



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 12th February 2017 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass John Nolan RIP
 11am Mass Private Intention of Polina
 12.30pm Baptism Sophia Roussel
 Julian Skoczynski
 6pm Mass Nancy Mc Mullen RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Elaine Vowles RIP

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

Monday 13th February –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Private Intention of Victor

Tuesday 14th February St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Brendan Bruen RIP

Wednesday 15th February-feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Joseph Smith RIP

Thursday 16th February –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 10am Requiem Mass – Giovanna Gimigliano RIP

Friday 17th February–Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Rita Murphy RIP

Saturday 18th February– Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 3pm - Special Mass for the Sick – Bishop Mc Aleenan
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Peter Beltrami 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.

Applicants for St Joseph's Nurse 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A turquoise 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.** The Certificate will be posted to you.
 The School deadline for applications is Friday 17th March 2017

HELPING WITH THE STONE AND MARBLE CLEANING IN THE SANCTUARY AT ST JOSEPH'S – Thank you for the wonderful response last week – we have received a number of envelopes back already and most of them were taken – there are just a few left if you would like to help.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- This year the Women's World Day of Prayer has been written by the Christian Women of the Philippines. One service is to be at All Saint's Hockerill, organised by churches together, on Friday 3rd March at 10-30 am. If anyone would like to attend the Bishop's Stortford service and needs a lift, please phone Marie Grace 657598, or Marie Rhodes 656482. There will also be another Women's World Day of Prayer Service held on Friday, 3rd March but in St. James Church in High Wych at 10a.m. All are very welcome.

PARISH OFFICE – The Office will be closed for 4 days from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th February inclusive. Please email any notices for next week's newsletter by Monday at Midday – Thank you
CATHOLIC QUALIFIED TEACHER REQUIRED AT ST ELIZABETHS (full-time or part-time). A unique opportunity to help develop and promote the distinctive Christian ethos of a long established Catholic educational/social care charity, (School, College, Residential & Nursing Care) Excellent career opportunity and/or a unique chance to do something very special! Teachers' contract/pension – Excellent pay/benefits. Visit "Working with us" at www.stelizabeths.org.uk Closing date 3 March 2017.

ARE YOU A SOCIAL/ HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION OR BUSINESS/ MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL (e.g. Finance, Legal, Property, HR, IT) **able to help on our voluntary committees?** (6 meetings p.a.) Overseeing a thriving charity (£19m turnover and 650 staff) A rewarding opportunity to contribute to the Catholic community.
 Contact: ceo@stelizabeths.org.uk

PARISH MAGAZINE- Deadline for the next edition is **FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY**. Please e-mail items astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office



CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017.

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to receive an invitation please send the following details to the Parish Office as soon as possible and **by 20th March please:** Husband and Wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail address (or a telephone number if no e-mail)

BISHOPS STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER HOUSE GROUPS DURING LENT 2017 Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent 2017 and need offers both to host and to lead groups. Each group will run for five weeks, on a chosen day of the week, a.m., p.m. or evening, with the first meeting in the week of Mon 6th - Fri 10th March and the last in the week of Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April. Offers to host and/or lead please to Jill Beardwood, 01279 655804, jill_beardwood@hotmail.com (If you would like to join a group but not host or lead it, kindly await a further announcement.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR Group 124 HCPT LOURDES – There will be a retiring collection this weekend at St Josephs for HCPT Lourdes (Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage) Please give generously to help this worthy cause.

PARISH PANCAKES Join us on Shrove Tuesday, 28th Feb. from 12 noon in the Parish Centre for a jacket potato (and filling) and pancakes. Donations for CAFOD clean water campaign, raffle, amazing prizes. Wed. Group people, please note that this lunch will take the place of meeting on the 3rd Wed. Feb. 15th. Information and details from Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575.

This month's Novena will be on Monday 27th February after Mass at St Joseph's. Everyone is welcome



CONGRATULATIONS and MANY HAPPY RETURNS to Father Peter who celebrates his birthday this week.



SPECIAL PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK CELEBRATED BY BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN, Bishop in Hertfordshire, will be coming to the Parish for an Episcopal Visitation on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop. He will be at St Joseph's for the weekend of Feb 18/19 and at Most Holy Redeemer and at Holy Cross for Sunday Feb 26. During this he will be meeting with members of the Parish in the different Churches, especially those with particular responsibilities.

As part of the Visitation of the whole Parish, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be celebrating a Special Mass for the Sick in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 3pm.

During the Mass there will be the opportunity for those in need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Following the Mass there will be refreshments served at the back of the Church and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

We would like to extend a personal invitation to you in the hope that you may like to join us for our celebration.

If you would like to come, we would be very grateful if you would please complete and return an RSVP slip located at the back of each Church or telephone Debbie in the Parish Office on 01279 654063 by **Friday 10th February 2017**. If you require assistance with transport, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** on St Joseph's Feast Day: **Sunday, 19 March at 12noon** in the Parish Centre. **Sunday, 9 July** is the date this year for a **Parish Family Fun Day** in the Parkland behind the WCC. A wine tasting event will be on 22 Sept, a Barn dance on 14 October, a Bring and Share Supper 25 November and a Winter Lunch on 3 December. Further details will be given nearer the time.



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Collections 5th February 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1300.20/ Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £58.60/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £264.98/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£33.35



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*