



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 1st October 2017 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Gladys Evelyn Eberwein RIP
 11am Mass Peter Rosair RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Charlotte McElhinney
 Ryan Elkasir
 6pm Mass Barney Treanor RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – Jack Roche RIP

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish

Monday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Mrs. Hardy RIP

Tuesday 3rd October – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Bridget and Tony Travers Private Intention

Wednesday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Susan Gudgeon RIP

Thursday 5th October-feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Private Intentions

Friday 6th October – St Bruno, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Milagros Orbera Special intention

Saturday 7th October–Our Lady of the Rosary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Colin Stewart 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.

THANKYOU -The Parish Social Committee would like to thank all who attended the **Wine-Tasting** evening for making it such a success. We learned and laughed a lot! Funds raised will go towards supporting future social events for the Parish to enjoy ... also to those who joined us for the wonderful circular **Parish Walk** through rolling countryside from Much Hadham to Perry Green in gorgeous hot sunshine on Sunday with refreshments taken half-way among the Henry Moore sculptures. A beautiful day for a stroll with friends and family.

CHARITY BARN DANCE -Saturday 14 October 7.45pm in support of the charity ACROSS. Only three weeks away. Tickets on sale now for £7.50 to include a burger; refreshments can be purchased from our bar. Why not stick on your Stetson, slap on your check shirt and let's get this party started - or come as you are! Get your tickets: after weekend Masses at St Joseph's Church; from Alison Gornall on 07880 946085; Kate Wilkinson at St Joseph's School or Fiona Collings at the after-school club; and via our email address socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com. For more information about ACROSS please call Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE-Applicants for St Mary's School 2018 may like to collect a lilac coloured application form for a certificate. It can be collected 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 then be posted to you. The school deadline for applications is 31st October 2017

FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - The Catholic Trust of England and Wales has a package of E-learning programmes that are available free of charge to **every member** of the Catholic community in England and Wales. See <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding-about-our-training/>

MEMORIAL MASS - for Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Wednesday 4 October 2017 at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. This Mass is especially envisaged for those who were unable to attend the funeral Mass: this is their opportunity to come to the Cathedral to pray for the Cardinal. Representatives no tickets will be issued and the great majority of seating will be unreserved.

"ROMERO – HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR": RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company, will be performing their original play **'Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador'** in St Augustine's church, High Street, Hoddesdon EN11 8DS on **17th October at 7.30pm**. - www.risetheatre.co.uk. Tickets (£10) are available to buy from the Presbytery during the week or call 01992.440986

"HOLY CROSS – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL"

Our Community of Holy Cross, Our Needs, Our Responsibility
'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?'

- Luke 14:28

Last week Holy Cross embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask **all** parishioners there to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today at Holy Cross you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why we need financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all at Holy Cross to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Thank you.



ZAMBIA – thank you to all those who came to Karin and Eugene's very interesting presentation on the St Lawrence's community in Zambia. If you missed it they will be back on 17th November to talk at the Encounter session

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Friday, 6 October- CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. **Please collect a Fast Day envelope after Mass**, and consider fasting and praying in solidarity this Friday. Please return the Fast Day envelope with your donation for next weekend's CAFOD collection

A PLACE OF WELCOME - Join Caritas Westminster, West London Mission, and Housing Justice for an evening about homelessness, setting up night shelters, and how you can help. Wednesday 4th of October, Westminster Cathedral Hall, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER- The winter Night Shelter will re-open in early December at Holy Trinity Church Hall supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. A welcome is provided to "these brothers and sisters of Mine" with hot meals, washing facilities and a safe bed. If you feel you might like to volunteer your help, please e-mail susan.self@btinternet.com for an information pack with details of an explanatory meeting

SVP Coffee Morning: Sorry, we have had to cancel this for 3rd October as the Hall is in use, but please 'save the date' for Tuesday 7th November. Also please note Wednesday 18th October for an autumn lunch - details next week

LOVE SAY IT WITH YOUR LIFE- The Agency for Evangelisation and Caritas together have compiled this season's Faith Sharing booklet in preparation for the new World Day of the Poor on 19 November, instituted by Pope Francis. Copies of the booklet are available from the back of the Church for £2 each. Parishioners are invited to read it quietly in reflection, or better, in small groups of fellow parishioners



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are now available for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Most Holy Redeemer or Holy Cross and who will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018 Please introduce yourself to Father Peter or Father Carlos after Mass.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS IN LONDON - The King's Good Servant. Thursday 5th October at 2pm. The story of heroic St Thomas More, walking around his Chelsea Estate. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea. (Nearest Tube: Gloucester Road or South Kensington.) www.catholichistorywalks.com Cost: £5, concessions available. Please wear suitable footwear and plan for the weather. Walks up to 2 hours.



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Collections 23rd / 24th September 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1,427.03
Holy Cross
 Collection: £64.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £ 209.25



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 for 2018 open in the autumn

*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*