

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 11th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass – People of the Parish
- 11am Mass - Kathleen Sawyer RIP
- 6pm Mass - Colin Stewart RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

- 9.30am Mass

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

- 11.00am Mass

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Monday 12th October – St Wilfrid, Bishop

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Georg Peter Harald Hofmaier RIP

Tuesday 13th October – St Edward the Confessor

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Ronald Leeming RIP

Wednesday 14th October – St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Sarah McDonagh RIP

Thursday 15th October- St Teresa of Jesus

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass- Sr Lina Private Intention

Friday 16th October – St Hedwig, Religious

- NO MASS**
- 12.30 Marriage - Louise Martin & Daniel Jacklin

Saturday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch

- 5.15-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – Peggy Nugent RIP

Mass requests: Please fill in the envelope provided, the date and time you would like the Mass with a contact number and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill.

St Mary's School Admissions

Applicants for St Mary's School 2016 will need to obtain a priests reference form. This is provided by school or can be downloaded from their website. It consists of two parts, "A" and "B". Applicants should fully complete Part "A" and the name and address parts in the box at the top of Part "B"

Fr Peter has now been able to arrange his summer holiday and will be away in October. However he is making special arrangements to sign these forms. Therefore ALL FORMS must be received at No. 3 Windhill by **Midnight TUESDAY 13th**

OCTOBER 2015.

They will be sent to Fr Peter on the Wednesday for signing, he will return them to the parish office and they will then be posted back to you. A stamped addressed envelope would be most welcomed.

If you miss this date then Fr Peter will not be able to help you as he will be out of the country until Saturday 31st October! Part "A" requires you to make a declaration about how often you come to Mass. For the purposes of this form your family is expected to attend Mass weekly, although of course you may be away for holidays etc. If you regularly attend Mass at an ethnic chaplaincy, then you should take the form there, not to Fr Peter. If you do not generally attend weekly, then Fr Peter cannot state that you are a practising Catholic. Since the form is part of the legal admissions process he cannot tell lies on it.

Thank you to Mike Carroll who took some stunning photographs of the Autumn Fayre due to be published in the Observer newspaper. Please see the link below. <http://www.hertsandsexobserver.co.uk/pictures/wonderful-world-St-Joseph-s-Church-autumn-fair/pictures-27915087-detail/pictures.html>

Changes to Mass times from Sunday 1st November 2015

Most Holy Redeemer – Sunday Mass will be 9am (instead of 9.30)
Holy Cross – Sunday Mass will be 11.15am instead of 11.00)
St Joseph's Mass times will remain unchanged and as published



On Sunday 6 September, Pope Francis appealed to Catholic communities to reach out to individuals affected by the refugee crisis. Our Diocese is responding to this appeal by helping us to prepare ourselves to work in partnership with local authorities on the provision of accommodation as appropriate. They are also meeting with Catholic, Christian and faith organisations, including the Caritas Social Action Network and the Jesuit Refugee Service UK, to establish a strategy for working with refugees to ensure that they receive the help and support that they need.

Our parish can join in offering this support. When refugees arrive in the UK, they will not only need accommodation, but a range of other services to help them to adjust to life in the UK, and to recover from the traumas of the Syrian war. The Catholic community in the Diocese of Westminster has the generosity, skills and dedication to help contribute to the services that will be needed. These services will include, but are not limited to:

- * Help with languages, including interpreting and ESOL
- * Legal advice
- * Medical services
- * Befriending
- * Basic necessities, such as clothing, shoes, toiletries, food parcels, toys etc.

There is a spreadsheet now in each of our churches to record the details of potential volunteers, and it would be a great help if you were to offer your skills on this sheet. Once we know the kind of assistance our parish is able to provide, the Diocese will be able to develop an effective strategy which makes use of the resources available.

The Diocese will be regularly updating their website www.rcdow.org.uk/caritas

with developments in our response to the crisis. Whilst we are making plans to receive refugees in the Diocese of Westminster, if any of us would like to send aid to migrants abroad, the CAFOD website

www.cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Migrant-crisis-Q-A

has further information. The charity "Seeking Sanctuary" www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com

are also coordinating collections for migrants in Calais and would be very grateful for donations.



Encounter Programme 2015-2016: Meetings on the last Friday of each month; please pick up the current programme with full details from the Parish Office, WCC if you are interested. Enquiries: B/S 652060

Parish events & notices listed this week – Please see the notice board for more...

6/10- Tuesday Group start 'Love Divine' course at WCC
16-18 /Oct Performing Arts weekend– Welwyn Gn. City



St Mary's Catholic School have several vacancies – including an English teaching post, 2nd in charge of Mathematics role, a Fulltime PA and a part time assistant caretaker please see the school website for more details



J & P Group Autumn lunch: Friday 16th October, 12 noon – 1.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Windhill. Soup; bread & cheese; tea & coffee – all for £3.00. Proceeds to the SVP for its work in Nepal.



St Joseph's Junior choir is open to all children in year 3 or above. No experience necessary. We sing at the 9am Mass and rehearse on alternate Sundays at 10.30am in the parish centre. Parents are asked to remain on the premises during rehearsal-lots of tea and coffee downstairs while you wait! Rehearsals for new members this half term are on 18/10. Contact Kate on 508595.



Wednesday Afternoon Group will be meeting at Jill's house, 60 Mazoe Road, from 2 p.m. for tea/coffee, cakes, discussion of Christmas dinner arrangements ...etc on Oct.21st. Everyone is very welcome. For more info./ lifts etc please ring Doreen on

325326 or Jill on 657575 .

Christmas cards on sale after Weekend Mass

St Josephs – For Aid to the Church in Need. Our penny jar collection is also for this charity.

Holy Cross – In aid of the Dalit charity for the Jesuit Mission school at Manvi india

St Josephs repository also has a very good stock of cards and gifts

St Elizabeths Fund Raiser 'Music from the Big screen' at the Rhodes theatre- 30 Oct at 7.30pm a concert by the Royal Air Force National Cadet band

Special Collection at all churches in the Parish 18th October World Mission Sunday

Diocesan Mass count at all Masses 4, 11, 18, & 25 Oct



Thinking about the Priesthood?

There will be a Come and See Retreat Day Saturday 24th October at Allen Hall Seminary. For Men (aged 18+). It is essential to register in advance. Contact Fr Stokes on vocations@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7349 5624



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

Parish Office: 01279 654063

Parish Centre Bookings:
bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk

Child Protection: Childline 0800 11 11

SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 3rd & 4th October 2015

St Josephs and the English Martyrs

Collection: £1191.77 Standing Orders: £1278

Holy Cross

Collection: £122.85 Standing Orders: £220

Most Holy Redeemer

Collection: £242.24 Standing Orders: £82



Sacramental Preparation

Sacrament of Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: For all enquiries call the Parish Office or email (see above).

Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: St Joseph's applications are now closed for 2016.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Details available in the Autumn.