





# 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass      Rose Magri RIP  
11am Mass     Bill Ham and Henry Nash RIP  
6pm Mass      John Mc Carthy RIP

**Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):**  
9.00 am Mass – Frederick Umerah Snr RIP

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

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30 am Mass – Jonathan Bramall RIP

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am- Mass – Samer Tominna RIP

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass – Jerry O' Sullivan RIP

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am- Mass – Phillip Gallagher RIP

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – St Hilda Abbess

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am- Mass – Adrian Barrett RIP

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass – Anthony Watson RIP



### Mass requests

**\*MASS INTENTIONS\*** – Please be aware that all weekend and week day Mass intentions have now been booked for the remainder of the year at St Josephs. There is availability at Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer.

Please call the office to have your loved one remembered in our Bidding prayers

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**—Applicants for Reception Schools in 2018 may like to collect a pink coloured application form for a certificate. It 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 number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The certificate will be posted to you. The closing date for applications to St Josephs School for the reception class is 15 January 2018.

**WINTER LUNCH – 3 December 2017 - 12.30pm-3pm** Our annual invitation is being extended to the Parish's elderly & housebound to a Winter Lunch (with musical accompaniment) to be held in the Windhill Churches' Centre on Sunday, 3 December. You may wish to come yourself, or you may know someone who would welcome the opportunity to join us. If so, invitations are available at the back of Church. Please take one for each guest, complete the cut-off slip and **return it by 22 November** into the box at the back of Church or RSVP via text to Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472.

**DRIVERS NEEDED:** We need to be able to offer lifts from guests' homes to the Centre for our *Winter Lunch on 3 December*. If you can help collect and return our guests, please contact Stephen Craston on 07738607678.

**A CONCERT AT ST JOSEPHS-** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm in St Joseph's Church with 'The Harmonaires' choral group led by acclaimed soloist, choral MD & Parishioner, Josie Cowley. See poster for info.

**ADVENT FAYRE** - Sunday 3rd Dec. after 9am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer. Cake and Gift Stalls plus 'Theresa's Fabulous Jewellery'

**ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS**—If English is not your first language and you want to improve your communication skills, please contact Sister Ruth for more information. Teaching all levels. £10 per lesson (1 1/2 hours). Lessons run all year. Start anytime.

**TEMPORARY VOLUNTARY HELP REQUIRED** – for the St Josephs Repository after the Sat 6pm & Sun 6pm Mass only, facilitating any sales/ enquiries. If interested please speak with Anne Asser.

**MISSION ANIMATION EVENT** Saturday 18th Nov. Fr Philip Knights & Missio National Office staff will reflect on world mission today & his recent trip to Kenya. The day begins with Mass at 12 pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Royston (SG8 7DB) with a simple buffet lunch in the Parish Centre. While this will be of particular interest to APF Red Box holders, all are very welcome.

**A SERVICE FOR BABY & CHILD LOSS** –Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2.30pm All Saints Church, Hockerill B/S remembering those who died too soon, no matter how long ago your loss or how old your Baby or Child. Parents, Siblings, Grandparents and anyone affected are welcome.

**FINANCE MANAGER VACANCY** at St Marys School. Please see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more info.

**NOVEMBER** is the month of the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at the back of our three Churches for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead.

**WELCOME** to Fr Victor Camilleri, part of the Maltese Chaplaincy and an old friend of Fr Peter, who joins us to celebrate the 9am & 11am Mass at St Josephs this weekend.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** – This weekend we will take a second collection to support the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for are supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick and Retired Priests fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. Donation leaflets are at the back of the Church today. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy- active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** for the Sick, Disabled & Terminally ill in our Parish. Next October we want to take 8 Sick, Disabled and terminally ill to Lourdes via Jumbulance in our parish. We need your help to achieve our £8,500 fundraising target. Every little helps. Please donate either via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/debbie-hourihan](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/debbie-hourihan) or text StJO50 £5 to 70070 to donate £5. By donating you can make a difference to people who need it, your money will help them achieve a trip of a lifetime. Thank you.

**MHR Annual Lunch Sunday 19 November** - at the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club Pavilion. All welcome. Please see poster/list at back of MHR church for more details and to sign up (and pay!), or [mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com](mailto:mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com)

**MHR 100 Club:** Subscriptions for the 2017/18 year are nearly due. Please see flyer at the back of MHR church or contact Alan Hodgson on 01279 600430

**WED AFTERNOON GROUP** will be meeting next on Nov. 15 at 60 Mazoe Road, from 2 p.m. Join us for tea/ coffee, cake and conversation...Hopefully we shall have some information about our Dec. meal together. Everyone welcome. Ring Doreen on 325326 or Jill on 657575 for details. The Christmas lunch has been booked for Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Menu will be available at the afternoon tea. Payment is required by the end of November.

**ENCOUNTER** - meet next Fri 17 Nov in the WCC. "St Lawrence's Community, Zambia." Eugene & Karen Keddy will talk about this remarkable school community in one of the poorest parts of Africa. 10am coffee; 10.20 meeting opens; 12.30 Shared lunch (bring food contribution of own choice); 2pm meeting ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries; BS 656482

**ADVENT TALKS AT HOLY CROSS** – There will be a series of very interesting Advents talks with inspirational guest speakers including Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan on 6, 13 & 20 December at 7.45pm. Please see web site for info.

**SPA CLUB** – The Senior Parish Art Club continues this Wed 15 Nov at 10.30am in the Upper room of the WCC (also on 20/12) Entrance donation £5, all materials provided limited places – please call Monica on 07493 426201 or email [Jacobs.monica@icloud.com](mailto:Jacobs.monica@icloud.com) to book.

## WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR

*'Let us love, not with words but with deeds'*

Pope Francis has designated next Sunday 19th November as a world day when we should all give our minds to doing something positive for the poor. In Bishop's Stortford the Christian Churches are opening a night shelter for the homeless during the cold days of midwinter. To show our parish's support for this project there will be a special collection next Sunday the 19th November. This will help to ensure the homeless are given some hope and happiness at Christmas time.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER-** The winter Night Shelter will re-open in early December at Holy Trinity Church Hall supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. A welcome is provided to "these brothers and sisters of Mine" with hot meals, washing facilities and a safe bed. If you feel you might like to volunteer your help, please e-mail [susan.self@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.self@btinternet.com)

*"Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18)*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday dedicated to all; those who have died in War. The 11am Mass at **St Joseph's** will be a solemn Requiem beginning with the 11am 2 minutes silence. Fr Carlos will be at **Much Hadham** for the 10.50 Wreath laying at the War Memorial and Karin Keddy will represent the congregation of **Sawbridgeworth** at the wreath laying at the War Memorial at Great St Mary's at 3pm



## SACRAMENT OF 1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are still available for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Most Holy Redeemer or Holy Cross and who will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018 Please introduce yourself to Father Peter or Father Carlos after Mass.

*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*



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Collections 4/5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
Collection: £1,561.44  
*Holy Cross*  
Collection: £28.05  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
Collection: £ 133.66



**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** Applications Closed  
**Confirmation:** Applications for 2018 open