





# 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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Live streaming from St Joseph's: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)  
Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Mary and TV Roche RIP  
11am Mass Thomas O' Neill RIP  
12.30pm Baptism Annabelle Clark  
6pm Mass Larry Andrews RIP

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

9.00 am Mass – Bridie Lynch RIP

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – St Cuthbert, Bishop

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass- In Thanksgiving- Doreen Frost  
11.30am Funeral service – Gillian Mary Tingey RIP

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- Albert Foley RIP

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Private intention Luke Matheou & Friends

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- Marjorie Jessop RIP

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – In Thanksgiving- Georgina Jackson

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September–Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

1.30pm – Marriage – Stephen Sims & Claudia Sassu  
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass - Prerra, Anthony and David Dias 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.

## Welcome!

to Father Carlos who joins our Parish this week as our new Assistant Priest. Father Fortunato will sadly celebrate his last Mass with us next Sunday before he leaves for Hounslow Parish. Grateful thanks to Father Angel and Father Emmanuel who also return back to their respective home parishes. Please keep them and all of our Clergy in your thoughts and prayers

**PARISH CENTRE GROUPS** - If you wish to re book the WCC please kindly return a new booking request form for the autumn term (available on our web site) confirming your chosen days and dates ASAP, in order to avoid any disappointment. Regrettably, if a booking form is not received then you have not booked the space and may find that it may have been let to another group or individuals. The joint management committee for the WCC requests this as part of their Letting policy. Following an inspection by the Fire service last week, all group leaders and their guests are reminded of their responsibility with regards to health and safety and must be fully aware of action to be taken in the event of a fire, emergency or safeguarding issue. In the event of any evacuation, the Chief Fire Officer in attendance will ask Group leaders for confirmation that everyone has vacated the building. If you therefore do not already have a sign in procedure or register of people in attendance for your group or event please consider doing so.

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOSEPHS** – Due to the holidays and a large private booking of the Parish Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept unfortunately there will be **NO** planned teas and Coffees after 9 & 11am Mass until **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Apologies for this. The car park behind the Church has also been booked so will NOT be available for Parishioners.

**PARISH WINE TASTING EVENT** - only 55 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. Join us for an evening of tasting and socialising in the WCC Hall on Friday, 22 September at 7.30pm. Just bring yourselves - maybe a friend or two - and a few nibbles/soft drinks. Tickets for this popular event are available now at £5 each from Alison Gornall on 07880 946085 or Stephen Craston on 07738 607678 and after some Masses at St Joseph's.

**AN OPERATIC EVENING** - Charity Concert in Aid of Tyburn Convent and its Mission Foundations, St James' Catholic Church, Spanish Place, London W1U 3QY, 22 September 2017 at 7.00 pm. For more info please visit <https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/concert>.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Deadline for the next edition is **Friday 22nd September**. Copy will be much appreciated - kindly email items for inclusion to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office

## Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2018



Application forms and sign-up sheets have been available after the weekend Masses, from the Sacristy **since Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (and this has been announced at every weekend Mass since then)** for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018

The preparation programme is **only** for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion within the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford and **not elsewhere**

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child – please do not take a form for someone else

**Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill  
by THIS Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Fr Peter will not allow any exceptions to this cut-off date**

**ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene will give a brief report on their recent visit to St. Lawrence's Community, Zambia on Sunday 3rd September after 9am. Mass at Most Holy Redeemer. A full PowerPoint style presentation of their visit will take place on Tuesday 26th September at 7p.m. in the Windhill Churches Centre in Bishops Stortford. Everyone welcome!

**LEA VALLEY PARISHES JUSTICE AND PEACE OPEN EVENING**, Friday 22nd September, 7.30pm, Ware to hear how our Parishes are responding to social issues affecting human dignity at home and abroad, and to share experiences and ideas. We shall discuss possible actions for the future and Deacon Adrian will review the recent presentation on Human Trafficking given by Mike Duthie of the Santa Marta organisation. There may not be a Justice and Peace group in every Parish, but please come along as individuals - and there will be refreshments too! Venue: The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph Parish Centre, 1 King Edwards Rd, Ware, SG12 7EJ. Contact: [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or John Vaughan-Shaw 01920 822440.

**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/> for info.

**BACK TO SCHOOL** – We keep in our thoughts and prayers everyone starting a new term at school or university in the next week or so.

**WALK WITH ME** - a workshop for Catholic parents and other family members of LGBT people, on Sat. 23 Sept, organised by the LGBT Catholics Westminster Younger Adults Group, with input from the Chaplain, Mgr. Keith Bartrop. Pre-booking required. Further details provided on registration: <http://www.lgbtcatholicsyag.org.uk/workshop-2017>

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** -There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 6th to 8th October 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**FOODBANK COLLECTION:** This weekend is the final one for the Foodbank collection at St. Joseph's. Many thanks to all who have left contributions over the last few weeks

**ENCOUNTER** will meet next on Fri.22 Sept at St Theresa's. Stansted "Here I am" Using the Old Testament, these words will be explored with their relevance to faith in the 21st century. Led by Des Connors (Deacon in training) at St Theresa's. **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** shared lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

**A JEWISH REFLECTION ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS** -Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford are hosting a presentation by a leading scholar, Rabbi Hillel Gruber, followed by a discussion with local Christian Paul Burrell, to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 18th September in the Ferguson Lecture Theatre, Bishop's Stortford College. Booking is not required; there will be a suggested minimum donation of £5 to cover expenses; the building is adjacent to the Memorial Hall and accessed from the College Main Entrance or from Maze Green Road

**STREET PASTORS** – Prayer & Praise initiative at 'The Hub Church Portland Rd at 8pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Daphne Bagley [daphne.bagley@tesco.net](mailto:daphne.bagley@tesco.net) 01279 721753



Please keep in your prayers  
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor



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Collections 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*

Collection: £1108.84 /Standing Orders July Total £7858.84

*Holy Cross*

Collection: £52.30/ Standing Orders: July Total £940

*Most Holy Redeemer:*

Collection: £115.50 Standing Orders July Total £662.33



**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 open

**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*