



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

JUNIOR CHOIR is looking for new members from year 3 upwards. No need to be able to read music-just a love of singing and a commitment to the 9am Mass and alternate Sunday morning rehearsals. We are running a taster session on Sunday July 24th at 10.30am in the Parish centre for anyone who might like to join us in September. Speak to Kate W for further info.
CAFOD – Thank you to everyone at St Josephs who has contributed to CAFOD. We have just sent off a cheque for £1608.26 for money raised between January to June 2016.

AT HOME WITH THE PPC

St Joseph's PPC will be hosting a Parish gathering, with refreshments, to report on the past year on **Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm in the WCC**

All Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? We are still looking to expand our dedicated, wonderful, small team of volunteer cleaners and share the workload in keeping St Joseph's so spick and span. We would ideally like to put a rota together so if you can spare any time to help regularly Hoover, sweep, dust and polish the Church please contact Debbie in the Parish office. Thank you.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22nd to 26th May 2017) a 4-night pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Portugal, 100yrs on from the apparitions. The price is expected to be £575. If you are interested, please contact St Augustine's church on 01992.440986 as soon as possible to register your interest

QUIET DAY - On Wednesday 10 August there will be a Quiet Day at St. Elizabeth's Perry Green, led by Sr Gillian. This is an ecumenical event arranged by the Concord group at Holy Cross ? St Andrew's and all are welcome. Anyone interested please contact Hope Gilbert 01279842206.

GRAND ORGAN FESTIVAL RECITAL at Westminster cathedral will be held on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm, and will be performed Assistant Master of Music, Peter Stevens. Tickets are £12 (£10) and will be available on the door www.westminstercathedralchoir.com

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

RCIA 2016/17

*Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who would be interested in becoming a Catholic, perhaps your husband or wife, girlfriend, boyfriend or neighbour? /If the answer is "YES" to any of these questions COME and JOIN the Journey of Faith at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford which starts on **Monday 12th September**. Please contact Fr Fortunato at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk to pre-register or call 01279 654063*

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK - On Sat 23rd-Sunday 24th July 2016, at St Joseph's you will be hearing briefly from some of our Parish Mums and Dads involved in volunteering for Holiday Bible Week (HBW), an activity week aimed at sharing the Gospel message with children in the Bishop's Stortford area and organised by the Churches Together each year in the summer. As well as offers of practical help, the initiative is dependent on financial support. Do listen out next week for how you can make a difference to this unique faith-based project which some many of our Parish families have participated in down the years! There will be a retiring collection

HBW 2016 SECURITY - Evening security is required to cover between 6pm and 9pm Monday 1st August to Thursday 4th August. Stroll in the evening sunshine in the company of fellow Christian's whilst keeping an eye on the site and main tent. If you can help please call Claire on 07944431873

J&P GROUP SUMMER BUFFET LUNCH - Friday 22nd July 12 noon – 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Two courses; tea/coffee; sale of books, preserves, bric-a-brac. Donations please towards the Penny Collection for Aid to the Church in Need

TABLE TENNIS CLUB – We play in the WCC behind St Joseph's at 7pm on alternate Sunday's after 6pm Mass. Please join us for a game or two. Players of all ages are welcome. Next dates, 17/07, 31/07, 14/08, 28/08. 7pm – 8.30 pm Chris Brolly 01279-324231.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION 2 – There will be the second session of Altar Servers training on Saturday 24th September 2016 with Father Fortunato. Training at Most Holy Redeemer will commence at 10.30am and Holy Cross at 12 noon

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (UK) – the Catholic charity which supports Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need – is seeking a new **Press & Digital Media Officer**. Based in Sutton, the post's primary role involves producing high-quality written work for both print and online. Salary £23,000 per annum. For a full details visit our website <http://www.acnuk.org/jobs-and-volunteering>. **Closing date:** Sunday 14th August 2016. **Interviews:** Friday 19th August 2016.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2017



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 10th July 2016 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2017.

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child – please do not take a form for someone else

**Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill
 by Monday 5th September 2016**

Fr Peter will not allow any exceptions to this cut off date

REFRESHER COURSES & SESSIONS FOR PARISH CATECHISTS- The Diocese have teamed up with a fantastic on-line course provider who offers excellent, easy to follow training and refresher courses for catechists. The short courses can be accessed anytime and anywhere via computer or smart phone. The courses are set at two levels and completion of both levels will meet the requirements for the Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis.

http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=St_Joseph&DN=Westminster Local tutorial / mentoring support is available for all participants on the courses, for those who would like some face to face contact while they undertake the courses.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE – The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1st August to Monday 15th August 2016. Please contact Debbie before this date with any enquiries or requests that you may have. Thank you.

SUPPORTING DALIT CHILDREN – Thank you to the Parishioners at Holy Cross who raised £85 following the recent sale of items from the Priest's House.

THANK YOU to our Social Committee & all involved for their hard work in the Parish Hog Roast last weekend – a fabulous event!

Sunday 17th July 2016 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass John Joe Coleman RIP
- 11am Mass Marie Darfi RIP
- 12.30pm Baptism Eloise Elizabeth Jacque Margaret Humby
Baptism Mawuli Joel Kwabena
- 6pm Mass Maureen O Brien RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

- 9.00am Mass – Clare Everson Special intention
- Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):*
- 11.15am Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 18th July – feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Jesus Oliver RIP

Tuesday 19th July – feria

- 6.30am Mass – People of the Parish.
- 9.30am Mass – Ann Bickers RIP

Wednesday 20th July – St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Terry Smith RIP

Thursday 21st July – St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*
- 9.30am Mass – Mary & Joseph Robinson RIP
- Most Holy Redeemer*
- 12.30 Mass – People of the Parish

Friday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*
- 9.15am Morning Prayer
 - 9.30am Mass Private Intentions

Saturday 23rd July – St Bridget, Religious Patron of Europe

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

Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

Parish Office: 01279 654063 (10am-3pm)

Parish Centre Bookings:
bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk

Child Protection: Keith Irvine
safeguardstjoes@virginmedia.com

SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 9/10 July 2016

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1361.01 Standing Orders: £1358

Holy Cross:

Collection: £80.50 Standing Orders: £195

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £104.41 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
 Forms available from 10 July 2016 to be submitted By 5th September 2016

Confirmation: now closed for 2016