





# 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP  
 11am Mass Deceased Members of the Catenians  
 6pm Mass Michael Hanley RIP

*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  
 12.45pm Baptism Oliver Nicholas Richard Michelson  
 Elliot Robert William Michelson

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – St Willibrord, Bishop

9.30am Mass – Deceased Friends and Relatives of Doreen and Michael Frost

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – feria

9.30am Mass – Richard Frost and Family RIP

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9.30am Mass – Marlene Harris RIP and All Souls

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St Leo, the Great, Pope and Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Donald and Muriel Barrett RIP

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – John Loftus RIP and Family

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - John Mc Carthy 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.

Thank you very much.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish-wide

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 will be available all the Sacristies of our Churches from Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### Applicants only are to sign for a form.

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the very latest. Sessions will take place during Advent and Lent



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

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** – Envelopes are available at the back of St Josephs for those deceased relatives you wish to be added to the November List.

**HELP NEEDED!** St Josephs Junior choir urgently needs more adults. If you can sing or play we would love to hear from you about helping out at the 9am Mass on an AD HOC basis. Choir practice will resume on Nov 6th. Speak to any of the music team at 9am Mass for info

**ALTAR SERVERS at ST JOSEPH'S** – We will be recruiting new Altar Servers at St Joseph's from November. If you have received your First Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass and are interested please speak with Fr Fortunato. A sign-up sheet is now available in the Sacristy.

**MHR ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH Sunday 20 November** at the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club Pavilion. All welcome. Please see list at back of MHR church for more details and to sign up, or email [mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com](mailto:mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com)

**ST MARY'S** have a vacancy for a Teacher of ICT and Computing – Full or Part time considered from Jan or April 2017 – please see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for full details.

**"FIRE AND LIGHT" CONCERT** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 8pm at St Joseph's Church with **'The Harmonaires'** choral group.

**MUM'S PRAYER GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, 9th November at 7.45pm upstairs in the Windhill Churches Centre.

## Your Parish SOCIAL COMMITTEE needs you!

As we start to plan the Parish events for the coming 12 months, we would like to invite your support. First and foremost we need parishioners from **all three of our Churches** to join our small band on the Social Committee to help plan and implement the social life of the Parish. Our next meeting in the WCC is scheduled for 9 Nov at 7.30pm – come along and try us out! We understand you may prefer to volunteer to help at an event or two every now and again: your talent as an organiser/baker/ entertainer/muscleman – or woman - may be just what we need to ensure everything goes smoothly: many hands make light work!

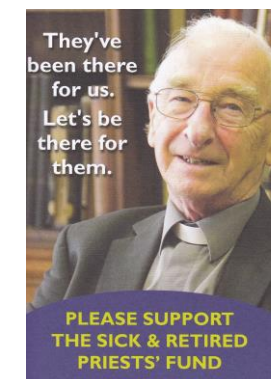
Additionally, we would welcome your feedback on the events we have held in the past both annually (e.g. Hog Roast, Afternoon Tea, Parish Walk) and occasionally (e.g. the odd wine tasting and quiz nights). Please drop us a line to our new email address to let us know how we're doing – or how we can improve events. We would also welcome any suggestions you may have for a new Parish event. Contact us at [socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com) or complete and return the form at the back of Churches to Debbie Hourihan, our Chair.

**TABLE TENNIS CLUB-** The Parish Table Tennis Club is holding a free come and try it evening in the Parish Centre on Sunday 20 November from 7pm to 8.30 pm. We welcome anyone who wants to just have a go or players of all ages who may be interested in joining us more regularly at our fortnightly Sunday evening club nights. Just turn up on the evening or contact Chris Brolly for more details 01279-324231.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP** will be meeting on Nov. 16 in the Parish Centre at 2 p.m. Doreen will be helping us to make a Christmas / Advent Candle decoration (and the usual drinks & cakes of course!) All materials will be supplied, just bring yourself. Donations for the use of the hall very welcome. This will also be a chance to sign up for our Christmas lunch on Dec. 14th at 12 noon at the Star in Bridge St. Menus etc. available please bring a £5 deposit. If you can't come to the Nov. meeting please ring Doreen re: the lunch (325326). Everyone is very welcome on both days.

**FLAME 2017** is the largest National Catholic Youth event of the year, taking place in the SSE Wembley Arena on **Saturday 11 March 2017**. The Arena will be filled with over 10,000 young people from across the country, receiving faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers, double Grammy winning worship leaders and culminates in a time of Adoration led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The day is open to anyone who is aged 10 and above, up to young adult. Tickets at £15. For more details please see <http://dowym.com/events/flame-2017/>

## SICK and RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION



Next week our Parish will take up a collection to help support the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick & Retired Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings accumulated. Envelopes are available in the back of the church - please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you're able. They've been here for us; let's be there for them.

## 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 Peter will be at **Much Hadham** for the 10.45 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

We will remember them...



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Collections 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1442.99 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £92.70 Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £175.11 Standing Orders: £82



**Baptism:** Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.  
**Marriage:** enquiries call the Parish Office or email  
**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**  
 Now closed for 2016/7  
**Confirmation:** Applications for 2017 are open and will close 27 November 2016

*May Mary, the most merciful Mother of God, kindest comforter of those who mourn, commend to her Son the souls of his servants who have departed this life, that through her intercessions they may quickly reach their longed for home in the heavenly kingdom and live for ever and ever. Amen*