



# 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 20th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

- 9am Mass – Albert Foley RIP
- 11am Mass - Thomas Joyce RIP
- 6pm Mass - People of the Parish

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

- 9.30am Mass

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

- 11.00am Mass

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

### Monday 21st September – St Matthew, Apostle

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Kevin O' Neill RIP

### Tuesday 22nd September – feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Penny & Martyn Webster Intentions

### Wednesday 23rd September – St Pius of Pietrelcina

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Requiem Mass – Marjorie Jessop RIP

### Thursday 24th September – Our Lady of Walsingham

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Alves Nazareth RIP

### Friday 25th September – feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Zayess Lassisi RIP

### Saturday 26th September St Cosmas & St Damian

- 5.15-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – Peggy Nugent RIP

**Mass requests:** Please fill in the envelope provided, the date and time you would like the Mass with a contact number and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill.

## Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of England and Wales For Home Mission

"Today is Home Mission Sunday and to emphasise its importance this pastoral letter comes to you on behalf of all the Bishops of England and Wales together...

Our response to Pope Francis is to make the task of proclaiming God's mercy the priority in our own efforts. This we will strive to do most especially during the

Jubilee Year of Mercy, established by Pope Francis, beginning this December. He

writes: 'How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so

that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and

tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone.' (*Misericordiae*

*Vultus* 5) So we ask your help. Together let us Proclaim God's Mercy."

The Bishops add that the key to effective proclamation is "...to be ready to live

constantly in the presence of God, knowing that God never takes his eyes off us,

not to catch us out, but because he loves us so much. When we are constantly

aware of that loving gaze which is upon us, and of the mercy and encouragement

that flows our way, then we are enabled to look on others in the same way."

"These are the foundations of evangelisation. On them, other steps can be built:

the opportunity to speak about our faith; the expression of that love in

programmes of action towards those most in need; a loving care for those who

have been hurt by life and hurt within the Church, for whom any return to the

practice of their faith is particularly difficult. In this effort for evangelisation

we seek out ways of accompanying others, through friendship, through prayer,

through conversation, so that they sense in us the welcome that God most

certainly extends to them. Our efforts need not be complicated or heroic. As

Our Blessed Lady reminds us, through our humble efforts the Lord can do great

things!"

## PROCLAIM Prayer

*Loving Father,*

*You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,*

*that we might believe in him and have eternal life.*

*May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day*

*and live the Good News with joy.*

*Through the power of your Holy Spirit,*

*help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim"*

*our faith with confidence.*

*Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel*

*by our words and actions.*

*Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary,*

*so that you may be known and loved by all people.*

*We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,*

*who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*one God for ever and ever,*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, Pray for us.*

*Blessed John Henry Newman, Pray for us.*

*St Thérèse of Lisieux, Pray for us.*

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**HOLY CROSS AND ST ANDREWS** ecumenical "Concord" group are advertising an event promoted by the Anglican Centre in Rome but at Peterborough Cathedral:

A visit to Peterborough Cathedral by the kind invitation of the Dean,

the Very Revd Charles Taylor Thursday 1st October 2015

2.30pm: Tour of the Cathedral

3.30pm: Tea

4pm: Talk "Katharine of Aragon and Peterborough" (Evangeline Koupis)

5.30pm: Evensong

6.15pm: Drinks

A requested donation of £25, to include tea and drinks.

If you would like to go, please contact Hope at [hopefalls@gmail.com](mailto:hopefalls@gmail.com)

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**THE GERALDINE FRAIN ANNUAL LECTURE** : This year's lecture organised by our Parish Interfaith group will take place on Saturday 26th Sept upstairs in the Windhill Churches Centre. We will begin with coffee at 11.00 for an 11.30 start. Our topic entitled "She danced on the Edge" will be about Geraldine's own spirituality and how it developed over the years. David Morson will lead the day for us. All welcome.

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"World Youth Day is an amazing event that takes place every 2-3 years in a major international city specifically for young people (16-35yrs), who gather together from all corners of the world to celebrate their Catholic faith together, and in the presence of the Pope is an incredible and life-changing experience! There are still places for the next WYD, which is next summer in Krakow, Poland, between 18th - 31st July 2016. The diocesan youth webpage has more details of what the trip will involve <http://dowym.com/events/wyd/>

## Just a few Parish events & notices listed this week – Please see the notice board for more...

- 25/9 – Parish magazine submission deadline
- 25/25-27th Sept- Spectacular Autumn Fayre- St Joseph's Church & Parish Centre
- 27/9 Table Tennis 7pm Parish Centre
- 27/9 Sanctity of Life Pilgrimage Walsingham
- 6/10- Tuesday Group start 'Love Divine' course at WCC
- 16-18 /Oct Performing Arts weekend– Welwyn Gn. City
- 26/10 – St Elizabeth's Apple Day 11-4pm

## As part of our PARISH FESTIVAL of Flowers, Crafts and Music at St Joseph's on the weekend of the 25th-27th September, we will be

having an **International Mass**, followed by a **Bring & Share International Supper** to which all parishioners from our three churches are invited. Your home-cooked international dish (typical of the country from which you hail) is your ticket! **Our celebration begins with the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's on Saturday 26th September and the Bring and Share International Supper follows immediately after at 7.15pm in the Windhill Churches' Centre.**

What do you have to do? Just bring along some food typical of your country. If you want to make sure your country's flag is represented at the Mass please ring Bertie on 07944771160.

**An exciting major ecumenical conference on Church growth in all its dimensions 'Go for Growth'** – is taking place at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 3 October.

**J & P Group Autumn lunch:** Friday 16th October, 12 noon – 1.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Windhill. Soup; bread & cheese; tea & coffee – all for £3.00. Proceeds to the SVP for its work in Nepal.

## School Notices

St Mary's Open evening on 23rd September 6-8.30pm  
 St Edmunds Open day 26th September 9.30am-2pm

**Special Collection at all churches in the Parish**  
 27/9 Home Mission Fund

**Diocesan Mass count at all Masses** 4, 11, 18, & 25 Oct



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**Parish Centre Bookings:**  
[bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk)

**Child Protection:** Childline 0800 11 11

**SVP (St Joseph's):** 0750 409 9571



Collections 12th & 13th September 2015:

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs**

Envelopes: £732.39 Loose: £885.41 Total: £1617.80

**Holy Cross**

Envelopes: £10 Loose: £53.12 Total £63.12

**Most Holy Redeemer**

Envelopes: £22.50 Loose: £120.05 Total: £142.55

**From next month all totals will include standing orders**



**Sacrament of Baptism:** Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** For all enquiries call the Parish Office or email (see above).

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:** St Joseph's applications are now closed for 2016.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Details available in the Autumn.



**Baptisms at St Joseph's this week**

*Sveva Dell'aia*

*Scarlett Kathleen Turner*

*Sophie Elizabeth Wojcik*

*By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe these children in light, give them the new life of baptism and welcome them into your holy Church.*