



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 March 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Hannah Loughran RIP
 11am Mass Julie Harper RIP
 6pm Mass Lena Carling RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Frank Fahy RIP

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

Monday 13th March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Patricia Swann RIP

Tuesday 14th March- Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Support for Persecuted Christians

Wednesday 15th March- Lent feria

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

Thursday 16th March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30am Mass – Private Intentions
 9.30am Mass – Brendan Markey RIP

Friday 17th March– St Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Stephanie Gavin RIP
 2pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 18th March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Michael Courtney 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. Thank you very much.

Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace' - 1 Peter 4:10

St Joseph's has a long history of being a spiritual centre in the lives of many people. Periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith is an important part of spiritual growth and Christian discipleship; giving thanks to God first and foremost!

This weekend we launch a Planned Giving appeal for St Joseph's. Over the coming weeks we want **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today, please take an appeal newsletter as you leave St Joseph's. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and our needs over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass at St Joseph's today.

A DATE FOR YOUR GOLFING DIARY! Calling all golfers from Holy Cross at St Andrews, Much Hadham, Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth and St Joseph's Bishop's Stortford. It's time for our annual charity golf day and this year it's on **Friday 19th May 2017 at the Manor of Groves in High Wych**. We were very lucky with the weather last year and have booked it again for this year!! Please contact David Wilkinson (wilkinsondavid@mac.com), Bertie Napier (bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk), Ben Livermore (ben.livermore@caring-people.com) or Angela Tyson (angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) for further info and/or an Entry Form .Any raffle prize donations would be very welcome.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! TO SIGN UP TO THE STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS. Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent. The groups last year were very successful and allowed members of different churches to get to know each other. The groups will run for five weeks, from Monday March 6th 2017 to Friday April 7th 2017. There are five groups as follows: Mon afternoons in Oaklands Park, Mon evenings in Rochford Rd, Tues mornings in Stansted Rd, Wed evenings in Wetherfield Stansted, Thur evenings in Heath Row. If interested can you kindly enter your details on the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church information area or alternatively contact Tony Davies at tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or (01279) 465200.

AND THE MUCH HADHAM ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP meets in the Sports Pavilion on Lenten Wednesdays on March 8. 15. 22. 29 and April 5 at 11am

HERTS MIND NETWORK – Lucy and Abigail Jones will be running the Cambourne 10k on 2 April 2017 in memory of Becky Jones RIP to raise much needed funds for MIND, the mental health charity. If you would like to help sponsor them please see their just giving page or sponsor form at the back of St Josephs <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/A-JONES-SCRAMBLED-LEGS>

SLEEP ROUGH SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO – Debbie the parish administrator will be taking part in the YMCA Sleep easy on 24th March spending a night sleeping rough to increase awareness of the issue of youth homelessness and to raise funds to support the YMCA East Herts mission of enabling vulnerable young people to belong, contribute and thrive. If you would like to sponsor her please see the online link or sponsor form at the back of the Church. Every donation, no matter how small really counts <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/debbiejackson> Thank you very much.

LAMPEDUSA CROSS- Lea Valley Deanery event at 4pm Sunday 19th March, The Church of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph, Ware. The Lampedusa Crosses are made from fragments of migrant boats wrecked off the island. One of these Crosses will be the focus of the Cafod prayer service for migrants and refugees to be held at Ware, followed by refreshments in the new Parish Centre. Suitable for all ages and an opportunity for the Deanery Parishes to meet up. Please come and add your prayers for those who are suffering far from home.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY APPLICANTS 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

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: *next* Sunday, 19 March 12pm. If you can come to our annual celebration, please see our sign-up list at the back of St Joseph's Church and add your name and the dish you wish to bring to share with your fellow parishioners. If you are not sure what to bring, you could choose from some suggestions we have made. Thank you. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

PASSION PLAY FOR LENT Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford will be presenting a 'Riding Lights' Cross light Passion Play for Lent on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Charis Centre. Tickets are £12 / £10 Concessions and are available from Debbie in the Parish Office or Box Office 07487 328972 or www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/32161084670
ENCOUNTER meet on Fri.24 March at Windhill Churches Centre .Sr Judith Russi SSMN will lead a day of reflection for Lent.10am coffee 10.30 meeting opens **12.45** Bring food for shared lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP will be meeting on March 22nd at 60, Mazoe Road from 2 p.m. Everyone welcome for cakes, drinks and conversation. Please ring Doreen on 325326 for information (we know this is the 4th not the 3rd Wed.!! Apologies for the change)

COME AND SEE - becoming a Permanent Deacon. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, Golders Green, NW11 7NE on Saturday 25th March from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS for Lent & Easter 2017: 'Lent Extra' plus other reading material to reflect upon during Lent, are at the back of St Joseph's Church & in the repository .“Walk With Me” booklets £1 available at all 3 Churches

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

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** for 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-wide 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 - 3 Dec.



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Collections 4/5th March 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1540.03 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £86.00/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £163.05/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£20 /£115



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*