



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 15th January 2017-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass Appa and Anma Arulanandan RIP
- 11am Mass Irena Jarmoz Krystyna & Dominik Pietrzak RIP
- 6pm Mass The Byrne Family Special intention

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

Monday 16th January - feria

- 11am Requiem Mass – Christina Bridget Clarke RIP

Tuesday 17th January –St Anthony, Abbot

- 9.30am Mass- Mary and Theresa Cannon RIP

Wednesday 18th January – feria

- 9.30am Mass – Thanksgiving

Thursday 19th January-St Wulstan, Bishop

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass –Canon Charles Acton RIP

Friday 20th January–St Fabian, Pope and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 21st January– St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - Emer and Martin O' Toole Intention



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 very much.



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)

PENNY COLLECTION Thanks to your generosity of parishioners at St Joseph's during 2016, **£983.98** has been sent to "Aid to the Church in Need". This New Year's beneficiary is "Aqua box", a small UK charity that provides filtration equipment to produce clean, safe water both in disaster situations and for on-going community needs - further details in the current Parish Magazine. We hope you will continue to provide your customary support by filling up the penny jar with your loose change at St Joseph's weekend masses

SPUC White Flower Appeal The appeal last week produced donations of £958.92, the second largest amount we have ever raised! to help with the promotion of the Pro-Life message in 2017. Many thanks for your continuing support.

The monthly Novena to Our Lady will start again this month on Tuesday 31st January 2017 after the morning Mass at St Joseph's Church - All welcome.

JUNIOR READING AT THE 9am MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S - A big thank you to all the young people who have been helping with the reading ministry at the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. If your child is in school year 4 or above and would like to help with this ministry please email David Wilkinson on wilkinsondavid@mac.com and we can arrange a training session with a view to including them on the rota after Easter.

WELCOME at St Joseph's this Sunday morning to Canon Stuart Wilson who is the Spiritual Director at Allen Hall, our Diocesan Seminary. Canon Stuart will be preaching on Vocations. He will return on Sunday 29th and celebrate the Masses at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross and preach on Vocations there as well!

FOODBANK- A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has over the past year generously contributed towards the foodbanks at our 3 Churches. It is very much appreciated. The St Joseph's foodbank collection has finished for now but the Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross food banks continue.

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 later this month.)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH CAFOD Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Or maybe you are a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches or presenting assemblies and workshops in schools? Please get in touch with us on westminster@cafod.org.uk or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our Understanding CAFOD information sessions: on Sat 28 January in Stratford E15 and Sat 4 February in Waterloo SE1. The Stratford session has limited places so please contact us early if this is your preferred session.

NEW TOILETS AT ST JOSEPH'S.... – Unfortunately, due to moist baby wipes and a large quantity of excess toilet tissue being flushed down the new toilets, they and the outside drain at St Josephs have become completely blocked in a very short space of time. So that we can keep this new facility fully operational for the good of all and to prevent Father Peter having to 'rod' the toilets again himself to save us a plumbers call out fee!! Please kindly help by not flushing down wipes and other sanitary products and also by being a little more frugal with the loo roll! Thank you.

THANKYOU also to Kate and David Wilkinson who have very generously arranged to have the new St Joseph's toilets twinned with a latrine in Muramba Parish in Uganda. One in three people worldwide do not have a toilet. See www.toilettwinning.org for more details on how you can help.

WORLD PEACE DAY 2017 - Sunday 15th January. Pope Francis' theme for this 50th Peace Sunday is "Non-violence: a style of politics for peace", in which he asks that charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. The full text can be read on-line, but please take a prayer card from the back of the church - a Pax Christi Daily Prayer and the Pope's prayer for Peace Sunday

"Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace".

FAITH FORMATION for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & anyone interested learning more about the Eucharist and Lay Ministry in the Church with Sister Anne Walsh OP. **26 Jan 2017 Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN (behind the Cathedral) 7.00-8.30 pm** Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4

REFUGEES: Next Steps– Wednesday 1st Feb, 7-9pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN – A chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria **After the Jungle, where next? – Wednesday 8th Feb, 7-9pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY** – Hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on Eventbrite"

CHRISTIAN UNITY – There will be a 'Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' on January 22nd at 4pm at The Methodist Church in South St. Everyone is welcome.

WED AFTERNOON GROUP Just to let everyone know that there will be no group meeting in January. Look out for February's notice ... and a Very Happy New Year.

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Collections 8th January 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
Collection: £1722.86 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
Collection: £64.35 / Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
Collection: £165.00 / 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 for 2017 are now Closed.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art though 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*