



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 19th February 2017 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Kathleen Abrahams RIP
 11am Mass James Strang RIP
 6pm Mass Private Intention of the Bagnall Smith family

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Mike Murphy RIP

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

Monday 20th February –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Private Intention of Victor

Tuesday 21st February St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Seamus Burke RIP

Wednesday 22nd February-The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

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

Thursday 23rd February –St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Hazel Baines RIP

Friday 24th February –feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Holy Father Intention- Comfort for the Afflicted

Saturday 25th February– Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

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

Applicants for St Joseph's Nursery 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A turquoise 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.** The Certificate will be posted to you. The School deadline for applications is Friday 17th March 2017

HELPING WITH THE STONE AND MARBLE CLEANING IN THE SANCTUARY AT ST JOSEPH'S – Thank you for your wonderful response. Work has started already this week to clean the marble behind the Altar. So far £2,230.00 has been raised.
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- This year the Women's World day of Prayer has been written by the Christian Women of the Philippines. One service is to be at All Saint's Hockerill, organised by churches together, on Friday 3rd March at 10-30 am. If anyone would like to attend the Bishop's Stortford service and needs a lift, please 'phone Marie Grace 657598, or Marie Rhodes 656482. There will also be a another Women's World Day of Prayer Service held on Friday, 3rd March but in St. James Church in High Wych at 10a.m. All are very welcome.
CATHOLIC QUALIFIED TEACHER REQUIRED AT ST ELIZABETHS (full-time or part-time). A unique opportunity to help develop and promote the distinctive Christian ethos of a long established Catholic educational/social care charity, (School, College, Residential & Nursing Care) Excellent career opportunity and/or a unique chance to do something very special! Teachers' contract/pension – Excellent pay/benefits. Visit "Working with us" at www.stelizabeths.org.uk Closing date 3 March 2017.

ARE YOU A SOCIAL/ HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION OR BUSINESS/ MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL (e.g. Finance, Legal, Property, HR, IT) **able to help on our voluntary committees?** (6 meetings p.a.) Overseeing a thriving charity (£19m turnover and 650 staff) A rewarding opportunity to contribute to the *Catholic community*. Contact: ceo@stelizabeths.org.uk
FOODBANK COLLECTION During Lent St. Joseph's will be collecting again for the Foodbank. Please leave donations in the usual cupboard at the back of the church below the leaflet area and ensure that all items are in date.
THANKYOU- very much for your generosity last weekend for the HCPT collection at St Josephs which raised a fabulous £1,664.10



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)

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS. Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent. The groups last year were very successful and allowed members of different churches to get to know each other. The groups will run for five weeks, from Monday March 6th 2017 to Friday April 7th 2017. There are five groups as follows: Mon afternoons in Oaklands Park, Mon evenings in Rochford Rd, Tues mornings in Stansted Rd, Wed evenings in Wetherfield Stansted, Thur evenings in Heath Row. If interested can you kindly enter your details on the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church information area or alternatively contact Tony Davies at tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or (01279) 465200. It would be helpful kindly to offer a second and perhaps third choice in the event that there is overwhelming demand for your first
PARISH PANCAKES Join us on Shrove Tuesday, 28th Feb. from 12 noon in the Parish Centre for a jacket potato (and filling) and pancakes. Donations for CAFOD clean water campaign, raffle, amazing prizes. Wed. Group people, please note that this lunch will take the place of meeting on the 3rd Wed. Feb. 15th. Information and details from Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575.
A MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th March at 2.30pm. It will be a service to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

This month's Novena will be on Monday 27th February after Mass at St Joseph's. Everyone is welcome



SPECIAL PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK CELEBRATED BY BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME to **BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN**, *Bishop in Hertfordshire*, who joins the Parish at St Joseph's this weekend for an Episcopal Visitation on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop and also to celebrate the 'Special Mass for the Sick'. He will be at Most Holy Redeemer and at Holy Cross for Sunday Feb 26. During this time he will be meeting with members of the Parish in the different Churches, especially those with particular responsibilities.

ENCOUNTER meet next Fri.24 February at Windhill Churches Centre. **'Reaching for God's light in the ordinariness of our lives'** led by Fr Daniel O'Leary (on CD) & Encounter team 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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27 Feb-12 March ~ Our parish is a Fairtrade parish~ Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions & fair terms of trade particularly for small scale farmers & workers. Try to buy goods labelled Fairtrade, especially this fortnight. We can make a difference

"CONGRATULATIONS" to pupils from St Joseph's school whose artworks were selected in a competition to beautify the subways in and around Thorley. See the photographs on the parish website and be sure to have a walk through the transformed subways."

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** on St Joseph's Feast Day: **Sunday, 19 March at 12noon** in the Parish Centre. **Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a Parish 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 on 3 December. Further details will be given nearer the time.



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Collections 11/12th February 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1,501.48 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £79.00/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £81.59/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£22.40



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*