



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 October 2017 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass People of the Parish
 11am Mass Michael Hanley RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Eva Isobel Jones
 Rosalie Di Prima
 6pm Mass Fr John Elliot RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – Marie Murphy RIP

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish
 Baptism – Reuben Daniel James Suares

Monday 16th October – St Hedwig, Religious

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Fr Sean O' Toole RIP

Tuesday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Private Intentions

Wednesday 18th October – St Luke, Evangelist

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

Thursday 19th October- Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am- Mass- Thanksgiving

Friday 20th October – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 21st October–Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 1pm Marriage – Frances Sharp and Colin Smith
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass – Mary Goodwin 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 very much.



As Fr. Carlos is keen to know everyone in the parish, he is happy to come and visit you. If you are interested to have him over for a visit, please send an email to bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk.

From there, Fr. Carlos will arrange a time and date to come over.

MHR ANNUAL LUNCH - on 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, or email mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com

MHR 100 CLUB -Subscriptions for the 2017/18 year are nearly due. Please see flyer at the back of MHR church for more details or contact Alan Hodgson on 01279 600430

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE-Applicants for St Mary's School 2018 may like to collect a lilac 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 then be posted to you. The school deadline for applications is 31st October 2017

FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - The Catholic Trust of England and Wales has a package of E-learning programmes that are available free of charge to every member of the Catholic community in England and Wales. See <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding-about-our-training/>

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS COMMITTEE- the meeting scheduled for Tues 17 Oct 7.30 has had to be postponed to Tues 31st October 7.30pm in the Upper Room, WCC. Enquiries: BS 652060

APF BOXES – Len is now collecting these at **Most Holy Redeemer REPOSITORY** at St Josephs and Most Holy Redeemer –Thank you to our team who stock a beautiful range of cards and gifts at very reasonable prices .Take a look after Mass to see what is on offer.

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

THANKYOU VERY MUCH to everyone at Holy Cross who has to date returned their Parish Pledge forms. It is most appreciated.

WEEKLY COLLECTION/ DIRECT DEBIT TOTALS – will be updated following completion of the Planned Giving campaign at Holy Cross

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with 'ACROSS' via Jumbulance 4th - 13th October 2018

Next October we will be embarking on a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill of the parish with 'Across.' 'Across' is a charity created specifically to provide transport and support to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes via a Jumbulance (Jumbo-ambulance) Fr Carlos will be our Spiritual Leader, but, we also need a doctor, nurses, male and female helpers as well as those helpers that are able, but unable to push wheelchairs. No experience necessary, just a kind heart and a willingness to help is required. We would also like to hear from those who are sick, disabled and terminally ill who would welcome a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Priority is given to those with a terminal illness, those with progressive diseases and those whose medical conditions make it impossible or impractical to use conventional means of transport. The cost of the pilgrimage is £750, but subsidies may be available. An Across group is a 'family group,' remaining together throughout, helping each other in times of need. You will be fulfilled and inspired during a truly amazing week. If you would like more information, please contact either Debbie Hourihan 07584 623472 or Pauline O'Driscoll 07594 46348. Go on, take a journey, and make a difference!

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Public consultation on draft Admission Policy 2019-2020-This policy sets out the arrangements for applying for a place in the School. St Joseph's has made some minor changes to its admissions policy for September 2019 and wishes to consult parishioners about the revised policy. The main change is to include Catholic children from Gilston and Eastwick parishes in the list of those who will be given priority if places are oversubscribed. This is because the local authority has pointed out that St Joseph's is the nearest Catholic Primary School for them in Hertfordshire They will be ranked **after** children of the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford. Copies of the admission policy are available both on the School and the Parish websites. Comments should be sent to: policy1920@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk by 6th November 2017. We thank you in advance for your views. Whilst we will not be replying individually to contributors, all comments will be considered by the Board of Governors, along with the views of the Local Authority and Diocese of Westminster as part of our consultation.

ENCOUNTER MEETING – Scheduled for Fri 20 October has had to be postponed until Fri 8 December. 'Summer in the Forest', the film of living in a L'Arche Community inspired by Jan Vannier will be the theme of the December meeting. The next Encounter meeting will be Fri 17th November. Please pick up a programme from the information area in St Josephs for info

AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION on the topic of 'Our Lady' 28 Oct. 3pm-5.30pm in the WCC led by Sr Gillian. Refreshments available. All welcome



NEW!! SENIOR PARISH ART CLUB (S.P.A Club) – Professional art tuition for senior Parish members. Meet every **third** Wednesday of the month in the Upper Room of the Windhill Churches Centre Learn how to draw, paint and print using all mediums. Exclusive classes for all levels- beginners will love it! **Starts Wednesday 18th October at 10.30am** (continues on 15/11 & 20/12) Entrance donation £5, all materials provided. Limited places – please call Monica Jacobs on 07493 426201 or email Jacobs.monica@icloud.com to book.

WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER: The Wednesday Group and the Justice & Peace Group invite you to come and have lunch in the Parish Centre from 12noon - 1.30pm. Soup/ bread/cheese; jacket potatoes/fillings; pudding. Everyone most welcome all proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need. Please contact Jill on 657575 for a lift.

PARISH MAGAZINE– now on sale at only 30p. Interesting articles include a USA trip, Scottish recipes and Fr Carlos Biography. Thank you to Astrid and all who contributed.

OLD POUND COINS- will cease to be legal tender as of this Sunday – why not add to the Penny Collection for 'Aqua box'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish-wide

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 will be available from the Sacristy from Sunday 8th October

Applicants only are to sign for a form and must have a birthday on or before 31 August 2003 (Year 10 and above)

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Sunday 5th November 2017 at the very latest. Session dates to be advised.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are now 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



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Collections 7th/ 8th October 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1158.38
Holy Cross
 Collection: £50.20
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £ 224.51



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

*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*