



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 November 2016 – Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe,

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Regina Njenga Special Intention
 11am Mass Deceased Catenians
 12.30 Baptism Maya Anna Arnold
 Santiago Pereira
 6pm Mass Patrick Cullinan RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass People of the Parish

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

Monday 21st November –The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Mass – Jill Thody RIP

Tuesday 22nd November –St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

9.30am Mass – Patrick and Ellen Byrne RIP

Wednesday 23rd November – St Clement I Pope and Martyr
NO MASS

Thursday 24th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Adrian Barrett RIP

Friday 25th November –St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Deceased members of the Pearson and Lago family

Saturday 26th November– 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 - Arthur Peter Rees 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 very much.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish-wide

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 will be available all the Sacristies of our Churches from Sunday 23rd October.

Applicants only are to sign for a form.

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Sunday 27th November 2016 at the very latest. Sessions will take place during Advent and Lent

ALTAR SERVERS at ST JOSEPH'S –We will be recruiting new Altar Servers at St Joseph's from November. If you have received your First Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass and are interested please speak with Fr Fortunato. A sign-up sheet is now available in the Sacristy.

PARISH MAGAZINE DEADLINE for the Christmas issue of the Parish Magazine is Friday, 2nd December. Seasonal items welcome but not compulsory! Kindly e-mail to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish office.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING is on Thursday 24th November from 6pm to 8pm. There will be a talk by the Headteacher and Director of Sixth form at 7pm.

REPOSITORY at the back of St Joseph's church is now stocked with Advent Calendars; 'Advent Extra' (£2) a magazine for all the family; Christmas cards, books, cribs & much more! Take a look after Mass; enquiries: B/S 653713



Kathleen Fielder R.I.P. There will be a Requiem Mass on Thursday 24th November at 11am at St. Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Church, Stansted to celebrate the life of Kathleen Fielder who was very well known in the Parish, along with her husband Jack. Please keep Kathleen and her family in your prayers.

SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY CONSULTATION POLICY -The Admissions Authority of St. Mary's Catholic School have decided to consult on our admission arrangements for September 2018. The consultation runs from 14th November to 23rd December 2016. They invite responses to the admissions policy and paperwork which can be found at: <http://www.stmarys.net/admissions/consultation-september-2018/>

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Envelopes are available at the back of St Josephs for those deceased relatives you wish to be added to the November List.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Joseph's School 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A lilac 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 admissions is 15 January 2017.

SUPPORT A FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING at the Methodist Church on Saturday 26 November 10am to 12pm. The proceeds in aid of the Refugees coming to Herts. Offers of help on the day or donations of cakes, scones, preserves, bric a brac etc would be welcome. Please contact Mione Goldspink on 01279 656634 for information.

TOWARDS ADVENT 2016 - a Festival of Catholic Culture is being held on Saturday 26th November in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available on towardsadvent@blogspot.com

ST ELIZABETH'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Saturday 26th November 12pm – 4pm. Christmas Craft stalls, food from around the world, live music, great fun and a super family day.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE -Stuck for a Christmas present? Pick up one of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogues at the back of the Church

PENNY COLLECTION – Please help support 'Aid to the Church in Need' by donating all of your loose change in the jar at the back of St Joseph's Church after weekend Mass.

THANK YOU to everyone who very kindly supported the Sick and Retired Priests Collection last week. As a Parish we together raised £1,455.71 with cheques for an extra £305 being sent directly to the Diocese for this very worthy cause.

LOVE IN ACTION LAUNCH -On Thursday the 1st of December, Caritas Westminster will be launching Love in Action, an engagement programme based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which enables you to start your own social action projects. The launch begins at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Victories Church Hall, Kensington. For more details or to RSVP please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk. Refreshments provided.

VACANCIES at St Mary's – for an Assistant Caretaker and Cover Supervisor. Please see the notice board or school web site for info.



Advent

– a new Year begins in the family of the Church

Fr Peter writes.....

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's Year and brings us to start our preparation for Christmas. The world of commerce is already bursting with Christmas in shops and so many other places but the Christian knows that time is needed to prepare ourselves, partly in the desert, before we can cope with all the glitz of commercial Christmas, so, stay strong and stay in Advent until Christmas really does arrive on the night of Christmas Eve!

As a Parish we are invited to join with St Elizabeth's Centre for their special **Advent Service of Reflection**

at 4pm on the afternoon of Sunday 27th Nov – the First Sunday of Advent – St Elizabeth's hold this Service each year and this year we are particularly invited to begin our Advent with them as a Parish. Please see the poster in each Church. "Each year at St Elizabeth's at the beginning of Advent we pause for an hour to consider the real meaning of Advent. We set aside a time of quiet reflection to prepare ourselves for Christmas. During the service there is an opportunity to light a candle perhaps to remember those who will not be with us this Christmas."

There will also be an **Advent Series of Meetings to "Wait on Scripture"**. These are organised by the

Ecumenical partnership of St Andrews C of E and Holy Cross RC who share the Church of St Andrew at Much Hadham. They will take place at the home of one of the congregation. The address is: Berakah, Larkins Lane, off Kettle Green Lane, Much Hadham on Mondays Nov 28th, Dec 5th and 12th and Tues Dec 20th. The meetings are based on Dr Paula Goodier's book "The Meaning of Waiting". Each meeting will last an hour from **2pm to 3pm (which enables parents with children to attend)** There will be an introduction, a chance to discuss, and a time of prayer and a cup of tea! We hope it will help you to prepare for the best Christmas ever!

Please let Mark or Sue Stephens know if you can attend: 01279 843167 or email - stephens341@btinternet.com



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Collections 12/13th November 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1616.83 Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £132.18 Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £153.53 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 2016/7
Confirmation: Applications for 2017 are open and will close 27 November 2016

May Mary, the most merciful Mother of God, kindest comforter of those who mourn, commend to her Son the souls of his servants who have departed this life, that through her intercessions they may quickly reach their longed for home in the heavenly kingdom and live for ever and ever. Amen