



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 23rd April 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Nula Hegarty RIP
 11am Mass John and Grace Clark RIP
 6pm Mass George Keller RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass Irene Wall RIP

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

11.15 am Mass People of the Parish
 12.45 pm Baptism – James Batty

Monday 24th April St George, Martyr, Patron of England

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Jack Roche RIP

Tuesday 25th April – St Mark, Evangelist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Mike Frost RIP

Wednesday 26th April- Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Private Intentions

Thursday 27th April – Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Friday 28th April – St Peter Chanel Priest & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Thanksgiving

Saturday 29th April – St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

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

6pm Mass - People of our Parish



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.

Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility Planned Giving Appeal at St Joseph's

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish. The Finance Committee and I have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal.

If you have already completed a Pledge form please do check the back of St Joseph's Church to collect a named pack for you which will contain a new set of collection envelopes. Some have still not been collected. We will also be contacting everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering their services.

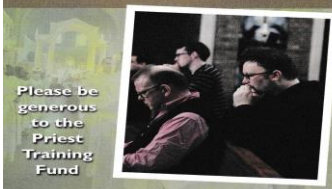
If you are currently using envelopes but have not yet returned your pledge form your new box will also still be at the back of St Josephs

Please return all Pledge forms ASAP or take one from the back of the church and fill it in if you didn't get one before.

Thank you again for taking this opportunity to grow in stewardship and thank you for returning to God some of the gifts He has given you.

ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 6/7th May

They have answered the call... they dedicate themselves and their lives...



PRIEST TRAINING FUND
 Diocese of Westminster

Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations to the priesthood. *The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place on 6th/7th May* The Fund helps

pay for training seminarians (there are currently 39). Your generous donation helps men who are called to be like

Christ the Good Shepherd.

Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION- The next session will be on **Saturday 29th April at 7pm**, after Saturday evening Mass, in the WCC. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue with their preparation.

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY – Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 3pm at St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church in Stansted CM24 8LQ. All welcome.

PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA - Karin and Eugene are delighted with the wonderful response to the appeal for PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA. The large suitcase has been completely filled. Many thanks to all

PARISH MAGAZINE - Contributions welcome (from all three churches) for the next edition of the Parish Magazine - **deadline Friday 28th April**. Kindly e-mail to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with the Parish Office

A DATE FOR YOUR GOLFING DIARY! Calling all golfers from Holy Cross at St Andrews, Much Hadham, Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth and St Joseph's Bishop's Stortford. It's time for our annual charity golf day and this year it's on **Friday 19th May 2017 at the Manor of Groves in High Wych**. We were very lucky with the weather last year and have booked it again for this year!! Please contact David Wilkinson (wilkinsondavid@mac.com), Bertie Napier (bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk), Ben Livermore (ben.livermore@caring-people.com) or Angela Tyson (angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) for further info and/or an Entry Form. Any raffle prize donations would be welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a Parish-wide Family Fun Day in the Parkland behind the WCC. A wine tasting event will be on 22 Sept, a Barn dance on 14 October, a Bring and Share Supper 25 November and a Winter Lunch - 3 Dec.

BSBC LANGUAGE PROGRAMME- Open Morning Saturday 22nd April 10-12.30pm Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre. Free Taster Classes in the following languages English, Portuguese, Spanish, German and Japanese. Refreshments and activities during the morning. For Adults 18+

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14th - 20th May. Volunteers needed to help with the annual door-to-door collection for Christian Aid. Please look at the list at the back of St Joseph's Church and sign up if you can collect from a road near you, perhaps together with family or friends to share the load. This is an important ecumenical effort in which most of the town's churches participate.

THANK YOU to all Promoters and Parishioners for your generosity through the Missio Red Box Collection. The grand total raised in 2016 at St Josephs was £4509.63. Len at Most Holy Redeemer would like boxes there in as soon as possible, thank you. Please help us to play our part.

NOVENA – Our monthly Novena at St Josephs will be after Mass on Tuesday 25th April. All welcome.

Thank you to EVERYONE who generously gave their time to help during Holy Week and also for your kind cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers

Alleluia
 He is
 Risen



PARISH CENTRE GROUPS COMMITTEE meet next Tues 25 April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, WCC. It would be most helpful if each Parish Group were represented so that all can be aware of how we share in the running of our Parish Centre. Enquiries: BS 652060

TEACHING VACANCY – Head of History at St Mary's please see www.stmarys.net for more details

MINDFULNESS IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION— with Father Malachy Keegan on Wednesday, 26 April 10am – 3pm for his introduction to Mindfulness. April, at the Niland Conference Centre Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, Herts WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Please bring a packed lunch. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call 02079316078 and leave your contact details.



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Thank you

Collections 15/16th April 2017 Inc. Easter envelopes
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £3,337.48 /Standing Orders March Total (£5223.50)
Holy Cross
 Collection: £258.11 / Standing Orders: March Total (£690)
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £288.78/ Standing Orders March Total (£596)
 Zambia Total to date £575



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
 Now closed for 2016/7
Confirmation: Applications for 2017 are closed

*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*