





# 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017- The Epiphany of the Lord

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Johanna Duhig RIP  
 11am Mass Eileen Murphy RIP  
 6pm Mass Joyce Jackson RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*  
 9.00am Mass Private intention John Baker  
*Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):*  
 11.15am Mass Moira O'Brien RIP

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - The Baptism of the Lord

9.30am Mass - Patricia Stott RIP  
 3pm Vigil reception of the body of Betty Bell RIP

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Feria First Week of Year 1

9.30am Requiem Mass- Betty Bell RIP

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Feria

9.30am Mass - Canon John McDonald RIP

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January-St Aelred of Rievaulx

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

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January-St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
**NO MASS**

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January- Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - Gerry Castle 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 very much.



### Thank you!!

*Fr Peter and Fr Fortunato, send their sincere thanks to 'everyone' who generously gave their time and helped over the Christmas period. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers in our parish from those who clean the Churches, read, sing, play music, serve, create beautiful flower arrangements, visit the sick, look after the repositories, make tea, hand out hymn books, collect money and count money, the list is endless...! They would also like to thank everyone for the kind gifts, cards and good wishes which they very gratefully received and extend their prayers and every good wish to you for a Happy, Blessed and prosperous New Year!*

**PENNY COLLECTION** Thanks to your generosity of parishioners at St Joseph's during 2016, £983.98 has been sent to "Aid to the Church in Need". This year's beneficiary is "Aqua boxes", a small UK charity that provides filtration equipment to produce clean, safe water both in disaster situations and for on-going community needs - further details in the current Parish Magazine. We hope you will continue to provide your customary support by filling up the penny jar with your loose change at weekend masses

### SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN "SPUC"

As announced last week at Masses, there will be a retiring collection at St Joseph's this weekend for the vital work of SPUC - the Catholic Charity that supports pregnant mothers who face a terrible dilemma, and also those who have had abortions. It is very tragic that the need for this help is still vital in today's world in our own Country. Please be generous to this very special annual retiring collection. Thank you.

### ENCOUNTER meet next Fri 13 Jan 2017 at St Theresa's, Stansted.

**'New Year - New Me?'** Practice this challenge through a workshop of yoga, song & meditation; led by Isobel Bradshaw, professional singer & yoga teacher. 10am coffee; 10.20 am meeting opens; 12.30 shared lunch, please bring food to share; 2pm meeting ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060 or 814865

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** Applicants for St Joseph's School 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A lilac 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 admissions is 15 January 2017.

**FOODBANK- A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has over the past year generously contributed towards the foodbanks at our 3 Churches. It is very much appreciated. The St Joseph's foodbank collection has finished for now but the Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross food banks continue.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS** available now from the office at only £5 each.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER HOUSE GROUPS DURING LENT 2017

Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent 2017 and need offers both to host and to lead groups. Each group will run for five weeks, on a chosen day of the week, a.m., p.m. or evening, with the first meeting in the week of Mon 6th - Fri 10th March and the last in the week of Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April. Offers to host and/or lead please to Jill Beardwood, 01279

655804, [jill\\_beardwood@hotmail.com](mailto:jill_beardwood@hotmail.com) (If you would like to join a group but not host or lead it, kindly await a further announcement later this month.)

**WED AFTERNOON GROUP** Just to let everyone know that there will be no group meeting in January. Look out for February's notice ... and a Very Happy New Year.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CAFOD** Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Or maybe you are a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches or presenting assemblies and workshops in schools? Please get in touch with us on [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our Understanding CAFOD information sessions: on Sat 28 January in Stratford E15 and Sat 4 February in Waterloo SE1. The Stratford session has limited places so please contact us early if this is your preferred session.

**NEW TOILETS AT ST JOSEPH'S....** - Unfortunately, due to moist baby wipes and a large quantity of excess toilet tissue being flushed down the new toilets, they and the outside drain at St Josephs have become completely blocked in a very short space of time. So that we can keep this new facility fully operational for the good of all and to prevent Father Peter having to 'rod' the toilets again himself to save us a plumbers call out fee!! Please kindly help by not flushing down wipes and other sanitary products and also by being a little more frugal with the loo roll!! Thank you.

**FAITH FORMATION** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & anyone interested learning more about the Eucharist and Lay Ministry in the Church with Sister Anne Walsh OP. **26 Jan 2017 Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN 7.00-8.30 pm**. Registration is required. Email at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4.

### Let God Love You

*Be Silent*  
*Be Still*  
*Alone, Empty*  
*Before your God*  
*Say nothing*  
*Ask nothing*  
*Be Silent*  
*Be Still.*  
*Let your God*  
*Look upon you*  
*That is all.*  
*He knows*  
*He Understands*  
*He loves you with*  
*An enormous love*  
*He only wants to*  
*Look upon you*  
*With His love*  
*Quiet*  
*Still*  
*Be*  
*Let your God -*  
*Love You*



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Collections 24/25 December 2016 & 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £4330.93 / £1078.73 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £466.81 / £90.10 Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £386.42 / £49.80 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 now Closed.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*  
*the Lord is with thee.*  
*Blessed art though 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*