





# 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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Live streaming from St Joseph's: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)  
Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP  
11am Mass Margaret Hanley RIP  
12.30pm Baptism Emily Gunter  
6pm Mass People of the Parish

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

9.00 am Mass – People of the Parish

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

11.15 am Mass– People of the Parish  
3pm – Ecumenical Service

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass- Private Intention of Polina

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – STS Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- Mary Seery RIP

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – St Vincent de Paul, Priest,

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Eve Rencontre RIP

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- Maisie Pope RIP

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – STS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Patrick Duhig RIP

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

1pm Marriage – Natasha Purcell & Sam Knott

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

6pm Mass - Anne O' Callaghan 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.



**PARISH FAMILY WALK – this Sunday, 24 September:** meet from 1.15pm at Maltings Lane (next to Holy Cross Church SG10 6AW) to walk at 2pm via Much Hadham to Green Tye stopping at the Prince of Wales pub for refreshments, or bring your own. For further details contact Fiona Collings on 01279 501948 or 07790444130

**PARISH BARN DANCE- Friday, 14 October 8-11pm** in St Joseph's School Hall under the direction of Pete Skiffins; tickets £7.50 each (to include a burger), bar and raffle in aid of ACROSS - the Jumbulance charity which takes disabled people on pilgrimage. Your support of this new Parish-wide event would be greatly appreciated. Parking available on the school playground. Tickets on sale after Mass at St Joseph's Church or via Alison Gornall 07880 946085 or email [socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com).

**ADVANCE NOTICE -ST ELIZABETHS** Christmas Bazaar Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12– 4pm. Craft stalls BBQ, afternoon tea & live music.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**-Applicants for St Mary's School 2018 may like to collect a lilac coloured application form for a certificate. It 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 number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The certificate will then be posted to you. The school deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

**PARISH MAGAZINE**- Deadline for the next edition has been extended to **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. Copy will be much appreciated - kindly email items for inclusion to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave in the Office.

**FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** - The Catholic Trust of England and Wales has a package of E-learning programmes that are available free of charge to every member of the Catholic community in England and Wales. See <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding-about-our-training/>

**UNIQUE SINGING DAY** with Bob Chilcott, Choral Composer & Conductor. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10am 4pm at the Memorial hall Bishop's Stortford College. Tickets £8-£23. See notice board for info

**ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Tickets £12. Please see notice board for further info.

**CLEANER VACANCY** St Josephs School 3.30pm to 5.30pm weekdays, term time only with possible overtime during school holidays. Application deadline Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact Nicola McManus 01279 652576

## “HOLY CROSS – PLANNED GIVING APPEAL”

Our Community of Holy Cross, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

‘As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace’ - 1 Peter 4:10

Our parish has a long history of being a spiritual centre in the lives of many people. Periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith is an important part of spiritual growth and Christian discipleship; giving thanks to God first and foremost!

This weekend we launch a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we want all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today, please take an appeal leaflet as you leave Mass. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

**ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene Keddy will give a full power point presentation on their recent visit to St. Lawrence's Community, Zambia on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7p.m. in the Windhill Churches Centre in Bishops Stortford. Everyone welcome! Most Holy Redeemer in Sawbridgeworth have supported this wonderful school for many years. Please come along and hear about this great project and how you can be a part of it.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES** - St Josephs School are looking for applicants who do not have children at the school to fulfil two foundation governor vacancies. Further details available on the news section of our web site. To discuss the matter please contact Suzanne Fitzgerald, Chair of Governors via email: [governors@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk)

**JUNIOR READING ROTA** - Calling all Yr. 5 and up. We are looking for young people to join our Jr Reading rota at the Sunday 9am Mass in Bishop's Stortford. If your child is in Yr. 5 or higher and might be interested in the reading ministry please email David ([wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com))

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER**- The winter Night Shelter will re-open in early December at Holy Trinity Church Hall supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. A welcome is provided to “these brothers and sisters of Mine” with hot meals, washing facilities and a safe bed. If you feel you might like to volunteer your help, please e-mail [susan.self@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.self@btinternet.com) for an information pack with details of an explanatory meeting

**ZAMKNIT & CHAT**- Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September in the Tearoom at Most Holy Redeemer, between 2p.m. and 4p.m. Meetings will be held every last Tuesday of the month. Scintillating chat plus refreshments and perhaps some knitting for our friends in Zambia. For further details - please contact Karin on 01279 723606. Everyone welcome.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING** for prospective parents and pupils on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The evening starts at 6pm and ends at 8.30pm. The Headteacher, Mr. Celano will be giving presentations at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Hall. All parents with Catholic children currently in Year 6 are very welcome.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT HOLY CROSS AND MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Application forms and sign- up sheets are now available for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at Most Holy Redeemer or Holy Cross and who will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018 Please introduce yourself to Father Peter or Father Carlos after Mass.

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### \*\*HOLY CROSS ADVANCED NOTICES\*\*

**24 September**- Mass. Ecumenical Peace Vigil 3 pm at St Andrew's, Holy Cross

**1 October**- Harvest Festival. Parishioners invited to bring items for Food Bank. Planned Giving week2

**8 October**- Joint Churches Harvest lunch 12.30 Village hall. Tickets £10 adults. School age children £5, on sale after Mass throughout September. Planned Giving Week 3.

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Collections 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*

Collection: £1,278.69

*Holy Cross*

Collection: £74.10

*Most Holy Redeemer:*

Collection: £ 161.76



**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** Applications Closed

**Confirmation:** Applications for 2018 open in the autumn

*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*