





# 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*  
 Parish Priest: Fr Peter Harris • Assistant Priest: Fr Fortunato Pantisano

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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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Thanksgiving Christina Njenga  
 11am Mass Margaret Hanley RIP  
 6pm Mass Racial Justice

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*  
 9.00am Mass People of the Parish  
*Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):*  
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish

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

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – John and Margaret Galvin RIP

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St John Chrysostom

**NO 6.30am MASS**  
 9.30am Mass Those who are Sick and Housebound

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

**NO MASS**

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

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
**NO MASS**  
*Most Holy Redeemer*  
**NO 12.30 MASS**

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – St Cornelius

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass Private Intentions

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 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 Thomas Barr 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.  
 Thank you very much.

**GROW** – is an ecumenical Christian Youth fellowship aimed at Year 8 and above and gives local young people of all denominations an opportunity to come together to socialise, study God's word, have fun and praise Him together!! We'd love it if you could join us to catch up with friends and who knows, maybe make some new ones! ☺ **The next event will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 7pm till 9:30pm** at the Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road, CM23 3LJ It would be helpful if we had an idea of numbers before the night, so, if you can, please let Garry know if you are coming by contacting him at the Baptist Church on 01279 836695 or [associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org](mailto:associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org)  
**A MASS OF THANKSGIVING** for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Friday 16 September 2016 at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral.  
**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE 4th – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
 7 Nights Half Board in 4 Star apartments and Airport Transfers: £236. Book early for low cost flights from London to Split Tel. Jackie on 020 3239 8662 or [jackie@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:jackie@med-irishcentre.com). Also for 2017.

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER TRIP TO THE "CALAIS JUNGLE" - On Thursday the 22nd of September, Caritas Westminster will be sending a team of staff and volunteers to visit the Jungle in Calais. The team will be working with Brother Johannes Maertens who founded the Mother Maria Skobtsova House of Hospitality based in Calais. Please help by donating food clothes and toiletries (see list in the Information Area at the back of the Church) to St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burrough's, Hendon, London NW4 4TY Or call: 0207 931 6077**

**GIFT AID CLAIM APPROVED** - Good news, our 2015-16 Gift Aid claim for St Joseph's has been approved, for £25,669.13. We have also received £23,000 from our Growing in Faith Campaign to which so many of you were very generous – 20% of all donations comes back to us to help pay for our new accessible toilets. Thank you.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**, is holding its Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. The Headteacher, Mr. Celano, will be giving presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Hall. All parents with children currently in Year 6 are very welcome.



**TOGETHER HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help feed, welcome, befriend, protect and support those who need to access the hall between December and March. If you feel that you would like to help please contact 01279 507464 or email: [megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk)

### RCIA 2016/17

Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? Are you 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, boyfriend or neighbour? COME and JOIN the Journey of Faith at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford which starts on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Please contact Fr Fortunato at [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk) to pre-register or call 01279 654063

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION 2** – There will be the second session of Altar Servers training on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 with Father Fortunato. Training at Most Holy Redeemer will commence at 10.30am and Holy Cross at 12 noon

### ST MARY'S MOTOR SHOW – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 11am – 4pm

A Great family day out with attractions, rides and stalls. Visit the dealership's latest models and exhibitors' cars. This year 'The Batmobile' will be present! Visit [www.stmarysmotorshow.co.uk](http://www.stmarysmotorshow.co.uk)

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** - Applicants for St Mary's School 2017 will need 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**. Part of the application 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. All applications will be processed after 1<sup>st</sup> October when Fr Peter returns from his break and certificates, if granted, posted to you, so that you can send in your completed application to the school by their deadline of 31 October 2016

### Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** began on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! During this time there will be **NO TOILETS** available at the Church. Toilets will be available during Mass times in the Parish Centre – so **PLEASE** make sure you "Go before you come"!! In the next couple of months we expect the **High Altar** and its Baldachino (Canopy) to be cleaned and, possibly, the marble walls of the Sanctuary.

*Thank you to all our donors*

**PARISH MAGAZINE** Deadline for the next issue is Friday 23rd September. Copy will be most welcome; please e-mail items for inclusion to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office.

**ENCOUNTER PROGRAMME 2016-2017** now available at back of church with the newspapers. All welcome to attend for one or more meetings. Enquiries: 652060 or **659371**  
**JUNIOR CHOIR** for Yr 3 and above will rehearse on 11/9, 25/9 and 9/10 this half term. We meet at 10.30am in the Parish centre for 30 mins. No experience needed but we do ask that your child is able to read hymn words independently. If your child would like to try playing an instrument with us, please encourage them to come along and have a go! Please see Kate at 9am Mass for more info.  
**WEDNESDAY GROUP... New season.** Please join us for 'spud and pud' lunch on Sept 21st from 12 noon in the Windhill Centre. Donations for lunch for the YMCA (to help support some of the young people of our town,) and a raffle (with the usual amazing prizes !!!!) Everyone is very welcome. Ring Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575 for info, otherwise just turn up.

**ENCOUNTER** next meet on Fri.30 Sept at Windhill Churches Centre **'Just me: and the Salvation Army'** Led by Lieutenant Megan Lowe, Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army Corps. **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** shared lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

**CATHOLIC SPEED DATING** is back on 16 September, but we are looking for a few more men to sign up! Details: 16 September, 7:30 'til late with a £5 donation, at Austin Forum, St Augustine's Church W6 8AU. If interested please contact [gabriella@austin-forum.org](mailto:gabriella@austin-forum.org)



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Collections 3/4 September 2016  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1373.02 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £TBC Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £226.41 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 will open late 2016 for 2017

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*