



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 March 2017 – 1st Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Peggy Emmanuel RIP
 11am Mass Manuel Felix Drumond & Silvana Pinca RIP
 6pm Mass Mary Ashton RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Ann Finlay RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 6th March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Requiem Mass- Terence John Bartlett RIP

Tuesday 7th March- Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- William Poole RIP

Wednesday 8th March- Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – John Sharkey RIP

Thursday 9th March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30am Mass – Private Intentions
 9.30am Mass – Muriel Barrett RIP

Friday 10th March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 11th March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Nigel Pearmain 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. Thank you very much.

Applicants for St Joseph's Nursery 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A turquoise 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.** The Certificate will be posted to you. The School deadline for applications is Friday 17th March 2017

J & P GROUP: CAFOD Fast Day lunch in the Parish Centre, Friday 10th March, 12 noon - 1.30pm. Soup/bread & cheese/ tea & coffee. Donations please for CAFOD Lent Fast Day appeal.

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS for Lent & Easter 2017: 'Lent Extra' plus other reading material to reflect upon during Lent, are at the back of St Joseph's Church & in the repository from this weekend. "Walk With Me" booklets £1 available at all 3 Churches.

SVP Tuesday 7th March - Join us for coffee/tea/cakes and friendly company in the Parish Centre from 10.00am - 11.30am. For a lift please contact Jill on 657575 or Astrid on 465200

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 19th 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), Bertie Napier (bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk), Ben Livermore (ben.livermore@caring-people.com) or Angela Tyson (angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) for further info and/or an Entry Form .Any raffle prize donations would be very welcome.

CHARITY FAMILY NIGHT 'St Mary's Talent show', 10th March 2017 the First Family Night at St Mary's. The acts include: singers, bands, Irish dancers, martial arts and much more. St Mary's Association are kindly running a licensed bar, refreshments, hot dogs and snacks which are available throughout the evening, and no charity event is complete without an interval raffle and Champagne roll! All proceeds will go towards enabling our students to support and accompany disabled and disadvantaged young people to a pilgrimage to Lourdes during Easter 2018. They will join thousands of other students around the country who are a part of this celebratory pilgrimage. it promises to be an exciting fun-filled evening!! Please visit our website for more details. Prices: £5 ticket / £12.50 Family ticket (2 Adults, 2 children) 7.30 – 9.30pm
 Location: Main Hall at School.

CAFOD – This weekend we welcome representatives from CAFOD who will be speaking at each Mass giving a reflection on the theme of almsgiving, fasting and prayer in Lent. We will also be distributing CAFOD Fast day donation envelopes after Mass.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! To SIGN UP TO THE STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS. Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent. The groups last year were very successful and allowed members of different churches to get to know each other. The groups will run for five weeks, from Monday March 6th 2017 to Friday April 7th 2017. There are five groups as follows: Mon afternoons in Oaklands Park, Mon evenings in Rochford Rd, Tues mornings in Stansted Rd, Wed evenings in Wetherfield Stansted, Thur evenings in Heath Row. If interested can you kindly enter your details on the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church information area or alternatively contact Tony Davies at tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or (01279) 465200.

AND THE MUCH HADHAM ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP meets in the Sports Pavilion on Lenten Wednesdays on March 8. 15. 22. 29 and April 5 at 11am
THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported the 'Parish pancake' day. An amazing £235 was raised for CAFOD.

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>

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES- Thank you to all of you who came to the meeting and Ash Wednesday Mass with your parents. Don't forget that we will have a 'catch up' session after 6pm Mass this Sunday for those who missed the first session back in December. Please also note that one or more of your parents need to attend this catch up session with you. We will meet at the Parish Centre at 7.15pm and the session will last one hour.
NEXT WEEK- we will begin an important 3 week planned giving campaign at St Josephs which will be an invitation to all parishioners to reflect and renew their commitment of their time, talents and treasure to the parish.
SLEEP ROUGH SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO – Debbie the parish administrator will be taking part in the YMCA Sleep easy on 24th March spending a night sleeping rough to increase awareness of the issue of youth homelessness and to raise funds to support the YMCA East Herts mission of enabling vulnerable young people to belong, contribute and thrive. If you would like to sponsor her please see the online link or sponsor form at the back of the Church. Every donation, no matter how small really counts <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/debbiejackson> Thank you very much.

RCIA: RITE ELECTION – On Sunday 5th March the Diocese celebrates the Rite of Election, our Catechumens will journey to the Cathedral and be named by Cardinal Vincent Nicholls as members of the Elect- those chosen by God for baptism and the Call to Continuing Conversion (of the candidates- those who are baptised but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist) We pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27 Feb-12 March ~ Our parish is a Fairtrade parish~ Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions & fair terms of trade particularly for small scale farmers & workers. Try to buy goods labelled Fairtrade; especially this fortnight .We can make a difference

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Sunday, 19 March 12pm. If you are able to attend our annual celebration, please see our sign-up list at the back of St Joseph's Church and add your name and the dish you wish to bring to share with your fellow parishioners. If you are not sure what to bring, you could choose from some suggestions we have made. Thank you. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

PASSION PLAY FOR LENT Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford will be presenting a 'Riding Lights' Cross light Passion Play for Lent on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Charis Centre. Tickets are £12 / £10 Concessions and are available from Debbie in the Parish Office or Box Office 07487 328972 or www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/32161084670

ST JAMES THE GREAT at THORLEY are advertising for a part time Church admin assistant and caretaker. Please contact them for more info on 01279 506753

LENT AND HOLY WEEK sheet – last week unfortunately there was a misprint to the Easter day service sheet. Please take an updated yellow copy.

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 25/26 February 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1661.72 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £106.64/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £162.05/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£54.30



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*