



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 Carlos Quito

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 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 5th November 2017 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Billy Armstrong RIP
 11am Mass Special Intention Connie Morris
 6pm Mass Mary Sutton RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00 am Mass – Patrick Kinsella RIP

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish
 Baptism – Leo Tyson

Monday 6th November – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass – Deceased Friends and Relatives of Doreen & Mike Frost RIP

Tuesday 7th November – St Willibrord, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass – Phillip Gallagher RIP

Wednesday 8th November – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mary Graham-Watson RIP

Thursday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass – Kim Dodwell RIP

Friday 10th November – St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass –Special Intention Bridget Halligan

Saturday 11th November – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass – David Horgan RIP



Mass requests

MASS INTENTIONS – Please be aware that all weekend Mass intentions have now been booked for the remainder of the year with limited dates available during the week.
 Please call the office to have your loved one remembered in our Bidding prayers

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE—Applicants for Reception Schools in 2018 may like to collect a pink coloured application form for a certificate. It 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 number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The certificate will then be posted to you. The closing date for applications to St Josephs School for the reception class is 15 January 2018.

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/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER- The winter Night Shelter will re-open in early December at Holy Trinity Church Hall supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. A welcome is provided to "these brothers and sisters of Mine" with hot meals, washing facilities and a safe bed. If you feel you might like to volunteer your help, please e-mail susan.self@btinternet.com

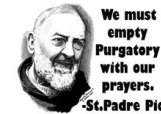
HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY – Laminated sheets are available at the back of St Josephs to borrow for anyone who would like to learn how to pray the Rosary.

WINTER LUNCH – 3 December 2017 - 12.30pm-3pm Our annual invitation is being extended to the Parish's elderly and housebound to a Winter Lunch (with musical accompaniment) to be held in the Windhill Churches' Centre on Sunday, 3 December. You may wish to come yourself, or you may know someone who would welcome the opportunity to join us. If so, invitations are available at the back of Church. Please take one for each guest, complete the cut-off slip and **return it by 22 November** either into the box at the back of Church or RSVP via text to Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472.

DRIVERS NEEDED: We need to be able to offer lifts from guests' homes to the Centre for our *Winter Lunch on 3 December*. If you are able to help collect and return our guests, please contact Stephen Craston on 07738607678.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Saturday 25th Nov 8pm in St Joseph's Church an uplifting concert with 'The Harmonaires' choral group led by acclaimed soloist, choral MD and Parishioner, Josie Cowley. More info to follow....

"It is such folly to pass one's time in fretting, instead of resting quietly on the Heart of Jesus."
St Thérèse de Lisieux



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.
 -St. Padre Pio

November is the month of the Holy Souls.

Envelopes are available at the back of our three Churches for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead.

NEXT WEEKEND – We welcome Fr Victor Camilleri, part of the Maltese Chaplaincy and an old friend of Fr Peter, who joins us to celebrate the 9am & 11am Mass at St Josephs.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND – Advanced notice that next weekend we will take a second collection to support the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for are supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick and Retired Priests fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. Donation leaflets are at the back of the Church today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy- active, retired and ill. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES for the Sick, Disabled & Terminally ill in our Parish. Next October we want to take 8 Sick, Disabled and terminally ill to Lourdes via Jumbulance in our parish. We need your help to achieve our £8,500 fundraising target. Every little helps. Please donate either via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/debbie-hourihan or text STJO50 £5 to 70070 to donate £5. By donating you can make a difference to people who need it, your money will help them achieve a trip of a lifetime. Many thanks for your support

THE POVERTY OF LONELINESS - The importance of befriending. Over half of all people aged 75 and over live alone. Loneliness greatly affects not only mental, but physical health. As the church we are called to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' Come and hear about the 'epidemic of loneliness' in the UK, how we can address it, and a short introduction to the essentials of befriending the elderly on Tuesday 7th November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London. Featuring talks from: Siobhan Garibaldi- St Vincent de Paul Society, Christina Jackson- Contact the Elderly and Paul Raymond- Irish Chaplaincy. Refreshments Provided. RSVP email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207 931 6077

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA 20-30 January 2019 – Age 18-30 years costs £2,400. Only 35 places available. Contact youth@rcdow.org.uk for info
THANKYOU to everyone who came to the afternoon of Recollection and to Ray Asser and Sr Gillian for facilitating the event.

LOST SILVER RING – last seen at the 9am Mass at St Josephs of sentimental value. Please contact the office if found. Thank you

WED AFTERNOON GROUP will be meeting next on Nov. 15 at 60 Mazoe Road, from 2 p.m. Join us for tea/ coffee, cake and conversation...Hopefully we shall have some information about our Dec. meal together. Everyone welcome. Ring Doreen on 325326 or Jill on 657575 for details. The Christmas lunch has been booked for Wed 13th Dec. Menus will be available at the afternoon tea. Payment is required by the end of November. All welcome.

SVP COFFEE MORNING -Tues 7 November, 10am -11:30 a.m. in the Parish Centre. Coffee, cakes and a warm welcome to all. For a lift please contact Jill on 657575.

MHR Annual Lunch Sunday 19 November - at the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club Pavilion. All welcome. Please see poster/list at back of MHR church for more details and to sign up (and pay!), or email mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com

MHR 100 Club: Subscriptions for the 2017/18 year are nearly due. Please see flyer at the back of MHR church for more details or contact Alan Hodgson on 01279 600430

THANKYOU – to everyone who supported the joint Wednesday Group and J&P lunch. A cheque for £157 was sent to 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday dedicated to all; those who have died in War. The 11am Mass at **St Joseph's** will be a solemn Requiem beginning with the 11am 2 minutes silence. Fr Carlos will be at **Much Hadham** for the 10.50 Wreath laying at the War Memorial and Karin Keddy will represent the congregation of **Sawbridgeworth** at the wreath laying at the War Memorial at Great St Mary's at 3pm



SACRAMENT OF 1st RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are still available for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Most Holy Redeemer or Holy Cross and who will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018 Please introduce yourself to Father Peter or Father Carlos after Mass.



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Collections 28th / 29th October 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1355.42
Holy Cross
 Collection: £94.10
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £ 158.00



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 Closed
Confirmation: Applications for 2018 open

*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*