



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 June 2016 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Basil Anthony RIP
 11am Mass Manuel Felix Drumond RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Archie Anthony Worrell
 Baptism Jake Joseph Worrell
 6pm Mass John Mc Combes Private Intention

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass - (First Holy Communion)

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

11.15am Mass

Monday 20th June - St Alban, Martyr

9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass - Holy Souls

Tuesday 21st June - St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

6.30am Mass - People of the Parish.
 NO 9.30am Mass
 10.30am Requiem Mass Marie Josephine Darfi RIP

Wednesday 22nd June - Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass - Ruth Prideaux RIP

Thursday 23rd June - St Etheldreda (Audrey) Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 NO 9.30am Mass
Most Holy Redeemer
 NO 12.30 Mass

Friday 24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.15am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Mass - The Children of our Parish

Saturday 25th June - 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 Those who are Sick and Housebound



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.

Fr Peter writes... *yet again* !!!!

The making good from the electrical works **is now complete!** The stone conservators have stripped the paint from all the stone in the new Baptistry area - please do go and have a look at it! We now need to continue to think about working on the rest of the Church.

As you know someone has very kindly approached me and offered to pay for the cleaning of the marble and stone and mosaic in the Lady Chapel which will commence on June 20th. Someone has now offered to pay for the cleaning of the Altar and the Great marble canopy over it- both very generous gifts.

Would anyone wish to contribute something towards cleaning the marble walls of the Sanctuary which will cost £6965 in all.

If you would, then please come and have a private word with me.

Thank you all, again, for your great generosity.

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.

LEA VALLEY JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING- Come along to share your experiences and find out more about what is happening for Justice & Peace in Lea Valley. On **Friday 8th July, from 7.30pm, with meeting from 8pm to 9.30pm Refreshments provided (cheese & wine, tea & coffee, etc.)** at **St Augustine's RC Church (Crypt)**, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS **All Welcome!** If you would like to know more, then please contact: Deacon Adrian Cullen (Sacred Heart Church, Ware) 07961 594725 or John Vaughan-Shaw 01920 822440

APOLOGIES for the reduced number of newsletters last weekend, the photocopier in the Parish Office decided to break down half way through printing. It is a very well used piece of equipment having so far printed 557,960 documents of a varied nature so probably needed a rest! Normal service has resumed....

The Annual St Joseph's Parish Hog Roast-

A fun afternoon for you, your family and friends
 Everyone is welcome!-on **Sunday July 10th 2016 from 12.30 -4.30 PM** - on the Parkland behind the Windhill Churches Centre tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from Sat 4/ Sun 5 June at £6 each, under 7 years £3. Bring your own drinks, glasses, picnic chairs and a favourite desert to share. We only have 200 tickets so do not delay as this is a very popular event!! **The Organising Team would very much appreciate that you buy your Hog Roast tickets as soon as possible so as to get a clear impression of numbers for the sake of the catering, thank you in advance for your cooperation.** Please contact Stephen Craston on 01279 320050



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 in September. Please contact Fr Fortunato at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk to pre-register or call 01279 654063



There will be Requiem Mass on Tuesday 21st June at 10.30am in celebration for the life of Marie Josephine Darfi RIP at St Josephs. There will be a 6.30am Mass this day but no 9.30am Mass.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP: (in association with the SVP). Activity holidays in the Essex countryside for boys aged 8-13, 23-30 July & 30 July-6 Aug; for girls 9-12yrs 6-13 Aug. Cost is £145. Please contact St. Joseph's SVP for details (07504 099571) Financial support may be available if required.

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 19/06, 03/07, 17/07, 31/07, 14/08, 28/08. 7pm - 8.30 pm Chris Brolly 01279-324231.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE - Saturday 2nd July with Fr Fortunato- Most Holy Redeemer at 10.30am & Holy Cross at 12 noon

The St Joseph's monthly Novena will start again from Tuesday 28th June immediately after Mass. Everyone is very welcome

BISHOPS STORTFORD STREET PASTORS are looking to appoint a Coordinator to enable our team of volunteers from local churches to continue our ministry of caring for the late-night community of Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. This position is a key role and we therefore require the post holder to be fully in agreement with Street Pastors' vision and mission and a committed Christian in regular attendance at a local Church. This is a position that is remunerated on a sessional basis at £12 per hour up to 12 hours a week. For role description and person specification, please contact...Jo on 01279 836695 or email seniorminister@stortfordbaptist.org. The closing date for applications is 23rd June 2016 at 5.00 p.m.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped last weekend in some way with both the First Holy Communion Masses and also the fabulous Parish tea party, from florists, readers, singers, cake makers, tea pourers, organisers and more! It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by many.

A Pastoral Approach to Suicide Prevention and Coping with Grief-Console, the Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Charity, will present a seminar to be delivered by Sr Kathleen Maguire PBVM, MA CT and Rev Dr Tony Byrne, CSSp on pastoral approaches to preventing suicide and coping with grief on **Wednesday 29th June from 6:30-9:30pm** at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. For more info and bookings, please contact Console either by email at info@consolecounselling.co.uk or 020 7821 8865

THE DAY FOR LIFE - Sunday 19th June is the day in the Church's calendar dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. This year, it will explore how the wonder of human life and God's creation are intimately connected.

www.dayforlife.org <<http://www.dayforlife.org>

The following is a prayer, from Laudato Si', to deepen our wonder at the gift of life

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.



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Collections 11/12 June 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1379.24 Standing Orders: £1278
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £94.00 Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £180.96 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
Confirmation: now closed for 2016

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.