





# 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 16th April 2017 –Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP  
 11am Mass Mary Matthews RIP

**NO 6pm MASS**

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00am Mass John Baker Special Intention

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

11.15am Mass People of the Parish  
 Baptism Beatrice Rose Riedo

## Monday 17th April Monday in the Octave

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
**NO MASS**

## Tuesday 18th April –Tuesday in the Octave

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
**NO MASS**

## Wednesday 19th April- Wednesday in the Octave

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

## Thursday 20th April –Thursday in the Octave

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Holy Father's Prayer Intention

## Friday 21st April–Friday in the Octave

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Alice Garrett RIP

## Saturday 22nd April–Saturday in the Octave

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - People of the Parish



### 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.

## Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility Planned Giving Appeal at St Joseph's

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish. The Finance Committee and I have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal, As Catholic stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. It is through parishioners like you that the message of Christ will be spread throughout the community.

Your support enables our parish to remain a living church at the centre of this community, welcoming to all and reaching out to those in need, and enables us to provide ministry to the whole parish. It also allows us to plan ahead with confidence to the future. It is important that we pass this parish onto the next generation in good spiritual and financial health.

If you are not doing so already, I also encourage you to consider becoming more involved in parish life. We have many parish groups that I urge you to consider joining; a chance to share your gifts of time and talent. Please contact myself, Fr Fortunato or Debbie, on 01279 654063 or email [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk) if you wish to find out more.

If you have already completed a Pledge form please do check the back of St Joseph's Church to collect a named pack for you which will contain a new set of collection envelopes. We will also be contacting everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering their services.

If you are currently using envelopes but have not yet returned your pledge form your new box will also still be at the back of St Josephs

Please return all Pledge forms ASAP or take one from the back of the church and fill it in if you didn't get one before.

Thank you again for taking this opportunity to grow in stewardship and thank you for returning to God some of the gifts He has given you.

**CONFIRMATION-** The next session will be on **Saturday 29th April at 7pm**, after Saturday evening Mass, in the WCC .Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue with their preparation.

**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 Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29th April from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

**FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at 3pm at St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church in Stansted CM24 8LQ. All welcome.

**GROW** – The next GROW Youth event for those age 12+ will be at the Methodist Church Sat 22 April 7pm-9.30pm. Fun, games, Worship & Pizza!

**PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene Keddy will be travelling to Zambia at the beginning of May to visit the St. Lawrence Community School. As well as taking the money being collected at Most Holy Redeemer during Lent, they would like to take something for the children. A suitcase will be at the back of Most Holy Redeemer, into which they would like parishioners to place pencils, colouring pencils and biros. All donations will be warmly welcomed. You can also put them through the door of No 3 Windhill.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** - Contributions welcome (from all three churches) for the next edition of the Parish Magazine - **deadline Friday 28th April**. Kindly e-mail to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with the Parish Office

**GIFT AID** - The Tax Year ends on 5<sup>th</sup> April and we will be submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2016/17 soon after that. If you are registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible because you have stopped paying UK income tax before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 it is important that you please let us know immediately, with the date that you stopped paying tax.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com)), Bertie Napier ([bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk](mailto:bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk)), Ben Livermore ([ben.livermore@caring-people.com](mailto:ben.livermore@caring-people.com)) or Angela Tyson([angelatyson1293@hotmail.com](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com)) for further info and/or an Entry Form .Any raffle prize donations would be welcome.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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.

We wish everyone  
 a  
 Blessed and Joyous Easter

Alleluia  
 He is  
 Risen



**ENCOUNTER-** meet next Fri.21<sup>st</sup> April at St Theresa's. Stansted Fr David Clemens (Saffron Walden Parish) will lead a talk & discussion on the theme of 'Experiencing bereavement'. 10am coffee 10.30 meeting opens 12.30 shared lunch 2pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

**THANK YOU** to all Promoters and Parishioners for your generosity through the Missio Red Box Collection. The grand total raised in 2016 at St Josephs was £4509.63.

**WED. AFTERNOON GROUP-** Next meeting will be on 19th April at 12 Salisbury Close from 2 p.m. Join us for cake, tea, coffee. Everyone is welcome. Contact Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575 for information, lifts etc.



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Thank you

Collections 8/9th April 2017  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1736.34 /Standing Orders March Total (£5223.50)  
*Holy Cross*  
 Collection: £37.50/ Standing Orders: March Total (£690)  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £134.94/ Standing Orders March Total (£596)  
 Zambia Total to date £575



**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*