





# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Richard and David Morris Special Intention  
 11am Mass Austin Anthony Fernandes RIP  
 6pm Mass The Elstone Family Special intention

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*  
 9.00am Mass Nora Fitzgerald RIP

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

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Harry Fitzpatrick RIP

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – St Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Requiem Mass- Bridget Patricia Beavis RIP

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Paul Glynn RIP

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January -Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Donald Barrett RIP

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – St Angela Merici, Virgin

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Holy Father's Intention for Christian Unity

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - The Taylor Family Special Intention



### 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.



## CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at 3pm

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017.

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to receive an invitation please send the following details to the Parish Office as soon as possible and by 20<sup>th</sup> March please:

Husband and Wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail address (or a telephone number if no e-mail)

**PARISH CENTRE GROUPS COMMITTEE** meet next Tues 24 Jan 2017 at 7.30pm in the Upper Room in the WCC. It would be most helpful if all parish groups were represented to ensure the smooth running of our Parish Centre. Risk Management, Health & Safety will be discussed, prior to forthcoming inspection. Enquiries: B/S 652060

**JUNIOR READING AT THE 9am MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S** - A big thank you to all the young people who have been helping with the reading ministry at the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. If your child is in school year 4 or above and would like to help with this ministry please email David Wilkinson on [wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com) and we can arrange a training session with a view to including them on the rota after Easter.

### WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Young adults are invited to join the Youth Ministry team on pilgrimage to Rome from 16 to 19 June 2017, led by Fr David Reilly. The cost of the pilgrimage is £472 and spaces are limited. For more information, email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) or visit [www.dowym.com/events/roma-2017/](http://www.dowym.com/events/roma-2017/)

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY will be marked on 27 January 2017

"The past must serve as a lesson to us in the present and in the future. The Holocaust teaches us to always maintain the highest level of vigilance, in order to be able to intervene immediately in defence of Human dignity and peace." Pope Francis

**VOCATIONS** - Canon Stuart Wilson who is the Spiritual Director at Allen Hall, our Diocesan Seminary will be preaching on Vocations on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> as he celebrates the Masses at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross

**BISHOPS STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER HOUSE GROUPS DURING LENT 2017** Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent 2017 and need offers both to host and to lead groups. Each group will run for five weeks, on a chosen day of the week, a.m., p.m. or evening, with the first meeting in the week of Mon 6th - Fri 10th March and the last in the week of Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April. Offers to host and/or lead please to Jill Beardwood, 01279 655804, [jill\\_beardwood@hotmail.com](mailto:jill_beardwood@hotmail.com) (If you would like to join a group but not host or lead it, kindly await a further announcement later this month.)

*The monthly Novena to Our Lady will start again this month on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 after the morning Mass at St Joseph's Church*

**VACANCY** -Teacher of ICT and Computing Full-time Permanent required from April 2017 at St Mary's School. Closing date 31/1/16. Visit [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** 'Are you over 18 and planning a gap year? Join us for a year at the Westminster Youth Ministry retreat centre as a volunteer missionary supporting schools and parishes of our diocese, where you can develop skills to help you with your future career, and deepen and grow in your Catholic faith. We provide wonderful accommodation in glorious surroundings, all meals and a monthly allowance. To see how our past volunteer missionaries have used this experience to build their future, and to find out more, visit [www.dowym.com/spec/](http://www.dowym.com/spec/)

**CALLING ALL FRIENDS AND ALUMNI** This year is the 50th anniversary of the Catholic University Chaplaincy Centre for London's Universities. Were you a resident or regular Mass-goer here? Were you in one of the university Catholic Societies in London? Did you deepen your faith or discover your vocation through the Chaplaincy? We would love to re-connect with you and hear from you. There is a range of celebrations planned, but the principal celebration will be Mass on Sunday 28 May at St James' Church, Spanish Place at 2pm, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Please visit [www.universitycatholic.net/signup](http://www.universitycatholic.net/signup) or email [alumni@universitycatholic.net](mailto:alumni@universitycatholic.net) or visit [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net)

**CHRISTIAN UNITY** – There will be a 'Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' on January 22nd at 4pm at The Methodist Church in South Street Bishop's Stortford. Everyone is welcome.

## THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE....

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** on St Joseph's Feast Day: **Sunday, 19 March at 12pm** in the Parish Centre.

*Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a Parish Family Fun Day in the Monastery Gardens. A proposed wine tasting event will be scheduled for September. Further details will be given nearer the time.*

**FAITH FORMATION** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & anyone interested learning more about the Eucharist and Lay Ministry in the Church with Sister Anne Walsh OP. **26 Jan 2017 Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN (behind the Cathedral) 7.00-8.30 pm** Registration is required. Email at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4

**REFUGEES: Next Steps– Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 7-9pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN** – A chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria **After the Jungle, where next? – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7-9pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY** – Hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp. Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on Eventbrite"

*"The Lord is my light and my help"*



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Collections 15th January 2017  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1617.47 /Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £93.91 / Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £126.55 / 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 now Closed.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with thee.  
 Blessed art though 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*