



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 Carlos Quito

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Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 26th November 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass People of the Parish
11am Mass Mike Frost RIP
12.30pm Baptisms Eliora Onyia
Juliette Catherine Rose O' Connor
6pm Mass Special Intention for a newly ordained Priest

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – James Mc Neice RIP

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

11.15 am Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 27th November – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass – Geoffrey Bramall RIP

Tuesday 28th November – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass – Phillip Gallagher RIP

Wednesday 29th November –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass –Valerie Willoughby RIP

Thursday 30th November – St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass –Patrick Joseph Loftus RIP

Friday 1st December – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass –Roger Cheetham RIP

Saturday 2nd December-feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass – James Joseph Conroy RIP



Mass requests

MASS INTENTIONS – Please be aware that all weekend and week day Mass intentions have now been booked for the remainder of the year at St Josephs. There is availability at Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer.

Please call the office to have your loved one remembered in our Bidding prayers



ST JOSEPH'S GIVING TREE 2017 -We are supporting

the St Francis Catholic Family Centre in East London again this year by providing Christmas presents for the children they support. The Giving Tree will be set up next week on the 1st Sunday of Advent. All the information you need will be displayed next to the tree. If you have any queries or can offer sometime to help with the organisation please contact Mandy Gregory 07985 111 235

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE-Applicants for Reception Schools in 2018 may like to collect a **pink** 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 be posted to you. **St Joseph's School has asked us to inform prospective applicants that the number of places available in Reception for 2018-19 has increased from 45 to 60.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to join a small team making refreshments and generally helping with the Majellans Toddler Group on Monday mornings 9.30-11.30, term time only in the Parish Centre. This could be on a long term/short term/temporary or ad hoc basis, whatever suits you. It is a lively and fun group and the parents/carers look forward to being tended to in their busy lives so please help if you can. Please contact Giovanna Sutton-Long on 01279 833780 (answerphone)

ADVENT FAYRE - Sunday 3rd Dec. after 9am Mass at **Most Holy Redeemer**. Cake and Gift Stalls plus 'Theresa's Fabulous Jewellery' Proceeds to be shared between the Cardinal Hume Centre and St. Lawrence's School, Zambia.

ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS-If English is not your first language and you want to improve your communication skills, please contact Sister Ruth for more information. Teaching all levels. £10 per lesson (1 1/2 hours). Lessons run all year. Start anytime.

DADS PRAYER GROUP - meet on Wednesday 29th Nov at 8pm in the WCC Upper Room. All welcome.

FINANCE OFFICER & CLEANER VACANCY at St Marys School. Please see www.stmarys.net for more info.

PARISH MAGAZINE- The Christmas issue is coming up - deadline **Friday 1st December**. All kinds of copy welcome, seasonal or otherwise, also children's contributions. Please e-mail to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with the Parish office

FOODBANK- St. Joseph's will collect for the local Foodbank during the Advent & Christmas season, starting 2nd/3rd December. Please leave donations in the cupboard at the back of the church. All basic **in date** dried/packet/tinned foods are welcome.

WINTER LUNCH – 3 December 2017: HELPERS NEEDED IN THE CENTRE from 9am to prepare the lunch and the hall for our guests. If you are able to help, please contact Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472 or email socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to act as drivers for our guests. We shall be contacting you this week to confirm arrangements

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - Next October 4th – 13th 2018 there will be a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes via Jumbulance with Across, taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill of the parish. Across is a charity created specifically to provide transport and support to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes via a Jumbulance (jumbo-ambulance) Fr Carlos will be our spiritual Lead, but we also need a doctor, nurses, male and female helpers as well as those helpers that are able but unable to push wheelchairs. No experience necessary, just a kind heart and a willing to help those less able. We also would have great pleasure hearing from those sick, disabled and terminally ill whom we call our VIP's, that would welcome a pilgrimage to Lourdes. Priority is given to those in terminal illness, those with progressive diseases and those whose medical conditions make it impossible or impractical to use conventional means of transport. The cost of the pilgrimage is £750, but subsidies may be available .Please contact Debbie Hourihan 07584 623472 or Pauline O'Driscoll 07594 43 63 48

WED GROUP CHRISTMAS MEAL- Last orders please. We need to give 'The Star' final numbers and menu choices by the end of this week. If you have not already done so, could you let Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575 know if you are joining us at 12 noon on Dec. 13, together with your choices ASAP. Everyone is very welcome.

ECUMENICAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE with Carols & Candlelight .Join Fr Carlos at an uplifting Service of Remembrance with a choir and light refreshments on Sunday 10th December at 3.30 p.m. (arrivals from 3 p.m.) at St Michael's Church, Wind Hill, Bishop's Stortford To register for free Tickets please contact Daniel Robinson & Sons Funeral Directors 01279 655477 Mon-Fri, 9am - 5 pm. You will be able to hang your own message on our remembrance tree & light a candle in memory of a loved one. (Message labels & candles supplied on the night)

ROAD CLOSURES- will be in force on Saturday 2nd December 6am – 6pm for the Bishop's Stortford Christmas Fayre Event which includes North Street, Potter Street, South Street, High Street up to Basbow Lane and Market Square. There will be diversions in the area which may affect your normal route to Saturday evening Mass at St Josephs.

INVITATION TO A CAROL SERVICE at St Joseph's School **Friday 15th December 2017. Change of Date** The pupil chaplaincy team, supported by the singing club, invite senior parishioners to a carol service at the school, followed by refreshments, on 15th December from 10.15-11.30 am If you would like to attend please call the school office (01279 652576) by 11th December and mention if you need transport or can offer some-one a lift

'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46 v10

THANK YOU....

To everyone who very kindly contributed last week towards the World day for the poor.

We raised a combined **£1,830.00** to help the Night Shelter (St Josephs £1486.10, Holy Cross £78.80, MHR £265.10)

Thank you also to Parishioners at Holy Cross/ St Andrews who raised £121.25 for CAFOD following their Harvest lunch.

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

SERVICE OF REFLECTION at St Elizabeth's centre, Perry Green Sunday 3rd December at 4pm in the Chapel. Mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

ADVENT REFLECTION TALKS AT HOLY CROSS



Wednesday 6th December – 7.45pm – 9.30pm

Very Rev Dr. Jeffrey John
(Dean of St Albans Cathedral)

'Advent - The end of the world and the end of us'

Wednesday 13th December 7.45pm – 9.30pm

Bishop Paul McAleenan

(Auxiliary Bishop in the RC Diocese of Westminster)

'The Lord is coming and all His churches rejoice!'

Wednesday 20th December 7.45pm – 9.30pm

Bruce Kent & Valerie Flessati

(Pax Christi, CND, Movement for the Abolition of War)

'The coming of the Prince of Peace'

All across the Parish are invited to attend a series of talks and discussion in preparation for Christmas at St Andrews and Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Much Hadham SG10 6EW.

Refreshments on arrival.



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

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Parish Centre Bookings:
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Safeguarding
bishopsstortfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Thank you

Collections 18/19th November 2017 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1,280.58

Holy Cross

Collection: £60.80

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £173.90



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 now 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*