



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 24th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent



St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Those who are Sick or Housebound
 11am Mass Frank Podorski RIP
 5pm Mass The Children of our Parish
 7pm 2nd Vigil Mass Those who are bereaved or lonely
 11.30pm Carols and Readings
 Midnight Mass The People of our Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – The People of our Parish
 7.30pm Carols and Readings
 8pm Vigil Mass

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

11.15 am Mass – The People of our Parish



Monday 25th December – The Nativity of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9 am Mass – Mary & Harry Matthews RIP
 11am Mass – Theresa & Mary Cannon RIP

Tuesday 26th December – St Stephen, The First Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

10 am Mass – Alfred Fernandes RIP

Wednesday 27th December – St John, Apostle & Evangelist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Thursday 28th December – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Friday 29th December – St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Saturday 30th December – 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass – Mary Bryan RIP



Fr Peter and Fr Carlos and the Pastoral Council and Committees of our three Churches, send you their thanks for the past year and every prayer and good wish for a Happy, Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

FOODBANK - All 3 churches are collecting for the Foodbank from now until New Year. Please leave donations in the cupboard / boxes at the back of the churches where you will also find a list of most wanted items. Thank you.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE-Applicants for Nursery Schools in 2018 may like to collect an orange coloured application form for a certificate. Collect from No 3 Windhill or the Parish Office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The certificate will be posted to you.

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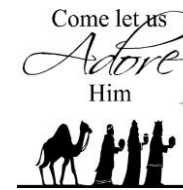
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -The PPC wish to invite you (or even urge you!) to join them at a **'Not the New Year' Gathering on Saturday 13th January 2018 from 7-8.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Drinks and light refreshments will be served so put the date in your diary NOW and come along to find out what's been happening and influence what's planned. Catch up with fellow parishioners and strengthen the connections across our parish community.

THANK YOU to all those who turned out and sang so heartily and beautifully at the Churches Together Carol Service. You will be very pleased to know that we raised £350 for the Night Shelter.

THE GIVING TREE – Thank you to Mandy Gregory for organising the Giving Tree' and for everyone who very generously donated gifts.

THE SPA CLUB – Senior Parish Art Club have created all of the back drops around our Crib at St Josephs. Thank you to Monica and all of our fabulous artists!

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE – Thank you to Parishioners at Holy Cross who collected a further £165.71 this weekend for the Cardinal Hume Centre



NATIVITY PLAY -Although the world stops celebrating Christmas on 26 December, we continue our feasting! We will do so with a Parish-wide Children's Nativity Play on 6 January 2018 at Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth (**Time: TBC**). We need children to participate in the play and adults to volunteer with the preparations, especially with costumes. There will also be some mystery guests with some mystery delights!! Please contact Fr. Carlos if you would like to help. Please help continue the Christmas Spirit.

TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH - Starting on 8 January 2018, we will begin a series of talks on topics concerning on our Catholic faith. These talks have a RCIA tune. Since, however, there are no RCIA candidates preparing for Baptism, we wish to open this to anyone who wishes to know more about the faith. They will take place on Mondays at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. There is no need to sign up or obliged to attend all of them. The Sessions will continue until July. Please come along!



SAVE THE DATE- QUIZ NIGHT Saturday, 20 January- The Parish Social Committee invites you to attend this fund-raising event towards our Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets and more information will be available shortly. The Parish Social Committee would like to thank all its supporters and volunteers who have helped ensure the success of all our social events over the past year. We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2018

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU - to all who supported the MHR Advent Fayre. £314 was raised, which will be shared equally between the Cardinal Hume Centre and St. Lawrence's School, Zambia



SVP COFFEE MORNING – Please note Coffee morning will be on Tuesday 9th January 2018 10am – 11.30am in the Windhill Churches Centre All welcome.

NO TEAOR COFFEE this weekend and next weekend after Mass. Thank you to everyone who has helped make refreshments over the past year. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Wordsearch

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angels manger sleigh tinsel turkey candle
 carol singers three wise men Nativity play decorations
 cards cake snow star toys tree Mary ivy
 Bethlehem Christmas shepherds chestnuts mistletoe
 reindeer lights Santa Claus presents icing
 stocking children cracker chimney Rudolph
 Joseph infant bells fairy holly Jesus party



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS
 25th December Christmas day – Closed
 26th December – St Stephens Day – Closed
 27th December – 8am -2pm
 Thurs 28th December – Closed
 Fri 29th December- Closed
 Sat 30th December – Closed
 Sun 31st December – Closed
 Mon 1st January – Closed
 Tues 2nd January – 9am -3pm

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear:
 Rejoice, rejoice ! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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Thank you
 Collections 16th/17th December 2017 Loose Coin & Envelopes
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1372.92 D/Debit for November - £7,852.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: £81.75 D/Debit for November - £1,035
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £183.70 D/Debit for November -£655.33

Sacramental Preparation
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 Closed
Confirmation: Applications now closed