



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 6th August 2017 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass People of the Parish
 11am Mass Harold & Elizabeth Ham RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Joseph Eden
 Alannah Watson
 6pm Mass Anilda Menezes de Moraes RIP
Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00 am Mass – People of the Parish

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

Monday 7th August – St Cajetan, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Barry Randall RIP

Tuesday 8th August – St Dominic, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Davina Mercia Smith RIP

Wednesday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Private Intentions

Thursday 10th August –St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Luke Matheou & Friends Special Intention

Friday 11th August– St Clare, Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mary Johnson Special Intention

Saturday 12th August–Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Holy Fathers Prayer Intention - Artists



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.

BIG SUMMER CLEAN UP AT THE PARISH CENTRE HELP NEEDED PLEASE!!

Saturday 19th August 10am -12pm



St Josephs and St Michaels will be having a joint effort next weekend to clean the communal areas of the Windhill Churches Centre involving wiping down the skirting boards, walls and cleaning the chairs in St Josephs hall which are rather stained. If you have a mop, bucket, cloths and rubber gloves please join us just for a couple of hours to help – refreshments and cake provided! Please contact Yvonne Fordyce for any further info on 01279 652060

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOSEPHS – Due to the holidays there will be no planned 9am or 11am teas and Coffees during August – Apologies for this. If you are interested in joining our 'Refreshment rota' in the Autumn please contact Vanessa Calladine via the Parish Office

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK VACANCY Applications are invited for the part-time position of Food Bank Co-ordinator, starting in September. Contact Mione Goldspink, tel 656634.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PARISHIONERS – Are you stuck for something to do over the summer which does not cost a lot of money? Take a look at the Diocese of Westminster youth web site which has lots of ideas for activities, games, blogs, quizzes and events for under 18's <http://dowym.com/>

FOOD BANK COLLECTION -St. Joseph's are collecting for the Foodbank again during August (until 2nd/3rd Sept.) .Donations as usual in the cupboard at the back of the church - basic tinned/dried/packet foodstuffs please, and kindly check that they are in-date. Thank you very much.

ADVANCE NOTICE: WINE TASTING EVENING - FRIDAY 22 SEPT. 7.30pm if our Family Fun Day was not to your taste, why not join us for an evening of fine wines and good company. Tickets for this event in the WCC will be available from mid-August at £5 each

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



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 16th July 2017 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 Monday 4th September 2017**

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

PREPARING FOR MY FUNERAL – One certain fact is that one day we all will die. But as Christians our faith is that for the Lord's faithful, in death life is changed not ended. Our great hope is that we will be redeemed from death by Christ's great victory and that as we are united with Christ by sharing in a death like his so we may also be one with him in his resurrection. Catholics will want to ensure that their funeral service reflects this, their hope and the faith of the Church. However it can be very difficult for our next of kin to make detailed arrangements for our funeral at the same time as dealing with the grief and loss they will experience at our passing It can therefore be a real help to others when we ourselves give thought to our funeral arrangements ahead of time and let them know what our preferences are so that when the time comes they can be taken account of to the fullest degree practicable. Making such preparations can give us peace of mind too and be an occasion for finding a new assurance of faith by reflecting on passages from scripture and hymns. At the back of St Joseph's Church are 'Preparing for my funeral' forms which you may find helpful to use as a guide when considering your preferences or to start a conversation with your loved ones.

'Rejoice and be glad, for your rewards will be great in heaven'

'FAREWELL AND WELCOME PARTY' A date for your diary....



On Saturday 2nd September after the 6pm Mass at the Windhill Churches Centre we will be holding a 'Farewell party for Father Fortunato' and a joint 'Welcome to the Parish party' for Father Carlos who will be joining us. Everyone is invited. Further details will follow in due course.....



RCIA 2017/2018

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who would be interested in becoming a Catholic, perhaps your husband or wife; girlfriend or boyfriend or neighbour? Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? If the answer is "YES" to any of these questions COME and JOIN the **Journey of Faith** (RCIA) at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford. A programme of talks and discussions are held in a very informal and friendly atmosphere, and these will run from October to Easter. Please contact Fr Fortunato bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk or call 01279 654063 if interested.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Debbie is away from the office for 2 weeks from Monday 1st August and will return on Monday 14th August. Fr Fortunato will also be away for some of August, so PLEASE be patient with Fr Peter who will be on his own for some of this time. He may not be able to get back to people but will always respond to emergencies. Perhaps if you have a non-urgent need, mention it to him at the weekend Mass rather than 'phoning?'



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Collections 5th /6th August 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £TBC /Standing Orders June Total £8436.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: £TBC/ Standing Orders: June Total £790
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £TBC / Standing Orders June Total £678.33



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 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*