





# 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass People of the Parish  
 11am Mass Josephine Joyce RIP  
 12.30 Baptism Viviana Correia Cabral  
 George Charles Alfred Howsam  
 6pm Mass David and Clare Green RIP

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

9.00am Mass Donald Doncaster RIP

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

11.15am Mass People of the Parish

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

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sheehy

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – St Vincent de Paul

NO 6.30am MASS  
 NO 9.30am MASS

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – St Wenceslaus Martyr

NO MASS

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

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS  
 Most Holy Redeemer  
 NO 12.30 MASS

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St Jerome, Priest and Doctor

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass Marlene Harris RIP

## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass Peter Rosair 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.

## CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Mary's School 2017 will need 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**. Part of the application requires you to make a declaration about how often you come to Mass. For the purposes of this form your family is expected to attend Mass weekly, although of course you may be away for holidays etc. If you regularly attend Mass at an ethnic chaplaincy, then you should take the form there, not to Fr Peter. If you do not generally attend weekly, then Fr Peter cannot state that you are a practising Catholic. Since the form is part of the legal admissions process he cannot tell lies on it. All applications will be processed after 1<sup>st</sup> October when Fr Peter returns from his break and certificates, if granted, posted to you, so that you can send in your completed application to the school by their deadline of 31 October 2016

**MAJELLANS** -Volunteer(s) (male/female) wanted to welcome and make refreshments for parents and toddlers at the Majellans group on Monday mornings during term times. Help would be welcomed on a regular or ad hoc basis for a couple of hours from 09.30 - 11.30. If interested, pop in on a Monday to the Parish centre, or contact Giovanna Sutton-Long (07871 581600).

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**, is holding its Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. 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 children currently in Year 6 are very welcome.

**MEDITATION** in the Lady Chapel will now be on a **Thursday** morning, from the 29th September at the same time 10.30 am. All welcome

**CLEANER VACANCY**- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for a cleaner to join their team, 3.30pm to 5.30pm weekdays, term time only with possible overtime during school holidays. Application deadline Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Nicola McManus 01279 652576 [sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk) for info.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – If you are getting married in 2017, and have not yet attended a Marriage preparation course, please contact the Parish Office as we have a few spaces left on a course at the Windhill Churches Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 12pm-6pm. Attendees will be issued with a certificate which will be required by your Priest as part of your 'marriage paperwork'



**CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help feed, welcome, befriend, protect and support those who need to access the hall between December and March. If you feel that you would like to help please contact 01279 507464 or email: [megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:megan.lowe@salvationarmy.org.uk)

**GROW** –is an ecumenical Christian Youth fellowship aimed at Year 8 and above and gives local young people of all denominations an opportunity to come together to socialise, study God's word, have fun and praise Him together!! We'd love it if you could join us to catch up with friends and who knows, maybe make some new ones! ☺ The next event will be on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 7pm till 9:30pm** at the Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road, CM23 3LJ It would be helpful if we had an idea of numbers before the night, so, if you can, please let Garry know if you are coming by contacting him on 01279 836695 or [associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org](mailto:associateminister@stortfordbaptist.org)

**THE TUESDAY GROUP** is this autumn, following the 6 week diocesan course entitled "Living Jesus" which looks at the themes of holiness, discipleship and vocation. Meetings will be on Tuesdays starting on 11 October and will run from 10.15 am to 11.30 am in the Upper Room at Windhill Churches Centre. All are welcome

**LOVING4LIFE** is a highly recommended marriage enrichment seminar on the weekend of 1st & 2nd October 2016 - at the Niland Conference Centre, Bushey, Herts, WD23 4EE. It is a non-residential weekend, packed full of sessions to help you reflect and share together as a couple, drawing on the wisdom of authentic Catholic teaching. It is for all ages and stages of marriage - to help you turn a good marriage into a GREAT marriage! Topics include the gift of sexuality, formation by our family of origin, trust and control and forgiveness and healing amongst others and there is no group sharing. The cost is £110 per couple (there is the option of an extra £75 supplement for a nearby B&B). Price includes all materials, lunch& dinner on Saturday night and all refreshments. Run over two days, which begins at 9am. The Saturday finishes with dinner and the weekend will close on Sunday at 4pm. There is a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and the opportunity for Confession. To book please contact Charlotte at [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to parishioners, Sophie and Mike Sullivan, for more info. Or see the website - [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk)



*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. John 15:7*

## Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** began on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! 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"!! 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**

**JUNIOR CHOIR** for Yr. 3 and above will rehearse on 25/9 and 9/10 this half term. We meet at 10.30am in the Parish centre for 30 mins. No experience needed but we do ask that your child is able to read hymn words independently. If your child would like to try playing an instrument with us, please encourage them to come along and have a go! Please see Kate at 9am Mass for more info.

**FEAST DAY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September is the Feast day of St Vincent de Paul who was born in France in 1581. He became a parish Priest in Paris and founded the Vincentians for the formation of the clergy and the relief of the poor, as well as the Congregation of Sisters of Charity. His work inspired the foundation of the St Vincent de Paul Society in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam. We thank everyone in our own parish for their continued support to the SVP and ask you to keep in your prayers all members and those that they help.

**QUIZ NIGHT**- St. Joseph's Catholic primary school on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 per person which includes a hot meal; Lasagne & salad, chicken curry and rice or a vegetarian option. Bring your own drinks and glasses and additional nibbles and have a great night out. Up to 8 people per table but don't worry if you come alone as we can add you to an existing team. For more information and to book tickets, please contact the school reception on 01279 652576 or Andy Faulkner on [andyfaulkner@hotmail.com](mailto:andyfaulkner@hotmail.com) or 07736935386.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicingles.org.uk)



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Collections 17/18 September 2016  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1497.15 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £123.88 Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £165.41 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 will open late 2016 for 2017

*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.*