





# 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP  
 11am Mass Christina Njenga Thanksgiving  
 6pm Mass Kevin O' Neill RIP

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

9.00am Mass People of the Parish  
 Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):  
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – St Januarius Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – Marlene Harris and All Souls RIP

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

**NO 6.30am MASS**  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass Ann Brazier RIP

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Eduardo Fernandez RIP  
 Most Holy Redeemer  
**NO 12.30 MASS**

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass Tom O' Ryan RIP

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Walsingham

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

Last Monday the (RCIA) - *Journey in Faith* - began here in St Joseph's Church. For those who don't have a clue what's RCIA - it stands for *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It's designed for adults who after hearing the Mystery of Christ proclaimed will be helped to enter a time of conversion and so be ready to start the way of faith as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts.

We have a group of 8 people, Catholics and non-Catholics, who consciously and freely seek the living God. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time (usually at Easter) some of them will receive the sacraments fruitfully while others will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. As a community, here at St Joseph's, we will have the opportunity to know them and pray for them when celebrating together the different stages of their journey. For now, since they are at the very early stage of such a beautiful journey, I'd like to invite you all to keep them in your prayers.

May God bless you all.

*Fr Fortunato*

**MAJELLANS** -Volunteer(s) (male/female) wanted to welcome and make refreshments for parents and toddlers at the Majellans group on Monday mornings during term times. Help would be welcomed on a regular or ad hoc basis for a couple of hours from 09.30 - 11.30. If interested, pop in on a Monday to the Parish centre, or contact Giovanna Sutton-Long (07871 581600).

**GIFT AID CLAIM APPROVED** - Good news, our 2015-16 Gift Aid claim for St Joseph's has been approved, for £25,669.13. We have also received £23,000 from our Growing in Faith Campaign to which so many of you were very generous – 20% of all donations comes back to us to help pay for our new accessible toilets. Thank you.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**, is holding its Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. The Headteacher, Mr. Celano, will be giving presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Hall. All parents with children currently in Year 6 are very welcome.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** Deadline for the next issue is Friday 23rd September. Copy will be most welcome; please e-mail items for inclusion to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office



**CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help feed, welcome, befriend, protect and support those who need to access the hall between December and March. If you feel that you would like to help please contact 01279 507464 or email: [megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk)

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

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** - Applicants for St Mary's School 2017 will need to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A 'lilac coloured' application form for a certificate 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 No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. Part of the application requires you to make a declaration about how often you come to Mass. For the purposes of this form your family is expected to attend Mass weekly, although of course you may be away for holidays etc. If you regularly attend Mass at an ethnic chaplaincy, then you should take the form there, not to Fr Peter. If you do not generally attend weekly, then Fr Peter cannot state that you are a practising Catholic. Since the form is part of the legal admissions process he cannot tell lies on it. All applications will be processed after 1<sup>st</sup> October when Fr Peter returns from his break and certificates, if granted, posted to you, **so that you can send in your completed application to the school by their deadline of 31 October 2016**

**GROW** – is an ecumenical Christian Youth fellowship aimed at Year 8 and above and gives local young people of all denominations an opportunity to come together to socialise, study God's word, have fun and praise Him together!! We'd love it if you could join us to catch up with friends and who knows, maybe make some new ones! ☺ The next event will be on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 7pm till 9:30pm** at the Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road, CM23 3LJ It would be helpful if we had an idea of numbers before the night, so, if you can, please let Garry know if you are coming by contacting him on 01279 836695 or [associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org](mailto:associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org)  
**ST ELIZABETH'S APPLE DAY - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**- spend a wonderful day down in the orchard with friends and families picking and juicing apples. If you are looking for something different to do or would like to help a local charity, then please come and join us. Everyone is welcome!



*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

### Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** began on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! During this time there will be **NO TOILETS** available at the Church. Toilets will be available during Mass times in the Parish Centre – so **PLEASE** make sure you "Go before you come"!! In the next couple of months we expect the **High Altar** and its Baldachino (Canopy) to be cleaned and, possibly, the marble walls of the Sanctuary.

*Thank you to all our donors*

**ENCOUNTER PROGRAMME 2016-2017** now available at back of church with the newspapers. All welcome to attend for one or more meetings. Enquiries: 652060 or 659371  
**JUNIOR CHOIR** for Yr 3 and above will rehearse on 25/9 and 9/10 this half term. We meet at 10.30am in the Parish centre for 30 mins. No experience needed but we do ask that your child is able to read hymn words independently. If your child would like to try playing an instrument with us, please encourage them to come along and have a go! Please see Kate at 9am Mass for more info.

**WEDNESDAY GROUP... New season.** Please join us for 'spud and pud' lunch on Sept 21st from 12 noon in the Windhill Centre. Donations for lunch for the YMCA (to help support some of the young people of our town,) and a raffle (with the usual amazing prizes !!!! ) Everyone is very welcome. Ring Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575 for info, otherwise just turn up.

**ENCOUNTER** next meet on Fri.30 Sept at Windhill Churches Centre '**Just me: and the Salvation Army**' Led by Lieutenant Megan Lowe, Bishop's Stortford Salvation Army Corps. **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

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 3.30pm at Welwyn Garden City This is a practical, solution-focused workshop aimed at encouraging couples and individuals to improve the quality of their communication at all stages of their married life. This workshop will equip you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into a thriving and joy-filled encounter. There is no couple or group work. Activities are individually based. For further information contact Tony and Jean Stavrou on 01920 411658

*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.*



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Collections 10/11 September 2016  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1,155.24 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £63.30 (£143.30 on 4/9) Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £215.42 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 will open late 2016 for 2017