

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 25th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass – Una Lucy Pledger RIP
- 11am Mass - Lee Warren RIP
- 6pm Mass - Manuel Felix Drumond RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.30am Mass

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

11.00am Mass

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Monday 26th October – Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops

9.15am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass – Raymond and Sean Hubert Gaylard RIP

Tuesday 27th October – feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Robert Charles Scott RIP

Wednesday 28th October – Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Sick and Retired Priests

Thursday 29th October- Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass- Manfra Marzina RIP

Friday 30th October – feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass- Kathleen Duffy private Intention

Saturday 31st October - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 5.15-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – Patrick and Ellen Byrne RIP

Mass requests: Please fill in the envelope provided, the date and time you would like the Mass with a contact number and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill.

Changes to Mass times from Sunday 1st November 2015

Most Holy Redeemer – Sunday Mass will be 9am (instead of 9.30)
 Holy Cross – Sunday Mass will be 11.15am instead of 11.00)
 St Joseph's Mass times will remain unchanged and as published



Sacrament of Confirmation 2016

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016 will be available from the Sacristy from Sunday 18th October. Applicants only are to sign for a form. The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be **SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2015 at the very latest.** Sessions will take place during Advent and Lent.



"November Book of Remembrance". Please put your list of those you wish prayed for in an envelope with your donation and post to No 3 Windhill or hand into the office ASAP. Special envelopes can be found at the back of St Joseph's Church.



Volunteer Staff needed for a winter night shelter for the homeless at Holy Trinity Church South Street (supported by Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford). All volunteers will be provided with training. Do you feel called to offer your time and talents to this project? If you would like to register your interest and receive further information please email: tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or phone him on (01279) 465200.



The monthly novena to Our Lady this month is Tuesday 27th Oct after the morning mass at St Joseph's Church- all welcome.



Dads prayer group – Wednesday 28th Oct at 8pm at the WCC will be talking about Pope Francis address to Congress and planning the family film night!



"The Tuesday Group will not be meeting on 27 October. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3 November in the Upper Room at the Windhill Churches Centre from 10.15am to 11.30am to study the diocesan course for this autumn "Love Divine



The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 and closes on Sunday, 20 November 2016.

Amid all the activity of parish life we can wonder why another 'Year of ...', and ask what difference it will make. If we have not already done so, perhaps we can take a moment to read, the Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus* <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html> announcing the Jubilee. This is the heart of our faith. 'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy ... We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy ... Our salvation depends on it ... Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.' Accepted in a spirit of generosity, this Jubilee can be a wonderful opportunity for us to be recipients and practitioners of mercy, and to take the message of the Father's mercy to many who do not currently experience it.



The Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests will take place this weekend. It provides funds to ensure that no infirm or elderly priest is alone, or suffers in his senior years. Our diocese has approximately 100 priests who are retired, infirm or disabled. Priests retire at 75 years of age but many keep on assisting with mass and parish ministry. The Sick and Retired Priests fund pays for unforeseen or extra expenses for housing, health care or convalescence or the simple needs of priests who cannot take care of themselves. Cardinal Nichols is committed to ensuring that no retired or infirm priest is on his own but needs your prayers, support and generosity on behalf of these men. Please help. You can also donate on line www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

The Street Pastors are now putting on their winter jackets and becoming aware that the nights are getting colder. We are introducing 2 new elements to our ministry with those on the streets late at night. From the middle of November we will be carrying a bag containing flasks of hot water, dehydrated drinks of tea and coffee (similar to those found in vending machines), sugar and stirrers so that we can give those in need a warm drink in the early hours of the morning. The second new element is we are hoping to supplement the work of the night shelter. We meet the homeless when the night shelter has locked its doors for the night and we would like to be in a position to offer those in need of warmth an old sleeping bag or blanket that they could use until they are able to meet with those who have the knowledge and skills to help them find a roof over their heads.

If you have a sleeping bag or blanket to donate please contact Marion on 01279 815891 who will organise a date and time to collect your generous donation from you.

"Free safeguarding training available to all members of the Catholic Community!"

The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) has worked with Educare to provide an online, interactive E-Learning safeguarding course which is now available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role (voluntary or paid) working with children/adults at risk or have an interest in safeguarding, the online training is a great opportunity to learn how to better protect children/adults at risk in your care and community. Some of the modules available include: Child Exploitation & Online Safety and Adult Safeguarding. To register please email: safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk with your following details: parish/order/congregation, and your role e.g. parent, catechist leader. For more information please ask for a brochure from your safeguarding rep **Keith Irvine**.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. (Hebrews 13.3).

Prisoners Week is 15 – 21 November. The CTS is fundraising for those in prison so that booklets and bibles can be sent to them.

Christmas cards on sale after Weekend Mass

St Josephs – For Aid to the Church in Need. Our penny jar collection is also for this charity.

Holy Cross – In aid of the Dalit charity for the Jesuit Mission School at Manvi India – available 1st November 2015

St Joseph's Repository also has a very good stock of cards and gifts

SAVE THE DATE - On **Friday 4th December 2015**, we have the pleasure of welcoming RISE theatre - a not-for-profit community interest Christian theatre company known for their excellent professional performances (which has included performing in the front of Pope Benedict, when he came to Britain in 2010!). They will be helping us prepare ourselves, at the beginning of Advent, for Christmas and to reflect on what Christmas means to us, with an evening of their family friendly, thought-provoking drama, comedy and music. It is an evening for **all parishioners** - young, old and families and promises to be an evening not to be missed! It is a free entry event starting at 7pm at St Josephs .More info to follow....

St Elizabeth's Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 28th November 2015, at St Elizabeth's Centre, Perry Green. From 12 – 4pm. Christmas Market, Santa's Grotto, refreshments and lots of fun for all the family

A Prayer for our Priests

Heavenly Father grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate.

May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom

We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and mercy of Jesus, our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen



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Child Protection: Childline 0800 11 11

SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 17th & 18th October 2015

St Josephs and the English Martyrs

Collection: £1345.50 Standing Orders: £1278

Holy Cross

Collection: £62.91 Standing Orders: £220

Most Holy Redeemer

Collection: £161.32 Standing Orders: £82

Thank you £894.90 was donated to World Mission Sunday



Sacrament of Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: For all enquiries call the Parish Office or email (see above).

Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: St Joseph's applications are now closed for 2016.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Forms available now
 Applications to be submitted BY 15th NOVEMBER