



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 March 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Martin Ward RIP
 11am Mass Mary and Teresa Cannon RIP
 6pm Mass Mary Brady RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Patrick Wall RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass Bernadette Stanton RIP

Monday 20th March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, Patron of the Diocese

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mary Collins RIP

Tuesday 21st March- Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Francesco Galati RIP

Wednesday 22nd March- Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Thursday 23rd March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30am Mass – Private Intentions
 9.30am Mass – Giovanna Gimigliano RIP

Friday 24th March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – All those who are Sick
 2pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25th March– The Annunciation of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Colin Stewart 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.

Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week St Joseph's embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want **all** parishioners to take this opportunity to **prayerfully** reflect on their financial commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including details on why our parish needs more financial help in order to cover our day-to-day running costs. If you have not done so already, please take an appeal newsletter as you leave Mass.

We ask that you all prayerfully consider this Planned Giving appeal. We hope to complete our efforts next weekend. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone at St Josephs. Next weekend we shall ask you to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

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 19th 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), Bertie Napier (bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk), Ben Livermore (ben.livermore@caring-people.com) or Angela Tyson (angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) for further info and/or an Entry Form .Any raffle prize donations would be very welcome.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! TO SIGN UP TO THE STORTFORD 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.

AND THE MUCH HADHAM ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP meets in the Sports Pavilion on Lenten Wednesdays on March 15. 22. 29 and April 5 at 11am
HERTS MIND NETWORK – Lucy and Abigail Jones will be running the Cambourne 10k on 2 April 2017 in memory of Becky Jones RIP to raise much needed funds for MIND, the mental health charity. If you would like to help sponsor them please see their just giving page or sponsor form at the back of St Josephs <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/A-JONES-SCRAMBLED-LEGS>

SLEEP ROUGH SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO – Debbie the parish administrator will be taking part in the YMCA Sleep easy on 24th March spending a night sleeping rough to increase awareness of the issue of youth homelessness and to raise funds to support the YMCA East Herts mission of enabling vulnerable young people to belong, contribute and thrive. If you would like to sponsor her please see the online link or sponsor form at the back of the Church. Every donation, no matter how small really counts <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/debbiejackson> Thank you very much.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION (St Joseph's) We are collecting during Lent. Most wanted items are long-life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes/ meat/ rice and sponge pudding/ instant mash/ sugar/ drinking chocolate/ chocolate bars. All basic packet/ dried/ tinned foods are welcome, also toiletries/ toothpaste & brushes/ deodorant and soap. Please leave donations in the cupboard in the information area at the back of the Church.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCH - On Saturday 25 March there will be an ecumenical Lenten Lunch at The Crown House in the High St, Much Hadham. Those interested are asked to sign the list at the back Holy Cross / St Andrew's or 'phone Hope Gilbert 01279 842206. This is not a bring and share event. A collection for the Tear Fund Charity will be invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 2pm every Friday at St Josephs- All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE needs a volunteer webmaster. The task is not especially onerous, but it does need a few hours a month devoted to it. If interested please contact: facilitator@cthers.org.uk

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING- Reminder -Friday 24th March 4pm at St Josephs.

PASSION PLAY FOR LENT Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford will be presenting a 'Riding Lights' Passion Play for Lent on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Charis Centre. Please support this Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford 'Cross light' event – those who have seen previous Riding Lights productions will know how brilliant they are! Tickets are £12 / £10 Concessions and are available from Debbie in the Parish Office.

ENCOUNTER meet on Fri.24 March at Windhill Churches Centre .Sr Judith Russi SSMN will lead a day of reflection for Lent.10am coffee 10.30 meeting opens **12.45** Bring food for shared lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP will be meeting on March 22nd at 60, Mazoe Road from 2 p.m. Everyone welcome for cakes, drinks and conversation. Please ring Doreen on 325326 for information (we know this is the 4th not the 3rd Wed.!! Apologies for the change)

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 St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, Golders Green, NW11 7NE on Saturday 25th March from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548

BOOKS & PAMPHLETS for Lent & Easter 2017: 'Lent Extra' plus other reading material to reflect upon during Lent, are at the back of St Joseph's Church & in the repository. "Walk With Me" booklets £1 available at all 3 Churches

DAY FOR THE LORD-for 24 hours St Patrick's, 21A Soho Square will be open with continual Eucharistic Adoration and the availability of the Sacrament of Confession. It starts at midday on Friday the 24th March and finishes on Saturday the 25th March at 12noon with Mass for The Annunciation of the Lord.

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** for 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-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.**



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Collections 11/12th March 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1736.06 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £127.88/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £128.80/ Standing Orders: £82 /£110 Zambia



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*