



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
 Parish Priest: Fr Peter Harris • Assistant Priest: Fr Fortunato Pantisano

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 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 2nd October 2016 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
 11am Mass Gillian & Bertie Napier Special Intention
 12.30 Baptism Charlie David Brown
 Adam James Nosworthy
 6pm Mass Christina Njenga Thanksgiving

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass People of the Parish
Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 3rd October – feria

9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass – Christina Njenga Special Intention

Tuesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi NO 6.30am MASS

9.30am Mass – Private Intentions

Wednesday 5th October- feria

9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass – John and Fran Billington Special Intention

Thursday 6th October St Bruno, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass – Margaret Sharkey RIP
Most Holy Redeemer
 NO 12.30 MASS

Friday 7th October- Our Lady of the Rosary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass All those who hunger

Saturday 8th October-Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 12.00 Marriage Chloe Mitchell and Ross Wilsher
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass Natalie Kaye Micallef 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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Mary's School 2017 will need to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A 'lilac coloured' application form for a certificate 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 No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please.** Part of the application requires you to make a declaration about how often you come to Mass. For the purposes of this form your family is expected to attend Mass weekly, although of course you may be away for holidays etc. If you regularly attend Mass at an ethnic chaplaincy, then you should take the form there, not to Fr Peter. If you do not generally attend weekly, then Fr Peter cannot state that you are a practising Catholic. Since the form is part of the legal admissions process he cannot tell lies on it. All applications will be processed after 1st October when Fr Peter returns from his break and certificates, if granted, posted to you, so that you can send in your completed application to the school by their deadline of 31 October 2016

MAJELLANS -Volunteer(s) (male/female) wanted to welcome and make refreshments for parents and toddlers at the Majellans group on Monday mornings during term times. Help would be welcomed on a regular or ad hoc basis for a couple of hours from 09.30 - 11.30. If interested, pop in on a Monday to the Parish centre, or contact Giovanna Sutton-Long (07871 581600).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – If you are getting married in 2017, and have not yet attended a Marriage preparation course, please contact the Parish Office as we have a few spaces left on a course at the Windhill Churches Centre on Saturday 15th October 12pm-6pm. Attendees will be issued with a certificate which will be required by your Priest as part of your 'marriage paperwork'

E- MAILS – Last Wednesday the whole of the Diocese e-mail server was unfortunately affected by a significant network outage which resulted in a complete loss of emails sent or received to the office. The IT dept. has regrettably been unable to retrieve the e-mails which were corrupted due to the network problem. If you did send an email to us and have not yet received a response we apologise for this. Please re send and we will do our best to answer as swiftly as possible. Thank you

JUNIOR CHOIR for Yr. 3 and above will rehearse on 9/10 at 10.30am in the WCC for 30 mins. No experience needed but we do ask that your child is able to read hymn words independently. If your child would like to play an instrument with us, please encourage them to come along and have a go! Plse see Kate at 9am Mass for more info.



TOGETHER HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS are needed to help feed, welcome, befriend, protect and support those who need to access the hall between December and March. If you feel that you would like to help please contact 01279 507464 or email: megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk

WELCOME BACK to Father Peter who returns to the Parish after his summer break. We thank and are grateful to those Priests who celebrated Mass with us over the past couple of months. We also wish Father Fortunato many happy returns as he celebrates his birthday this Thursday. **THE TUESDAY GROUP** is this autumn, following the 6 week diocesan course entitled "Living Jesus" which looks at the themes of holiness, discipleship and vocation. Meetings will be on Tuesdays starting on 11 October and will run from 10.15 am to 11.30 am in the Upper Room at Windhill Churches Centre. All are welcome

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS COMMITTEE meets on Tues 4th October at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, WCC. It would be most helpful if each parish group were represented. The aim is to share the responsibility of getting the most out of our Parish Centre, and discuss any problems or concerns that may have arisen. Enquiries: B/S 652060

THE PARISH MAGAZINE – is now on sale at the back of St Josephs. Copies have also been sent to Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross. Thank you to all those who have contributed. Learn all about what it is like to volunteer at Lourdes, the St Lawrence's community in Zambia and many other personal experiences from fellow Parishioners all for a cost of 30p. Please put any money in the wall box at the back of St Josephs or forward to the Parish office - Thank you.

SVP COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 4th October, 10.00am - 11.30am in the Parish Centre. Come along for refreshment and chat. All are most welcome. For a lift please contact Jill on 657575 or Astrid on 465200.

INVITATION TO PARISH GROUPS & INTERESTED PARISHIONERS - Training in Food Safety, level 2. The course (2 sessions of 4hrs each) will take place on Sat 5th & Sat 12th Nov from 1-5pm. The certificate will allow groups to prepare & cook food in the WCC kitchen for a variety of events. The trainer can take up to 14 people & it would be hoped that each group would be represented, as well as any interested parishioner. The cost will be covered by the parish which in future will benefit from a wider range of social activities. Please contact Yvonne (B/S 652060) to enroll, or for info.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT – starts this Sunday 2nd October



Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. (Jeremiah 17:14)

Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** began on Aug 1st and will finish on Nov 1st! During this time there will be **NO TOILETS** available at the Church. Toilets will be available during Mass times in the Parish Centre – so **PLEASE** make sure you "Go before you come"!! In the next couple of months we expect the **High Altar** and its Baldachino (Canopy) to be cleaned and, possibly, the marble walls of the Sanctuary.

Thank you to all our donors

QUIZ NIGHT- St. Joseph's school on Saturday 15th October, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 per person which includes a hot meal; Lasagne & salad, chicken curry and rice or a vegetarian option. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles Tables of between 4 & 8 people. To book tickets please contact Andy Faulkner via funkocarlos@gmail.com or 07736 935386 or via Facebook with name of main contact, no. of tickets required & meal choices .Once tickets have been reserved and confirmed please make payments in a sealed named envelope addressed to the School Association including the amount enclosed on the envelope to the School office or sent via your child's book bag .There will be a raffle & other games (time permitting). Any raffle prizes welcomed, please hand these into the School office. Numbers are strictly limited so book early! All proceeds go to the School Association.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is Friday 7 October 2016. This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to fast in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can.

THANKYOU very much to our small team of Ladies who generously give their time & work so hard in the Church keeping everything clean & tidy, especially over the last few months with the ongoing building work!

We are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We will do our best to listen and learn, attend all sessions, and with God's help we will grow more like Jesus every day. Please pray for us



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Collections 24/25th September 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1478.39 Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £81.00 Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £194.30 Standing Orders: £82



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.
Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email
First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
 Now closed for 2016/7
Confirmation: Applications will open late 2016 for 2017

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.