





# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Patrick Byrne RIP  
 11am Mass Josephine Joyce RIP  
 6pm Mass People of the Parish

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00am Mass People of the Parish RIP

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

11.15am Mass People of the Parish

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Nancy (Anne) Forde RIP  
 10.30am Funeral Service – Kevin John Sparrow RIP  
 7.30pm Reconciliation Service

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass - Iain Connor RIP

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass - Geraldine Gallagher RIP

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

6.30am Mass – Private Intentions  
 9.30am Mass – Frederick and Mary Stott RIP

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Bill Ibbottson RIP  
 2pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - John Burke 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

## Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility Planned Giving Appeal at St Joseph's

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish. The Finance Committee and I have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal. As Catholic stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. It is through parishioners like you that the message of Christ will be spread throughout the community.

Your support enables our parish to remain a living church at the centre of this community, welcoming to all and reaching out to those in need, and enables us to provide ministry to the whole parish. It also allows us to plan ahead with confidence to the future. It is important that we pass this parish onto the next generation in good spiritual and financial health.

If you are not doing so already, I also encourage you to consider becoming more involved in parish life. We have many parish groups that I urge you to consider joining; a chance to share your gifts of time and talent. Please contact myself, Fr Fortunato or Debbie, on 01279 654063 or email [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk) if you wish to find out more.

If you have already completed a Pledge form please do check the back of St Joseph's Church to collect a named pack for you which will contain a new set of collection envelopes.

If you are currently using envelopes but have not yet returned your pledge form your new box will also still be at the back of St Josephs

Please return all Pledge forms ASAP or take one from the back of the church and fill it in if you didn't get one last week.

New Envelopes for Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer will be available next week.

Thank you again for taking this opportunity to grow in stewardship and thank you for returning to God some of the gifts He has given you.

**CONFIRMATION-** It seems many people will be away on the next Confirmation session 8 April, so it has been decided instead to rearrange the date to **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**, after Mass, in the WCC. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue with their preparation.

**HERTS MIND NETWORK** – Lucy and Abigail Jones will be running the Cambourne 10k on 2 April 2017 in memory of Becky Jones RIP to raise much needed funds for MIND, the mental health charity. If you would like to help sponsor them please see their just giving page or sponsor form at the back of St Josephs <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/A-JONES-SCRAMBLED-LEGS>

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** – to everyone who very kindly and generously sponsored Debbie or gave words of encouragement for her 'Sleep out' last week. In total £775 was raised for the YMCA. Thank you.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** (St Joseph's) We are collecting during Lent. Most wanted items are long-life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes/ meat/ rice and sponge pudding/ instant mash/ sugar/ drinking chocolate/ chocolate bars. All basic packet/ dried/ tinned foods are welcome, also toiletries/ toothpaste & brushes/ deodorant and soap. Please leave donations in the cupboard in the information area at the back of the Church.

**FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at 3pm at St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church in Stansted CM24 8LQ. All welcome.

**SVP COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**, 10.00 - 11.30am. Come and join us in the Parish Centre for tea or coffee, cakes and friendly company. Please contact Astrid on 465200 for a lift.

**GROW** – The next GROW Youth event for those age 12+ will be at the Methodist Church Sat 22 April 7pm-9.30pm. Fun, games, Worship & Pizza!

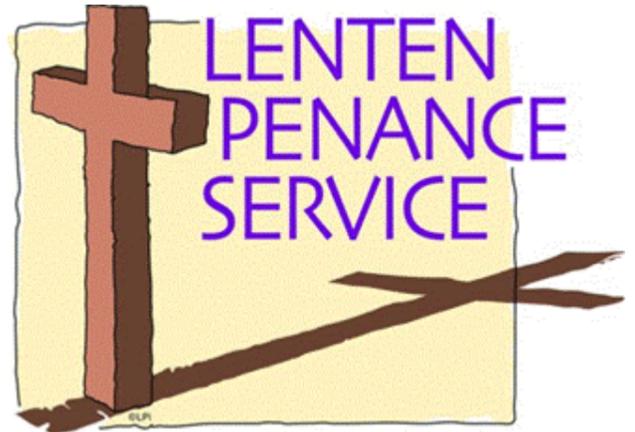
**PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene Keddy will be travelling to Zambia at the beginning of May to visit the St. Lawrence Community School. As well as taking the money being collected at Most Holy Redeemer during Lent, they would like to take something for the children. A suitcase will be at the back of Most Holy Redeemer, into which they would like parishioners to place pencils, colouring pencils and biros. All donations will be warmly welcomed. You can also put them through the door of No 3 Windhill.

**NEW '12 sided' POUND COINS** – became legal tender on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Your 'old' circular £1 coins need to be used by October 15th. Why not consider putting them in our 'Penny collection' for the 'Aqua box' charity before then?

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday, 9 July** is the date this year for a **Parish-wide Family Fun Day** in the Parkland behind the WCC. A wine tasting event will be on 22 Sept, a Barn dance on 14 October, a Bring and Share Supper 25 November and a Winter Lunch - 3 Dec.

## You are invited to the...



...which will be celebrated at St Joseph's this coming Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 7.30pm.

This is a wonderful chance to come to the Lord, in humility, to receive his mercy, which is boundless. There is nothing the Lord will not forgive if we but ask!

There will be a Service of Reconciliation followed by the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament with one of the 8 priests who will be present. **Please come!**

**A DATE FOR YOUR GOLFING DIARY!** Calling all golfers from Holy Cross at St Andrews, Much Hadham, Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth and St Joseph's Bishop's Stortford. It's time for our annual charity golf day and this year it's on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the Manor of Groves in High Wych**. We were very lucky with the weather last year and have booked it again for this year!! Please contact David Wilkinson ([wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com)), Bertie Napier ([bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk](mailto:bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk)), Ben Livermore ([ben.livermore@caring-people.com](mailto:ben.livermore@caring-people.com)) or Angela Tyson ([angelatyson1293@hotmail.com](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com)) for further info and/or an Entry Form. Any raffle prize donations would be very welcome.



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Collections 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1736.34 /Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £62.69/ Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £199.65 / Standing Orders: £82



**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*