





# 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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Live streaming from St Joseph's: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)  
Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Fernando Neto Baptista RIP  
11am Mass Mike Frost RIP  
6pm Mass Philip Wallam RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – Beryl Basey RIP  
Baptism – Maya Greenwood

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- In Thanksgiving- Father Fortunato

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – The Most Holy Name of Mary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Christopher Pope RIP

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Pat Sharkey RIP

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- The Gallogly Family Intention

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Gillian Mary Tingey RIP

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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. Thank you very much.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The time has come for me to leave. This is the last chance I have to say once again Thank you!

Thank you Fr Peter for being a father, a brother in the priesthood and a friend to me. You've taught me how to be much kinder with people and much happier in my ministry; I will treasure this for rest of my life. Thank you Mrs Debbie Jackson, I will never have enough words to compensate for the amazing support and rich experience I gained from your great insights and from your joyful willingness to help. Thank you to Mrs Debbie Hourihan and her fantastic team for having organised and performed an unbelievable and superb farewell event last weekend. Thank you to everyone: to those who have many commitments for the flourishing of our parish community, but also to those who just listened, as you attended Mass every weekend, to my long and boring homilies. Thank you for being patient, caring and generous to me in so many ways, you have been truly a family for me. Thank you for all the cards and offering you are going to give me, but please do not worry at all if you can't do it. The best gift you can all give me is: A PRAYER. Keep me in your prayers, I myself assure you of mine for you and your family. May God Bless you all.

Fr Fortunato



**PARISH WINE TASTING EVENT** on 22 September **Final few tickets for sale** are available after Mass this and next weekend subject to availability. Just bring yourselves - maybe a friend or two - and a few nibbles/soft drinks to enjoy an evening of tasting and socialising in the WCC at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each after Mass or from Alison Gornall on 07880 946085 or Stephen Craston on 07738607678.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Deadline for the next edition is **Friday 22nd September**. Copy will be much appreciated - kindly email items for inclusion to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave in the Parish Office.

**PARISH FAMILY WALK - Sunday, 24 September:** meet from 1.15pm at Maltings Lane (next to Holy Cross Church SG10 6AW) to walk at 2pm via Much Hadham to Green Tye stopping at the Prince of Wales pub for refreshments, or bring your own. For further details contact Fiona Collings on 01279 501948 or 07790444130.

**DIARY REMINDER – PARISH BARN DANCE – Friday 14 October.** Tickets on sale shortly

## Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2018



Thank you to everyone who has submitted their application form. We hope to have 71 Children join our programme.

Letters containing more information will be sent out this week.

Advance notice - There will be a Parents meeting on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Centre**

**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 31/10/17

**ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene will give a full power point presentation on their recent visit to St. Lawrence's Community, Zambia on Tuesday 26th September at 7p.m. in the Windhill Churches Centre in Bishops Stortford. Everyone welcome!

**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/> for info.

**WALK WITH ME** - a workshop for Catholic parents and other family members of LGBT people, on Sat. 23 Sept, organised by the LGBT Catholics Westminster Younger Adults Group, with input from the Chaplain, Mgr. Keith Barltrop. Pre-booking required. Further details provided on registration: <http://www.lgbtcatholicsvag.org.uk/workshop-2017>

**RETROUVAILLE** is a programme for Married Couples who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships, or who may already be 'Separated' or 'Divorced'. The next 'Retrouvaille Programme' takes place on the weekend of, 15th-17th September in Welwyn Garden Contact in confidence : email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel 07973 380443 (to speak to Julie & Gearoid Tel 07887 296938 (to speak to Michael & Frances)

**JUNIOR CHOIR** - at 9am Mass in St. Joseph's is open to any child in year 3 or above. Come down to see any one of the music ministry team before or after Mass to find out more. We practice twice a month after Mass at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

A Word of Thanks.....

I wish to thank everyone for making me feel welcome during the past week. It was also a great joy to meet so many of you at the Party on 2 September. I am sure that we will know more of each other during the next few weeks and months. Please do forgive me if I forget your name in the beginning; but as time progresses, I am sure that I will manage to do so. Please pray for me that I may serve you as the Lord wishes. Be assured that you are in mine. Just in case you have not been able to speak with me. I am 27 years old and a native from New York, USA. My parents are from Ecuadorian and Cuban origin. I was recently ordained a priest on 24 June 2017 at Westminster Cathedral.

Fr. Carlos

**ORDINATION CARDS** remembering the day of Fr. Carlos' ordination are available for anyone who wishes to have one. There are also cards available in Italian and Spanish, for those who would prefer in those languages. Just collect one, or maybe two, on your way out.

**A JEWISH REFLECTION ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS** -Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford are hosting a presentation by a leading scholar, Rabbi Hillel Gruber, followed by a discussion with local Christian Paul Burrell, to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 18th September in the Ferguson Lecture Theatre, Bishop's Stortford College. Booking is not required; there will be a suggested minimum donation of £5 to cover expenses; the building is adjacent to the Memorial Hall and accessed from the College Main Entrance or from Maze Green Road

**CAFOD** - You are invited to join CAFOD next Saturday 16 September for an inspiring meeting from 10am to 12noon. The meeting will include a first- hand account of our work in El Salvador from Clare Dixon from our Latin America team. Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London, N14 4HE.

**ADVANCE NOTICE -ST ELIZABETHS** Christmas Bazaar Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon – 4pm. Craft stalls BBQ, afternoon tea & live music.

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Thank you  
Collections 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:  
Collection: £1,342.75  
Holy Cross  
Collection: £51.35  
Most Holy Redeemer:  
Collection: £ 129.55

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 Applications Closed  
Confirmation: Applications for 2018 open in the autumn

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