



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 Fortunato Pantisano

Parish Office: Windhill Churches Centre, 1st Floor • 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday
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 Live streaming from St Joseph's: www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 24th July 2016 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass Private intention for Christina
- 11am Mass Special intention for Bill Jack & his family
- 6pm Mass Maureen O'Brien RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass - Ettie Dunphy RIP

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

- 11.15am Mass - People of the Parish
- 12.45 Baptism - Charles Oliver Akester
Penelope Rose Thompson

Monday 25th July - St James Apostle

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass - Dionis Njenga RIP

Tuesday 26th July - Sts Joachim & Anne

- 6.30am Mass - People of the Parish.
- 9.30am Mass - Michael Njenga RIP

Wednesday 27th July - feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass - Jackie Buckley RIP

Thursday 28th July - feria

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*
- 9.30am Mass - Marlene Harris RIP
- Most Holy Redeemer*
- 12.30 Mass - People of the Parish

Friday 29th July - St Martha

- St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*
- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass Steve Fearn RIP

Saturday 30th July - 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 Theresa Walsh 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.
 Thank you very much.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2017



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 10th July 2016 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2017.

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child - please do not take a form for someone else

**Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill
 by Monday 5th September 2016**

Fr Peter will not allow any exceptions to this cut off date

RCIA 2016/17

Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who would be interested in becoming a Catholic, perhaps your husband or wife, girlfriend, boyfriend or neighbour? COME and JOIN the Journey of Faith at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford which starts on **Monday 12th September**. Please contact Fr Fortunato at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk to pre-register or call 01279 654063

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK

Parishioners at St Joseph's will have a chance this week to hear at Mass about the work of Holiday Bible Week in Bishop's Stortford each year. It is a wonderful event to bring your children to. It also needs financial help to continue, so... we hope that if you have young children you will consider them attending HBW this year and that, whoever you are, you will help by contributing something to the retiring collection to help the young people of our town learn more about their Faith this summer.

HBW 2016 SECURITY - Evening security is required to cover between 6pm and 9pm Monday 1st August to Thursday 4th August. Stroll in the evening sunshine in the company of fellow Christians whilst keeping an eye on the site and main tent. If you can help please call Claire on 07944431873

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION 2 - There will be the second session of Altar Servers training on Saturday 24th September 2016 with Father Fortunato. Training at Most Holy Redeemer will commence at 10.30am and Holy Cross at 12 noon

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS - This Sunday there will unfortunately be **NO** refreshments in the WCC **after the 11am Mass** only. During August due to the hall being booked for various celebrations and the availability of our fantastic volunteers, the service will momentarily stop and resume again in September.. We would like to thank everyone who every week, come rain or shine, very generously gives their time in providing refreshments which are always served with a friendly welcoming smile and also to those who kindly organise supplies, wash the cups and clear away again afterwards.

BON VOYAGE! We wish a safe trip and return to Father Fortunato and to all of our Parishioners who may be about to embark on their summer holiday over the next few weeks. Don't forget - You can keep in touch with us by watching our live streaming! Please also keep in your prayers a team of St Mary's staff and students who will be on a month's expedition to Ecuador working to help the local community.

SUMMER CHANGES

OFFICE CLOSURE - The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1st August to Monday 15th August 2016. Please contact Debbie before this date with any enquiries or requests that you may have. Thank you.

TUESDAY 6.30 AM Mass at St Joseph's **WILL NOT** be celebrated in August and September

WEDNESDAY 9.30AM Mass WILL NOT be celebrated during **SEPTEMBER**

THURSDAY 12.30 PM Mass at Most Holy Redeemer **WILL NOT** be celebrated in August and September

FRIDAY 9.30AM Mass WILL NOT be celebrated during **AUGUST**

FOODBANK COLLECTION We shall be collecting for the Foodbank over the summer, starting next weekend, 30/31 July, until 3/4 September. Please leave donations in the cupboard at the back of St Josephs below the leaflets. Basic foodstuffs needed - e.g. tea, coffee, sugar, long-life milk, cereals, tinned fruit/ meat/ fish/ puddings - and please check that everything is in date. Thank you. for your continued support.

Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** begins on Aug 1st and will finish on Nov 1st! During this time there will be **NO TOILETS** available at the Church. Toilets will be available during Mass times in the Parish Centre - so **PLEASE** make sure you "Go before you come" !! The entrance to the Church near the present toilets will have to be **CLOSED** during the work. The **Lady Chapel** is now complete and is open for Private Prayer whenever the Church is open.

Our Baptistry area is now decorated also. In the next couple of months we expect the **High Altar** and its Baldachino (Canopy) to be cleaned and, possibly, the marble walls of the Sanctuary.

Thank you to all our donors

VIGIL PRAYER SERVICE for those who died in Nice - to be held at **Holy Cross / St Andrew's Church in Much Hadham THIS SUNDAY 4.30pm**. A Service of prayer and reflection remembering those who died so suddenly in Nice last week will be held at **4.30 THIS SUNDAY** - please come and join the congregations of Holy Cross and St. Andrew's.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22nd to 26th May 2017) a 4-night pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Portugal, 100yrs on from the apparitions. The price is expected to be £575. If you are interested, please contact St Augustine's church on 01992.440986 as soon as possible to register your interest

QUIET DAY - On Wednesday 10 August there will be a Quiet Day at St. Elizabeth's Perry Green, led by Sr Gillian. This is an ecumenical event arranged by the Concord group and all are welcome. Anyone interested please contact Hope Gilbert 01279842206.

JUNIOR CHOIR is looking for new members from year 3 upwards. No need to be able to read music-just a love of singing and a commitment to the 9am Mass and alternate Sunday morning rehearsals. We are running a taster session on Sunday July 24th at 10.30am in the Parish centre for anyone who might like to join us in September. Speak to Kate W for further info.



Parish Administrator - Debbie Jackson
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 Child Protection: Keith Irvine
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 SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 16/17 July 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1428.34 Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £120.60 Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £198.85 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
 Forms available from 10 July 2016 to be submitted By 5th September 2016
Confirmation: now closed for 2016

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.