





# 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 7th May 2017 – 4th Sunday of Easter

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Thanksgiving for Vocations  
 11am Mass James and Mabel Nash RIP  
 12.30 pm Baptism George & Oliver Westwood  
 Harriet Shepherd  
 6pm Mass James Green RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00am Mass People of the Parish

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

11.15 am Mass People of the Parish

### Monday 8th May Easter feria

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

### Tuesday 9th May – Easter feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30 am Mass- Elizabeth Smith RIP

### Wednesday 10th May- Easter feria

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

### Thursday 11th May – Easter feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30 am Mass- Hilda and Percy Castle RIP  
 7.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation

### Friday 12th May–St Pancras Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Peter Anthony Special Intention

### Saturday 13th May–Our Lady of Fatima

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - People of the Parish



#### 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

## Confirmation Candidates



*This Thursday please keep in your prayers our 30 young Parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Paul McAleenan.*

(There will be a rehearsal on Tuesday at 7.30pm)



## JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

"Bring & Buy Plant & Cake Sale", Sunday 28th May, after the 9am & 11am Masses, outside St. Joseph's for Aid to the Church in Need

**BARN DANCE** – at the Wodson Park Sports Centre Ware Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm. Dancing starts at 8pm – 11pm. Tickets £12.50 which includes supper. In support of building a new Parish Centre for Sacred Heart and St Joseph's Church in Ware. Tickets from Tony/Jean Stavrou 01920 411658 [tony.stavrou@ntlworld.com](mailto:tony.stavrou@ntlworld.com). This will be an ideal way to perfect your steps before our own Parish Barn dance on 14<sup>th</sup> October!!!

**FIVE POUND NOTES** – After Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 'Old' £5 notes will no longer be accepted as legal tender in shops and can only be exchanged at a bank. If you have any 'old £5 notes' that you wish to donate to our 'Penny collection' please feel free to add them to the jar at the back of St Joseph's Church. Thank you

**VACANCY** – Assistant Head teacher at St Mary's. Please see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more information.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to everyone who sponsored Debbie for the 'Sleep out for the YMCA'. The final total raised was £900.

**WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017** Come and experience something different. Each year, we visit different places of **worship in the Diocese**. This year, we are in North London and Hertfordshire, where we will visit a Baha'i shrine, a Jain Temple, a Hindu monastery, a Mosque, a Sikh Gurdwara, and a couple of churches. Book a seat on the coach for a fun, enlightening and spiritual day-out including meals for just £15. Contact: [jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk);

**CAFOD** – Thank you to all who donated to CAFOD £771.87 has been sent for this valuable cause.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**14th - 20th May. Volunteers needed to help with the annual door-to-door collection for Christian Aid. Please look at the list at the back of St Joseph's Church and sign up if you can collect from a road near you, perhaps together with family or friends to share the load. This is an important ecumenical effort in which most of the town's churches participate. Please help us.**

**THANK YOU** for contributing to the Annual Priest Training Fund last week. The fund helps pay for the training of our current 39 Seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serving the Church. Please be as generous as you can if you have not yet donated – envelopes are still available. Please also pray for vocations, perhaps using one of the special prayer cards that are also available. *Thank you.*



### WED GROUP BUFFET LUNCH - May 17th.

Join us for lunch including a 'trifle of trifle' (Doreen's creation) and other desserts. Donations for lunch, and raffle money towards the sponsorship of 'Louise' who is running a marathon to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. Everyone is very welcome. If you need transport or further details please ring Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com)), Bertie Napier ([bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk](mailto:bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk)), Ben Livermore ([ben.livermore@caring-people.com](mailto:ben.livermore@caring-people.com)) or Angela Tyson ([angelatyson1293@hotmail.com](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com)) for further info and/or an Entry Form. Any raffle prize donations would be welcome.

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS EVENING OF PRAYER Friday 12 May 2017, 6:30-9:30 pm.** Free admission at **Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ** (Marble Arch station). At this event, we will remember and pray especially for persecuted children and families. A period of silence will be held in remembrance of PC Keith Palmer and other victims of the terrorist attack at Westminster on 22 March. This event is on the eve of the 100-year anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, and will be held in honour of Our Lady.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MAY FAYRE



Saturday 13th May at from 12-4pm.  
 All welcome. Lots of fun for all the family.

### NEW PARISH EVENT!!

Day Trip to the Outdoor production of

### 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'

We wish to organise a Parish trip to the Wintershall Estate, Guildford on Wednesday, 21 June to see The Life of Christ - the greatest story of all time, movingly recreated by a cast of over 200 with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music - an experience not to be missed. We intend to travel by coach from St Joseph's Church leaving at 8am to arrive in time for the performance, in three acts, which commences at 10am.

The experience ends at 3.30pm after which you would be returned to St Joseph's Church Snacks and sandwiches, hot and cold drinks are available to purchase at the event.

**We would be very grateful for initial expressions of interest in this performance before Tuesday, 9 May so we can make the necessary arrangements for ticket purchases and coach travel.** In the first instance, or for further information, please call Alison Gornall on 07880 946085 or email [socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com) Thank you.



## Bella Notte

An evening of music from, or inspired by, Italy,  
 Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at  
 Most Holy Redeemer Church, Sawbridgeworth.  
 Tickets £7 adult, £4 child or £20 family ticket  
 available from Clare Hodgson after Mass at MHR  
 or e-mail: [mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com](mailto:mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com)  
 (In Aid of CAFOD's Syria fund)



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Collections 29/30 April 2017  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1701.55 / Standing Orders March Total (£5223.50)  
*Holy Cross*  
 Collection: £67.05 / Standing Orders: March Total (£690)  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £152.75/ Standing Orders March Total (£596)  
 CAFOD COLLECTION - £771.87



**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*