



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 March 2017 – 4th Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
 11am Mass Nancy Larchet RIP
 6pm Mass Confirmation Candidates

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Teresa Doherty RIP

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

Monday 27th March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – John Craven RIP

Tuesday 28th March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- All those who are hungry

Wednesday 29th March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- All Victims of Crime

Thursday 30th March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30am Mass – Private Intentions
 9.30am Mass – Albert Smith RIP

Friday 31st March – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – All those who are Sick
 2pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 1st April – Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - The People of Our Parish 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.

Our Church, Our Needs, Our Responsibility Planned Giving Appeal

'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'
 – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that **all** parishioners from St Josephs complete a promise card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living Church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass.

Thank you.

A DATE FOR YOUR GOLFING DIARY! Calling all golfers from Holy Cross at St Andrews, Much Hadham, Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth and St Joseph's Bishop's Stortford. It's time for our annual charity golf day and this year it's on **Friday 19th May 2017 at the Manor of Groves in High Wych**. We were very lucky with the weather last year and have booked it again for this year!! Please contact David Wilkinson (wilkinsondavid@mac.com), Bertie Napier (bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk), Ben Livermore (ben.livermore@caring-people.com) or Angela Tyson (angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) for further info and/or an Entry Form .Any raffle prize donations would be very welcome.

The monthly Novena to Our Lady will be on Tuesday 28th March 2017 after the morning Mass at St Joseph's Church

CONFIRMATION- Those of our Parish who have decided to go forward for Confirmation will celebrate their Mass of Inscription this Sunday at the 6pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue with their preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan (Auxiliary Bishop in Hertfordshire, at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th May.

HERTS MIND NETWORK – Lucy and Abigail Jones 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>

FOOD BANK COLLECTION (St Joseph's) We are collecting during Lent. Most wanted items are long-life milk, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes/ meat/ rice and sponge pudding/ instant mash/ sugar/ drinking chocolate/ chocolate bars. All basic packet/ dried/ tinned foods are welcome, also toiletries/ toothpaste & brushes/ deodorant and soap. Please leave donations in the cupboard in the information area at the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 2pm every Friday at St Josephs- All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE needs a volunteer webmaster. The task is not especially onerous, but it does need a few hours a month devoted to it. If interested please contact: facilitator@cthers.org.uk

THE DAD'S PRAYER GROUP are meeting on Wednesday 29 March, 8pm in the Parish Centre. We will be continuing our Bible study course "The Big Picture" with the chapter on Resurrection. All are welcome and there are plenty of spare copies if you haven't been before. It will be a great way of preparing for Easter and meeting other young(ish) parents. Any questions please contact David Wilkinson wilkinsondavid@mac.com

A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE- A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the new Retreat Centre in Walsingham, from Sunday 30 April (6pm) – Saturday 6 May (2pm). The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk; 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY – Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 3pm at St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church in Stansted CM24 8LQ. All welcome.

CAFOD – Thank you to those who came and supported the J&P CAFOD Fast day lunch which has been featured in the Herts & Essex Observer this week.

PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA -Karin and Eugene Keddy will be travelling to Zambia at the beginning of May to visit the St. Lawrence Community School. As well as taking the money being collected during Lent, they would like to take something for the children. A suitcase will be at the back of Most Holy Redeemer, into which they would like parishioners to place pencils, colouring pencils and biros. All donations will be warmly welcomed

THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE wishes to thank all participators in our highly enjoyable Bring & Share lunch last weekend to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners catching-up with each other and sharing news and views; we couldn't have managed without our stoic volunteers and we are grateful to all who donated dishes to share, and to Fr Peter for the generous out-pouring of wine to enhance the convivial atmosphere! Our **next meeting on Tuesday, 28 March at 7.30pm in WCC** will focus on our Family Fun Day event on 9 July - come and join us with your suggestions and ideas, or email us at socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 7 Nights half board, airport flight and transfers 22nd-29th April. Gatwick to Dubrovnik £390.00 per person. Email: Jackie@med-irishcentre.com or call on 020 3239 8662.

NEW '12 sided' POUND COINS – become legal tender on Tuesday 28th March. Your 'old' circular £1 coins need to be used by October 15th. Why not consider putting them in our 'Penny collection' for the 'Aqua box' charity before then?



Let us pray for all those whose lives have been changed forever by the terror attack on Westminster Bridge and the Palace of Westminster: that those who died may have eternal life; that the injured may be restored to health; that the traumatised may find peace of mind and heart and that all who need it may find the comfort, strength and support that they need.....

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

Sunday, 9 July is the date this year for a **Parish-wide 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 - 3 Dec.



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Collections 18/19th March 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1690.42 /Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £112.35/ Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £84.10 / Standing Orders: £82 /£60 Zambia



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*