



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 8th October 2017 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass People of the Parish
11am Mass The Moylan and Sapsford family Intention
12.30pm Baptism Mya Herbert
Cordelia Miller
6pm Mass Natalie Micallef RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – Janice Halabi RIP

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish

Monday 9th October – Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Mrs. Hardy RIP

Tuesday 10th October – St Paulinus of York

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- John Mc Tighe RIP

Wednesday 11th October – St John XXIII, Pope

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Eve Rencontre RIP

Thursday 12th October- St Wilfrid, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Private Intentions

Friday 13th October – St Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese and the City of Westminster

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Gina Brocchi RIP

Saturday 14th October–St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

2pm Marriage – Georgina Centa and Benjamin Bourner
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass – Alice Garrett 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.

CHARITY BARN DANCE- This is the last weekend to buy your BARN DANCE tickets for next Saturday, 14 October 7.45pm in support of the charity ACROSS. Tickets £7.50 to include a burger; refreshments available for purchase from our bar. Get your tickets after Mass this weekend at Most Holy Redeemer and St Joseph's Church; from Alison Gornall on 07880 946085; Kate Wilkinson at St Joseph's School or Fiona Collings at the after-school club or via our email socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com. For more info about ACROSS call Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- Applicants for St Mary's School 2018 may like to collect a lilac 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 school deadline for applications is 31st October 2017

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/>

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS COMMITTEE- the meeting scheduled for Tues 17 Oct 7.30 has had to be postponed to Tues 31st October 7.30pm in the Upper Room, WCC. Enquiries: BS 652060

ST MARYS is currently looking to recruit Examination Invigilators for the internal exam seasons and for summer 2018 GCE/GCSE exams. Please see www.stmarys.net

APF BOXES – Len is now collecting these at **Most Holy Redeemer REPOSITORY** at St Josephs and Most Holy Redeemer –Thank you to our team who stock a beautiful range of cards and gifts at very reasonable prices .Take a look after Mass to see what is on offer.

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



Please keep in your prayers our Children starting their First Holy Communion Programme this weekend and our fantastic team of Catechists who very generously give their time to help to prepare them

“HOLY CROSS – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL”

Our Community of Holy Cross, Our Needs, Our Responsibility

‘Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.’ – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that **all** parishioners complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today. If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Public consultation on draft Admission Policy 2019-2020-This policy sets out the arrangements for applying for a place in the School. St Joseph's has made some minor changes to its admissions policy for September 2019 and wishes to consult parishioners about the revised policy. The main change is to include Catholic children from Gilston and Eastwick parishes in the list of those who will be given priority if places are oversubscribed. This is because the local authority has pointed out that St Joseph's is the nearest Catholic Primary School for them in Hertfordshire They will be ranked **after** children of the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford. Copies of the admission policy are available both on the School and the Parish websites. Comments should be sent to: policy1920@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk by 6th November 2017. We thank you in advance for your views. Whilst we will not be replying individually to contributors, all comments will be considered by the Board of Governors, along with the views of the Local Authority and Diocese of Westminster as part of our consultation.



NEW!! SENIOR PARISH ART CLUB (S.P.A Club) – Professional art tuition for senior Parish members. Meet every **third** Wednesday of the month in the Upper Room of the Windhill Churches Centre Learn how to draw, paint and print using all mediums. Exclusive classes for all levels- beginners will love it! **Starts Wednesday 18th October at 10.30am** (continues on 15/11 & 20/12) Entrance donation £5, all materials provided. Limited places – please call Monica Jacobs on 07493 426201 or email Jacobs.monica@icloud.com to book.

WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER: The Wednesday Group and the Justice & Peace Group invite you to come and have lunch in the Parish Centre from 12noon - 1.30pm. Soup/ bread/cheese; jacket potatoes/fillings; pudding. Everyone most welcome all proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. Please contact Jill on 657575 for a lift.

PARISH MAGAZINE– now on sale at only 30p. Interesting articles include a U3A trip, Scottish recipes and Fr Carlos Biography. Thank you to Astrid and all who contributed.

OLD POUND COINS- will cease to be legal tender as of next Sunday – why not add to the Penny Collection for 'Aqua box'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish-wide

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 will be available from the Sacristy from Sunday 8th October

Applicants only are to sign for a form and must have a birthday on or before 31 August 2003 (Year 10 and above)

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Sunday 5th November 2017 at the very latest. Session dates to be advised.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are now 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 30th September/ 1st October 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
Collection: £1,335.80
Holy Cross
Collection: £87.92
Most Holy Redeemer:
Collection: £ 125.25



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*