



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 5th February 2017 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Tess Minihane RIP
11am Mass Monica Frost RIP
6pm Mass Special intention of Stuart Rogerson

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 6th February – St Paul Miki and Companions Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Canon John Mc Donald RIP

Tuesday 7th February feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Canon Charles Acton RIP

Wednesday 8th February-St Josephine Bakhita

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – David Hussey RIP

Thursday 9th February –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Joseph Flannery RIP

Friday 10th February–St Scholastica, Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Hippolita Saverimuttu RIP

Saturday 11th February– Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass - Becky Jones 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.

TEACHING VACANCIES AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - The Governing Body are currently advertising for a Key Stage 1 leader from September 2017 and a class teacher from September 2017, and for an experienced and suitably qualified Teaching Assistant to work 25 hours per week supporting pupils with special educational needs from April 2017. For more information, please contact the school or visit <https://www.teachinherts.com/>

SALVATION ARMY SPRING CONCERT- Saturday 4th March at 7pm at the Methodist church Bishop's Stortford. Tickets £5 on the door (under 16's free)

OUR LIVE STREAMING...The number of people joining us for Mass or private prayer each 24 hours continues to grow. We have just received the total figures for January and, in all, 6,320 clicked on to St Joseph's in the month. Of these 2,055 looked only at St Joseph's and no other Church. 1,267 viewed for up to an hour on any one occasion and 525 viewed for more than an hour on a single occasion. In all people viewed for a total of 2,349 hours. People viewed in January from 40 different countries. At the top were: UK - 1,196; Ireland - 338; USA - 335. Many of our own Parish housebound continue to be delighted to be "in my own Church" again. Please remember all our "visitors" in your prayers.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND on 11-12th March at Harpenden, - encouraging couples to reflect on their relationship and improve the quality of their life. It is an opportunity to be in a safe place reflect on your marriage so as to transform it into a thriving and joy-filled encounter. The weekend is an experience unlike any other with no group sharing and is individual and couple based. See <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/>

HELPING WITH THE STONE AND MARBLE CLEANING IN THE SANCTUARY AT ST JOSEPH'S – the work of stripping the stone and cleaning the marble continues. We now have enough money for stripping the stone pillars etc. (£12,900) but we do not have enough to clean all the 78 panels of the marble. Would you like to donate £50 towards the cost of a panel being cleaned, perhaps in memory of a special person or a special anniversary? If 76 people / families were to do that, then we would have enough to pay for all the remaining marble to be cleaned as well as the stone being stripped. An annual Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of the donors. If you would like to help, then please take one of the special envelopes at the back of St Joseph's, thank you.

BISHOPS STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER HOUSE GROUPS DURING LENT 2017 Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent 2017 and need offers both to host and to lead groups. Each group will run for five weeks, on a chosen day of the week, a.m., p.m. or evening, with the first meeting in the week of Mon 6th - Fri 10th March and the last in the week of Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April. Offers to host and/or lead please to Jill Beardwood, 01279 655804, jill_beadwood@hotmail.com (If you would like to join a group but not host or lead it, kindly await a further announcement.

PARISH MAGAZINE- Deadline for the next edition is **FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY**. Please e-mail items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office. Would parish groups kindly advise any amendments to the "Whom to Contact" list on the back of the Magazine or provide details if your group is not currently included.

SVP COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday 7th February, 10.00am - 11.30am in the Parish Centre. All most welcome. If you would like a lift please call Jill on 657575 or Astrid on 465200.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPANSION CONSULTATION The Governing Body are very pleased to announce that the Local Authority are proposing the expansion of the school from an intake of 45 pupils to 60 pupils from September 2018. We ask our parishioners and families to support this proposal so that we can cater for the high demand of places that we face each year. The consultation document and opportunity to respond can be found here: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consult/schoolsconsult/> Please do take the time to support this proposal by the closing date of 15th March 2017.



CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017.

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to receive an invitation please send the following details to the Parish Office as soon as possible and **by 20th March please:** Husband and Wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail address (or a telephone number if no e-mail)

SPECIAL PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK CELEBRATED BY BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN



BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN, *Bishop in Hertfordshire*, will be coming to the Parish for an Episcopal Visitation on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop. He will be at St Joseph's for the weekend of Feb 18/19 and at Most Holy Redeemer and at Holy Cross for Sunday Feb 26. During this he will be meeting with members of the Parish in the different Churches, especially those with particular responsibilities.

As part of the Visitation of the whole Parish, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be celebrating a Special Mass for the Sick in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 3pm.

During the Mass there will be the opportunity for those in need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Following the Mass there will be refreshments served at the back of the Church and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

We would like to extend a personal invitation to you in the hope that you may like to join us for our celebration.

If you would like to come, we would be very grateful if you would please complete and return an RSVP slip located at the back of each Church or telephone Debbie in the Parish Office on 01279 654063 by **Friday 10th February 2017**. If you require assistance with transport, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** on St Joseph's Feast Day: **Sunday, 19 March at 12noon** in the Parish Centre. **Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a Parish 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 on 3 December. Further details will be given nearer the time.**



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Collections 29th January 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
Collection: £1345.97/ Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
Collection: £91.20/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
Collection: £138.15/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£31.20



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 though 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*