



# 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Manuel Felix Drummond RIP  
 11am Mass Gerald and Kathleen Deane- Bowers RIP  
 6pm Mass Guiseppa Di Maria RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*  
 9.00 am Mass John Baker RIP

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

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30 am Mass- The Byrne Family Intention

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

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

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July- feria

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

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – St Henry

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

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Kathleen and Seamus Burke RIP

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

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

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ....

In September I will conclude these two phenomenal years spent with you here at Bishop's Stortford, Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth. This is a very difficult time and to say goodbye is not my cup of tea. I notice in myself the growing temptation of looking only at my failures during my time of service here: 'If only I had said this.... done that... written this... met this person... said it in this way...' I find this truly hard. Yet my spiritual director, a holy man, once said to me: 'when we fail, one of our biggest fears is what others will think. We don't realise however that when we fail, God learns nothing new about us. He is not disappointed by our fall, as if it was unexpected.' Words of wisdom, indeed. God's feeling towards us, his regard for us is exactly the same as before.

Thanks to the love, patience and friendship of you all, these two remarkable years have been an incredibly powerful experience for me. I consider it to be a great privilege to have been able to dedicate so much time to this parish, and, in particular, to so many amazing people like you. Truly, I have learnt a lot, and since day one I have been warmly welcomed, especially by Fr Peter and Debbie, and on every side I have received kindness. I can honestly say that 'my cup runneth over.'

I have enjoyed every moment with ups and downs, my loving friends of weekday and weekend Masses, you've been so important to me. In all of you I had everything, I had the motherly figure, the smart English humor and wit, the spiritual guide, the experienced trainer, the eager trainees, the loving children; you can say I had it all, then *why do you leave?* Well, because it's a matter of doing God's will rather than my own. And God wants that I offer myself to many more as I have offered myself to all of you. I begin now a new chapter of my adventure with God, in which I am called to guide, encourage, love and serve other people of God's family through my priestly ministry. I have gained however a great deal from you and I am ready to move forward. You know though that I am going very far, so please keep in touch. Therefore, this is the last chance I have to say to you all, no one excluded, whether you liked me or not, **THANK YOU!** You will be in my prayers, but I ask the same of you: *pray for me.* May God bless you and your family.

*Fr Fortunato Pantisano*

**FATHER PETER** -Cardinal Vincent has appointed Fr Peter as the new Dean of the Lea Valley Deanery, of which we are a part. He is appointed for a term of three years, following Fr John Cunningham of Waltham Cross Parish who has now very generously served the maximum two terms.



**APOLOGIES** that there will be no morning Masses on Tues, Wed, Thurs this week. Fr Peter and Fr Fortunato will both be away for a Retreat Conference but will return Thursday evening. It is increasingly difficult to obtain Priests to cover Masses and on this occasion we have not been able to have a Priest come. Unfortunately this trend will continue as there are fewer active Priests available in their retirement.



Sorry, there will be **NO Teas and Coffee** after Mass at St Joseph's this weekend because of the Parish Family Fun day

**LEARNING SUPPORT VACANCY** – St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a KS2 and an EYFS trained Learning Support Assistant/Nursery Nurse to join our hardworking and dedicated staff. Applicants are required to have a Level 2 or above qualification or relevant experience or a Level 3 and full PFA certificate if applying for EYFS. Please contact Mrs Gillian Napier, Headteacher via her PA, Carol Branch on 01992 463549 for further information and a school application form.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL** are advertising for a Learning Support Assistant and Cover Supervisor. Please see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for further info.

**FULL OR CO-OPTED GOVERNOR** -Mrs Gillian Napier, Headteacher at St. Augustine's Catholic Primary school in Hoddesdon is looking for a person with Building expertise and another with Human Resources skills to join the Governing Body full time or when expertise is needed. She would appreciate you contacting her via the parish office or at school on 01992 463549

**WED AFTERNOON GROUP** is meeting on Wednesday July 19th at Doreen's house, 12 Salisbury Close from 2 p.m. We're hoping it will not be too wet or too hot for the garden! Everyone very welcome... bring a friend! Ring Doreen on 325326 or Jill on 657575 for information / lifts etc.

**CLEANER VACANCY** -St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for a cleaner to join their team from September, 3.30pm to 5.30pm weekdays, term time only with possible overtime during school holidays. Please contact Nicola McManus 01279 652576

[sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk) for an application form.



## 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](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk) or call 01279 654063 if interested.



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

Tea & coffee is enjoyed in the Parish Centre (WCC) at St Joseph's most weeks after the Sunday 9am & 11am Mass. It is a lovely way for our Parishioners new and old to get to know each other, over a cuppa, with biscuits and sometimes cake! Unfortunately the number of our 11am Mass volunteer helpers has reduced recently so we are appealing for some more help please. **If you are able to help just once a month by going on our 'Refreshment rota' we would be very grateful.** Please contact Vanessa Calladine via the Parish Office for more information. Thank you



## THE ECUMENICAL CONCORD

**GROUP** at HOLY CROSS will be going to Stonor Park on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July day to celebrate a joint service in the pre-Reformation chapel and to enjoy a tour of this ancient home of the Stonor family.

**THE HOLY CROSS SUMMER PARTY** will be held at Blaise and Susanna Morris's home, Old Hall Farm, Much Hadham after Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**A QUIET DAY** is planned at St Elizabeth's Centre on August 4. It will be conducted by Sister Gillian Price. For further details contact Hope Gilbert 01279842206.

**MUCH HADHAM MESSY CHURCH** will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 4pm in the Congregational Church open to all children in Much Hadham



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Collections 1st / 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*

Collection: £1153.55/ Standing Orders June Total £8436.84

*Holy Cross*

Collection: £40.98 / Standing Orders: June Total £790

*Most Holy Redeemer:*

Collection: £186.01 / Standing Orders June Total £678.33

Sacramental Preparation



**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*