



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 26th February 2017 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP
 11am Mass Jane and Sid Hockett RIP
 6pm Mass Private Intention of Polina

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Elaine Vowles RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 27th February –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Private Intention of Victor

Tuesday 28th February feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Sacredness of Life Holy Father Prayer Intention

Wednesday 1st March-Ash Wednesday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass with ashes – Private Intentions
 7.30pm Mass with ashes - Those who are Sick

Thursday 2nd March –Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Michael Glynn RIP

Friday 3rd March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Lena Carling RIP

Saturday 4th March– Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - John Calnan 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. Thank you very much.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday with the traditional Masses with the imposition of Ashes (9.30am & 7.30pm at St Joseph's). There will be much going on across the Parish in Lent so please pick up one of the special "LENT" sheets and take it home with you. There is also a free booklet for each household entitled "The Meaning of Lent" which we hope you will share around. And, as usual we have the excellent "Walk with Me" booklets at £1 which are a must to help us all get into the spirituality of Lent. These last two items will be available at the back of all three of our churches.

Fr Peter and Fr Fortunato very much pray that Lent will be a special time of spiritual renewal for us all.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- This year the Women's World day of Prayer has been written by the Christian Women of the Philippines. One service is to be at All Saint's Hockerill, organised by churches together, on Friday 3rd March at 10-30 am. If anyone would like to attend the Bishop's Stortford service and needs a lift, please phone Marie Grace 657598, or Marie Rhodes 656482. There will also be another Women's World Day of Prayer Service held on Friday, 3rd March but in St. James Church in High Wych at 10a.m. All are very welcome.

FOODBANK COLLECTION During Lent the churches of the Parish will be collecting again for the Foodbank. At St Joseph's please leave donations in the usual cupboard at the back of the church below the leaflet area and ensure that all items are in date. At Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer, leave them in the boxes near the doors.

J & P GROUP: CAFOD Fast Day lunch in the Parish Centre, Friday 10th March, 12 noon - 1.30pm. Soup/bread & cheese/ tea & coffee. Donations please for CAFOD Lent Fast Day appeal.

Applicants for St Joseph's Nursery 2017 may wish to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. A turquoise 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.** The Certificate will be posted to you. The School deadline for applications is Friday 17th March 2017



CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017.

If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to receive an invitation please send the following details to the Parish Office as soon as possible and **by 20th March please:** Husband and Wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail address (or a telephone number if no e-mail)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BISHOP'S STORTFORD LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS

Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent. The groups last year were very successful and allowed members of different churches to get to know each other. The groups will run for five weeks, from Monday March 6th 2017 to Friday April 7th 2017. There are five groups as follows: Mon afternoons in Oaklands Park, Mon evenings in Rochford Rd, Tues mornings in Stansted Rd, Wed evenings in Wetherfield Stansted, Thur evenings in Heath Row. If interested can you kindly enter your details on the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the church information area or alternatively contact Tony Davies at tonydavies234@hotmail.co.uk or (01279) 465200. It would be helpful kindly to offer a second and perhaps third choice in the event that there is overwhelming demand for your first.

PARISH PANCAKES Join us on Shrove Tuesday, 28th Feb. from 12 noon in the Parish Centre for a jacket potato (and filling) and pancakes. Donations for CAFOD clean water campaign, raffle, amazing prizes. Information and details from Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575.

A MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th March at 2.30pm. It will be a service to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

HERTS MIND NETWORK – Lucy and Abigail Jones of our Parish will be running the Cambourne 10k on 2 April 2017 in memory of Becky Jones RIP to raise much needed funds for MIND, the mental health charity. If you would like to help sponsor them please see their just giving page or sponsor form at the back of St Josephs <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/A-JONES-SCRAMBLED-LEGS>

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME to BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN, Bishop in Hertfordshire, who joins the Communities at Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer this weekend for his Episcopal Visitation on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop. During this time he will be meeting with members of the communities especially those with particular responsibilities.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27 Feb-12 March ~ Our parish is a Fairtrade parish~ Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions & fair terms of trade particularly for small scale farmers & workers. Try to buy goods labelled Fairtrade, especially this fortnight .We can make a difference

ST MARYS CATHOLIC SCHOOL are advertising two teaching posts- Head of Science from Sept 2017 and a 'Second' in Mathematics. An application form and further details can be found at www.stmarys.net under the vacancies section.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Sunday, 19 March 12pm .If you are able to attend our annual celebration, please see our sign-up list at the back of St Joseph's Church and add your name and the dish you wish to bring to share with your fellow parishioners. If you are not sure what to bring, you could choose from some suggestions we have made. Thank you. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

PASSION PLAY FOR LENT Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford will be presenting a 'Riding Lights' Crosslight Passion Play for Lent on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Charis Centre. Tickets are £12 / £10 Concessions and are available from Debbie in the Parish Office or Box Office 07487 328972 or www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/32161084670

PARISH MAGAZINE - available at only 30p from each Church
This month's Novena will be on Monday 27th February after Mass at St Joseph's.
Everyone is welcome

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE.... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Social Committee would like to invite you to participate in a **Bring & Share Lunch** on St Joseph's Feast Day: **Sunday, 19 March at 12noon** in the Parish Centre. **Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a Parish 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 on 3 December. Further details will be given nearer the time.



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Collections 18/19 February 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1609.86 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £53.40/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £65.37/ Standing Orders: £82 GIF/£40.86



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*