



# 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass – Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP  
11am Mass – Mary Kearnes RIP  
6pm Mass – Candidates for the Sacraments

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass

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

11.15am Mass

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass – Eugene O Donnell RIP

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass – Dorothy Flannery RIP  
12.30 Mass at Most Holy Redeemer, S'worth

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass – Special Intention for Mark

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland

**6.30 AM** Mass – The Needy and Hungry of the World  
9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass – Christopher & Philomena Cummings RIP

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Mass – Teresa and Mary Cannon RIP

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese

5.15 – 5.45pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass Colin Stewart RIP

### Mass requests

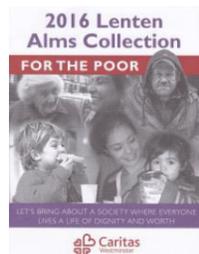
Please fill in the envelope provided, the date & time you would like the Mass with a contact number/ E-mail address and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill.  
Thank you very much.

## LENT INITIATIVES

There are a number of opportunities for members of the Parish to be involved in the different "pillars" of Lent. There is the **CAFOD annual Lenten Fast Day** - envelopes are available at the back of our Churches.



There is also **the annual Lenten Collection for the Diocese** which the Cardinal has asked this year to go to Caritas, the Diocesan agency that works so hard with those who are poor, in many different ways, in the Diocese. There are envelopes for this also available.



So, these are both opportunities that you might like to take up if you are still looking for something that involves "Almsgiving".

**An Ecumenical service of Stations of the Cross** – at 5 pm in St Andrew's Holy Cross on Monday 21 March.

**Day of Recollection Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March** led by Sr Judith Russi at St Theresa's Parish Centre Stansted Mass at 9.30am in the Church. 10.15am Coffee and welcome, 11am talk and discussion 12.30-1.30pm lunch, 1.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Confession, 2.30pm Benediction. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided

**Found Property** - There have been a number of items (toys and clothing) left in the Church over the last few months, these have now been taken to the WCC found property box and will be donated to charity if not eventually claimed.

*"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."*



**St Joseph's Feast day celebration Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March.** Bring & share supper at 7pm. All welcome Please bring a dish to share and drop off from 5.15pm in the WCC. before Mass.



**LOURDES JULY 24-30<sup>th</sup> 2016** - If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year as a parish group, please sign the list at the back of church to receive the booking form which contains all the relevant info Patrick & Pauline Haynes. 652411

**St Joseph's Parish walk.** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Due to popular demand we will be doing the Much Hadham walk again leaving from St Andrews/Holy Cross Church at 2pm. We will stop for refreshments on the way. **All welcome.** Approx. 4 miles, sensible shoes advised. Contact Fiona 01279 501948

**Encounter** meet next Fri. 18 March at St Theresa's Stansted 'A Holy Week reflection: The things Jesus carried; lessons we can take for Holy Week in words, poetry and music' led by Kate Barrance. Come ready to describe a special occasion; what you wore; what you provided for it... **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** shared lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries or lift required: B/S 652060/BS 656482

**Newspapers and Magazines** – Unfortunately due to lack of sales and associated costs we have had to take the decision to cancel our weekly deliveries of 'The Tablet', The Catholic Herald, The Catholic Times and the Novena magazine to St Josephs. We apologise for this. All are available for private subscription either directly through the relevant publication itself, internet or local newsagent.

**PARISH GOLF DAY – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at Manor of Groves Golf Club in High Wych- we will be raising funds for all three Churches and welcome golfers who may be joining us for the first time from Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth. The day will begin from 1pm with rolling tea and coffee and bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf on this splendid course and a two course meal and presentations in the evening. All for £50 per person. Guests for evening meal only will be £20. Contact David Wilkinson on 07876 391050 or Angela Tyson on 07940 584225 for info There are Entry forms at the back of all churches.

**Tea... Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at 60 Mazoe Road from 2.15 p.m. Join us for tea/ cakes/ crumpets.... and chat. Everyone welcome. Contact Jill 657575 if you need information or transport.



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Collections 5/6<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
St Josephs and the English Martyrs  
Collection: £ 1534.06 Standing Orders: £1278  
Holy Cross  
Collection: £110.40 Standing Orders: £220  
Most Holy Redeemer  
Collection: £93.40 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 - Recruiting now completed at the 3 Churches**  
**Confirmation:** now closed for 2016

## Planned Giving Envelopes for Tax Year starting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016:

The new Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for you to collect (from the old information area at the back of the church) on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. Your new envelopes will have the same number as before, and the boxes will be arranged in numerical order. The new envelopes must NOT be used until the weekend of 9/10 April.

**Gift Aid:** The Tax Year ends on 5<sup>th</sup> April and we will be submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2015/16 soon after that. If you are registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible because you will have stopped paying UK Income Tax before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 it is important that you let us know immediately, with the date that you stopped paying tax. You can let us know by email at [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk), a note to No 3, or phone 01279 654063 (10am to 3pm) & leave a message.

**Planned Giving:** Our weekly Offertory Collections are currently 10% lower than a year ago. So that we can maximise our income and help to pay for the daily running of the Church and Parish we would encourage those of you who are not already members of our Planned Giving scheme to join – application cards are available at the back of the church. Contributions can be made using weekly envelopes or by Standing Order – which is more efficient for both the donor and the parish. Standing Order Forms are also available at the back of the church. If you are a UK Tax Payer and not already registered for Gift Aid, we would urge you to do so. This will enable the parish to obtain an additional 25p for every £1 that you contribute – with no cost to yourself. Last year St. Joseph's parish claimed back over £26,000 in Gift Aid. To register you will need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, available from the back of the church.

**Saturday 16 April, 7pm** – Harlow Chorus 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at Chelmsford Cathedral, including Fanshawe's *African Sanctus*. If interested in tickets / coach, please contact Alan Hodgson on 01279 600430, [alanhodgson599@btopenworld.com](mailto:alanhodgson599@btopenworld.com), ASAP



**Congratulations** to the staff and pupils of St Mary's Catholic School who following their examination performance are now placed in the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England.

*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.*