





# 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*  
 Parish Priest: Fr Peter Harris • Assistant Priest: Fr Carlos Quito

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 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Anthony Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP  
 11am Mass Chas Mifsud RIP  
 12.30pm Baptisms – Maisie Ann Mc Cambridge  
 Rory Daniel Mc Cambridge  
 6pm Mass Virginia Njenga Special Intention

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

9.00 am Mass – Terry Crowther RIP

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

11.15 am Mass – People of the Parish

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass – Patrick and Ellen Byrne RIP

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – The Presentation of

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass – Ann Morrissey RIP

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

**NO MASS**

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – St Clement I Pope & Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass – Patrick John Cullinan RIP

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass – Derek Peter Muggeridge RIP

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass – Anne O' Callaghan RIP



### Mass requests

**\*MASS INTENTIONS\*** – Please be aware that all weekend and week day Mass intentions have now been booked for the remainder of the year at St Josephs. There is availability at Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer.

Please call the office to have your loved one remembered in our Bidding prayers

**NOVEMBER** is the month of the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at the back of our three Churches for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**—Applicants for Reception Schools in 2018 may like to collect a **pink** coloured application form for a certificate. It 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 number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please.** The certificate will be posted to you. **St Joseph's School has asked us to inform prospective applicants that the number of places available in Reception for 2018-19 has increased from 45 to 60.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to join a small team making refreshments and generally helping with the Majellans Toddler Group on Monday mornings 9.30-11.30, term time only in the Parish Centre. This could be on a long term/short term/temporary or ad hoc basis, whatever suits you. It is a lively and fun group and the parents/carers look forward to being tended to in their busy lives so please help if you can. Please contact Giovanna Sutton-Long on 01279 833780 (answerphone)

**CONCERT POSTPONED** – Regrettably the 'Harmonaires' concert due to take place Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm in St Joseph's Church has been postponed until the New Year

**ADVENT FAYRE** - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. after 9am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer. Cake and Gift Stalls plus 'Theresa's Fabulous Jewellery'

**ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS**—If English is not your first language and you want to improve your communication skills, please contact Sister Ruth for more information. Teaching all levels. £10 per lesson (1 1/2 hours). Lessons run all year. Start anytime.

**DADS PRAYER GROUP** - meet on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm in the WCC Upper Room. All welcome.

**FINANCE OFFICER & CLEANER VACANCY** at St Marys School. Please see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more info.

**MHR 100 Club:** Subscriptions for the 2017/18 year are due. Plse see flyer at MHR church or Alan Hodgson on 01279 600430

**ST MARYS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 6pm to 8pm. Headteacher & Director of Sixth Form talk at 7pm.

**PARISH MAGAZINE**—The Christmas issue is coming up - deadline **Friday 1st December.** All kinds of copy welcome, seasonal or otherwise, also children's contributions. Please e-mail to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with the Parish office

**FOODBANK**—St. Joseph's will collect for the local Foodbank during the Advent & Christmas season, starting 2nd/3rd December. Please leave donations in the cupboard at the back of the church. All basic **in date** dried/packet/tinned foods are welcome.

**WINTER LUNCH – 3 December 2017 12.30pm-3pm** .Our annual invitation is being extended to all the Parish's elderly and housebound to a Winter Lunch (with musical accompaniment) to be held in the Windhill Churches' Centre on Sunday, 3 December. You may wish to come yourself, or you may know someone who would welcome the opportunity to join us. If so, invitations are available at the back of Church. Please take one for each guest, complete the cut-off slip and **return it by 22 November** either into the box at the back of each Church or Text Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472.

**DRIVERS NEEDED:** We need to be able to offer lifts from guests' homes to the Centre for our *Winter Lunch on 3 December*. If you can help collect and return our guests, please contact Stephen Craston on 07738 607678.

**HELPERS NEEDED IN THE CENTRE** for our *Parish wide Winter Lunch on 3 December* to prepare the lunch and the hall for our guests. If you are able to help, please email [socailcommiteestjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:socailcommiteestjosephs@gmail.com)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - Next October 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 there will be a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes via Jumbulance with Across, taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill of the parish. Across is a charity created specifically to provide transport and support to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes via a Jumbulance (jumbo-ambulance) Fr Carlos will be our spiritual Lead, but we also need a doctor, nurses, male and female helpers as well as those helpers that are able but unable to push wheelchairs. No experience necessary, just a kind heart and a willing to help those less able. We also would have great pleasure hearing from those sick, disabled and terminally ill whom we call our VIP's, that would welcome a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Priority is given to those in terminal illness, those with progressive diseases and those whose medical conditions make it impossible or impractical to use conventional means of transport.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £750, but subsidies may be available .Please contact Debbie Hourihan 07584 623472 or Pauline O'Driscoll 07594 46348.

**THANKYOU VERY MUCH** to husband and wife teams Siobhan and Jon Doolan and Josie and Andrew Cowley who have generously given up so much of their time in the last year working with parents in the parish and preparing them for the Baptism of their children at our three Churches.

**MHR FOODBANK** – Thank you to Sheila Martin and Theresa Cowdrey at Most Holy Redeemer who organize and collect for Harlow Foodbank all throughout the year, and have done so for the last 4 years and everyone for their continuing generous donations. The Harlow foodbank have launched an urgent appeal for food including tinned meat, rice pudding, biscuits, long life juice, squash, milk & sugar if you are able to help.

**ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL VACANCIES** –From Jan 2018 - A Teaching assistant to work in the afternoons with individuals and groups of pupils and a full-time Learning support assistant to work primarily with children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Plse contact Ann Cassidy-Jones on 01279 652576 for info

**THE 2018 SYNOD** on Young People, the Faith & Vocational Discernment will be informed by our questionnaire responses, that questionnaire is open **until 30th November** <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

## WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR

*'Let us love, not with words but with deeds'*

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November as a world day when we should all give our minds to doing something positive for the poor. In Bishop's Stortford the Christian Churches are opening a night shelter for the homeless during the cold days of midwinter. **To show our parish support for this project there will be a special collection today.** This will help to ensure the homeless are given some hope and happiness at Christmas time.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER**—The winter Night Shelter will re-open in early December at Holy Trinity Church Hall supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. A welcome is provided to "these brothers and sisters of Mine" with hot meals, washing facilities and a safe bed. If you feel you might like to volunteer your help, please e-mail [susan.self@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.self@btinternet.com)

*"Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18)*

## ADVENT REFLECTION TALKS AT HOLY CROSS



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 7.45pm – 9.30pm**

Very Rev Dr. Jeffrey John

(Dean of St Albans Cathedral)

**'Advent - The end of the world and the end of us'**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.45pm – 9.30pm**

Bishop Paul McAleenan

(Auxiliary Bishop in the RC Diocese of Westminster)

**'The Lord is coming and all His churches rejoice!'**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.45pm – 9.30pm**

Bruce Kent & Valerie Flessati

(Pax Christi, CND, Movement for the Abolition of War)

**'The coming of the Prince of Peace'**

All across the Parish are invited to attend a series of talks and discussion in preparation for Christmas at St Andrews and Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Much Hadham SG10 6EW.

**Refreshments on arrival.**



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Collections 11/12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Loose Coin & Envelopes

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**

Collection: £1,454.10 /SRP £954.94 & £690 cheques

**Holy Cross**

Collection: £61.50 /SRP £55.30 & £10 cheque

**Most Holy Redeemer:**

Collection: £112.31 /SRP £164.33

\*SRP= Sick and Retired Priest Collection



**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**  
 Applications Closed

**Confirmation:** Applications for 2018 open

*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*