



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 2nd July 2017 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP
- 11am Mass Barbara Bryan Brown RIP
- 12.30pm Baptism Krishan Kingston James Barrett
Lucy Pereira Cleal
- 6pm Mass Special Intention

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 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 10 am Requiem Mass- Evora Theresa Bonich RIP
- Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham)*
- 12.30pm Requiem Mass – Valerie Edel RIP

Tuesday 4th July – St Elizabeth of Portugal

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 09.30 am Mass – Sidney Pearson RIP
- 11am Celebration of Life Service for Terry O'Carroll RIP

Wednesday 5th July- St Anthony Zaccaria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Roger Beven RIP

Thursday 6th July – St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass - Kathleen Burke RIP

Friday 7th July – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Mary and Joseph Robinson RIP

Saturday 8th July – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - Philomena and Dominic Rodrigues 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ....

In September I will conclude these two phenomenal years spent with you here at Bishop's Stortford, Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth. This is a very difficult time and to say goodbye is not my cup of tea. I notice in myself the growing temptation of looking only at my failures during my time of service here: *'If only I had said this.... done that... written this... met this person... said it in this way...'* I find this truly hard. Yet my spiritual director, a holy man, once said to me: *'when we fail, one of our biggest fears is what others will think. We don't realise however that when we fail, God learns nothing new about us. He is not disappointed by our fall, as if it was unexpected.'* Words of wisdom, indeed. God's feeling towards us, his regard for us is exactly the same as before.

Thanks to the love, patience and friendship of you all, these two remarkable years have been an incredibly powerful experience for me. I consider it to be a great privilege to have been able to dedicate so much time to this parish, and, in particular, to so many amazing people like you. Truly, I have learnt a lot, and since day one I have been warmly welcomed, especially by Fr Peter and Debbie, and on every side I have received kindness. I can honestly say that *'my cup runneth over.'*

I have enjoyed every moment with ups and downs, my loving friends of weekday and weekend Masses, you've been so important to me. In all of you I had everything, I had the motherly figure, the smart English humor and wit, the spiritual guide, the experienced trainer, the eager trainees, the loving children; you can say I had it all, then *why do you leave?* Well, because it's a matter of doing God's will rather than my own. And God wants that I offer myself to many more as I have offered myself to all of you. I begin now a new chapter of my adventure with God, in which I am called to guide, encourage, love and serve other people of God's family through my priestly ministry. I have gained however a great deal from you and I am ready to move forward. You know though that I am going very far, so please keep in touch. Therefore, this is the last chance I have to say to you all, no one excluded, whether you liked me or not, **THANK YOU!** You will be in my prayers, but I ask the same of you: *pray for me.* May God bless you and your family.

Fr Fortunato Pantisano

FATHER PETER -Cardinal Vincent has appointed Fr Peter as the new Dean of the Lea Valley Deanery, of which we are a part. He is appointed for a term of three years, following Fr John Cunningham of Waltham Cross Parish who has now very generously served the maximum two terms.

TERRY O'CARROLL RIP – Very sadly, Terry O' Carroll, who was well known in the parish passed away recently. Brenda would like to invite all friends and Parishioners to join her for a 'colourful and joyful' service of 'Celebration and Thanksgiving for Terry's life' on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at St Joseph's Church. 11a.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Windhill Churches Centre.

VACANCY - St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School are looking for a KS2 class teacher to join their lovely team in one of our small upper key stage two classes, for September 2017. This can be a job share position and days and hours can be negotiated as timetable is confirmed. NQT's are welcome to apply. For further details, please contact Mrs Gillian Napier, Headteacher via Mrs C Branch, HT Secretary on 01992463549 ext. 4 or email: cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

JUNIOR CHOIR On Sunday July 2nd the 9am Junior choir invites new singers to join them at Mass for a taster sing. This will be followed by a practice and mini performance for the parents in the Parish Centre during coffee. Please speak to any of the music team for more info

PARISH MAGAZINE: Copy welcome for the next issue of the Magazine, deadline Friday, 7th July. Kindly e-mail items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office.

LADIES ITALIAN SHOPPING EVENING -St. Theresa's Church, Stansted will be hosting an Italian Shopping Evening for ladies on Wednesday 5th July at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre to raise money for the charity EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices), a charity who support families and care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions. Tickets £7 and includes a glass of Prosecco and nibbles. Call Ann-Marie Dickason on 07876 755347 or Anna Watkins on 07810417646 for tickets and info.

SVP - "Tea in the Garden", Tuesday 4th July, 2.00pm-4.00pm at Hilary's - "Saxons", Thorley Street (before Coach & Horses pub, on opposite side). Indoors if wet. For info or a lift, please call Astrid on 465200 or Jill on 657575.

ENCOUNTER meet next Friday 7 July at St Theresa's, Stansted: The last meeting before the Summer break. **'The book/s one would recommend for holiday reading.'** 9.30 Mass 10am Coffee 10.30-12.30 Shared discussion 12.30 Shared lunch. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries BS 656482

ST MARY'S SCHOOL are advertising for a Learning Support Assistant and Cover Supervisor. Please see www.stmarys.net for further info.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June is for 'Peace and Healing'



RCIA 2017/2018

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who would be interested in becoming a Catholic, perhaps your husband or wife; girlfriend or boyfriend or neighbour? Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? If the answer is "YES" to any of these questions COME and JOIN the **Journey of Faith** (RCIA) at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford. A programme of talks and discussions are held in a very informal and friendly atmosphere, and these will run from October to Easter. Please contact Fr Fortunato bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk or call 01279 654063 if interested.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

Tea & coffee is enjoyed in the Parish Centre (WCC) at St Joseph's most weeks after the Sunday 9am & 11am Mass. It is a lovely way for our Parishioners new and old to get to know each other, over a cuppa, with biscuits and sometimes cake! Unfortunately the number of our 11am Mass volunteer helpers has reduced recently so we are appealing for some more help please. **If you are able to help just once a month by going on our 'Refreshment rota' we would be very grateful.** Please contact Vanessa Calladine via the Parish Office for more information. Thank you

THE PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY AND BBQ



The whole Parish Family Fun Day & BBQ takes place **NEXT SUNDAY 9th July**. This is the **LAST WEEKEND** to buy your tickets for this event which will be on sale after Mass.. Late-comers please call Alison Gornall 07880946085 before Thursday, 6 July. We would be very grateful please to receive any donations of **MUGS, TOILETRIES, UNOPENED BOTTLES and PIMMS** which can be left in the box at the back of St Joseph's Church. Donations of **CAKES ON THE DAY would be most welcome.** Thank you very much



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Collections 24th / 25th June 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1322.46/ Standing Orders May Total £7,629.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: £105.00/ Standing Orders: May Total £660
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £155.60/ Standing Orders May Total £488



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*