare them and to make this such a special occasion.

ACROSS - Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance Debbie Hourihan is leading a national group pilgrimage to Lourdes via Jumbulance on 3-12th August 2017. Helpers needed and there are limited places for able /unable and VIP's (those that are sick, disabled, terminally ill or just need a helping hand.) Full week in Lourdes in 4* Hotel full board, Group programme for the week - £699. Limited Subsidies available for nurses and 16-25 years old in full-time education. For more information contact either Debbie Hourihan on 07584-623472 / 01279-311858 or Pauline O'Driscoll on 07594-436348

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDRENS CAMP- The St Vincent de Paul Society has been running the St John Bosco Camp for Catholic Children for more than 60 years. Bookings are now being taken for the Boys & Girls Camp (22/7-5/8 and 5/8-12/8 respectively). Camp donation is £145 for a week's stay. Booking forms can be found www.svpboscocamp.org or via Boys booking Secretary Paul Hayes 07534065347 or for girls Gemma 07491811167 6-9p

LORETO REUNION 2017 Saturday 24th June 2.30 - 5pm open to any past pupil and is a wonderful opportunity to see how the school has changed, hear from the present head Mrs Marie Lynch about the future and to catch up on the news of your friends who you went to school with. We serve afternoon tea at 3pm (for which we ask a contribution of £5 per person). Come on your own to see who might be there from your year or why not use this as an opportunity to contact as many girls as you can and meet up for a chat. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater accordingly. loretoreunion@outlook.com

PRAYER WITH FELLOW CHRISTIANS will be led by St Joseph's on Friday 9th June from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the United Reform Church (URC) in Water Lane, as part of a Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford Unity Week. We will pray for persecuted Christians and for justice and peace. Please drop in at any time: there will be a coffee/tea break at 1:00. Nine other prayer times organised by fellow churches (to which all are welcome!) will be at 12:00 to 2:00 pm and also 7:00 to 9:00 pm from Monday 5th to Friday 9th June (all in the URC). Enquiries: tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or 465200.

VACANCY ST MARY'S - We are expanding our Languages Department and seek to appoint an additional teacher (full or part time) for September 2017. Salary (up to £39,331), plus recruitment and retention bonus available. See www.stmarys.net for further info.

We pray....

For those killed and injured in Manchester this week; for their families, for hospital workers, emergency personnel and for our security services.

For those who have had their hearts turned toward hatred: that the light of the Gospel may banish the darkness of the Prince of Lies

God, our Father, who does not leave us orphaned, be pleased to hear our prayers and to grant them through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

"Bring & Buy Plant & Cake Sale", Sunday 28th May, after the 9am & 11am Masses, outside St. Joseph's for Aid to the Church in Need. It will be held in the Parish Centre if wet. For more info please contact Marie Rhodes on 656482.

LEA VALLEY DEANERY EVENT- Tuesday June 20th 7.30pm The Parish Centre, The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph, King Edward's Rd, Ware SG12 7EJ. The Santa Marta Group is an alliance of international police chiefs and bishops working with civil society to eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery. Their Deputy Director, Mike Duthie, will give a presentation with discussion and refreshments - an opportunity for us to increase awareness of this scourge on our world and the support being given to victims.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY -Leicester Square Friday 9 June - Saturday 10 June. 'Annual Evangelisation Festival' in the West End of London. The Catholic faith communities across the diocese will join forces to offer a Catholic festival dedicated to evangelisation in our capital city: with times of prayer, teaching, celebration and outreach. This year we are excited to be joined by the RISE Theatre Company who will be performing 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador' - a powerful original production, looking at the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. There is a fantastic line up of music this year as we welcome back Noel Robinson, MC Tempo and Soul Sanctuary among others. See www.spiritinthecity.org

THE PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY AND BBQ



The Parish Family Fun Day & BBQ takes place on Sunday 9th July. Over the next few weeks the Social Committee will be asking for donations of various items needed for stalls and raffle prizes that hopefully you may be able to help with. Next weekend we would be very grateful please to receive any donations of **MUGS and/or TOILETRIES**. These can be left in the box at the back of St Joseph's Church. Thank you very much



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Thank you

Collections 20/21st May 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1452.27 /Standing Orders April Total (£7546.84)
Holy Cross
 Collection: £86.40 / Standing Orders: April Total (£910)
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £111.85/ Standing Orders April Total £704.33)



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
 Now closed for 2016/7
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*