



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 9am Mass – Ann Finlay RIP  
 11am Mass – Gerald and Kathleen Deane-Bowers RIP  
 No 6pm Mass

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):  
 9.00am Mass  
 Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):  
 11.15am Mass

St Joseph's / Most Holy Redeemer

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Monday within the Octave of Easter  
 No Mass

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
 No Mass

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – Albert Smith RIP

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
 St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – New Members of the Church

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday within the Octave of Easter  
 St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – The Right Use of the Media

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter  
 St Joseph and the English Martyrs:  
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass – Colin Stewart 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.

### Ways to be Merciful during the Year of Mercy

1. Resist sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy; Set, O Lord a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips! (Psalm 141:3)
2. Reduce your possessions: share your things with the needy.
3. Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand why they are lonely
4. Write a letter of forgiveness to someone
5. Learn to say this prayer: 'Dear Lord, bless (annoying person's name) and have mercy on me!'
6. Plan a mini pilgrimage to a local shrine; make an effort along the way to live the corporal work of mercy of 'welcoming the stranger' as Christ.
7. Do something kind and helpful for someone who you don't get along with, or who has wronged you.
8. Be mindful of your behaviour online. Is that post designed to improve your image and leave others feeling bad?
9. Have Mass said for the living, family and friends or strangers you read or hear about who are having a hard time.
10. Be generous enough to allow someone to help you; people need to feel needed (53 ways to be Merciful Westminster Record 3/2016)



We wish everyone  
 a  
 Blessed and Joyous  
 Easter

Alleluia  
 He is  
 Risen

**LOURDES JULY 24-30th 2016** -If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year as a parish group, please sign the list at the back of church to receive the booking form which contains all the relevant info Patrick & Pauline Haynes. 652411

**St Joseph's Parish Walk.** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Due to popular demand we will be doing the Much Hadham walk again leaving from St Andrews/Holy Cross Church at 2pm. We will stop for refreshments on the way. **All welcome.** Approx. 4 miles, sensible shoes advised. Contact Fiona 01279 501948

**PARISH-WIDE GOLF DAY – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at Manor of Groves Golf Club in High Wych- we will be raising funds for all three Churches and welcome golfers who may be joining us for the first time from Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth. The day will begin from 1pm with rolling tea and coffee and bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf on this splendid course and a two course meal and presentations in the evening. All for £50 per person. Guests for evening meal only will be £20. Contact David Wilkinson on 07876 391050 or Angela Tyson on 07940 584225 for info There are Entry forms at the back of all churches.

**Divine Mercy Service. Sunday 3rd April at 3pm at St. Joseph's.** Pope Francis has declared 2016 as an extra Jubilee Year of Mercy. Therefore Divine Mercy Sunday is especially important this year. Our Lord said to St. Faustina in 1931, "I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." Please join us at the above service in response to Our Lord's wishes and Pope Francis' plea that the Church should devote this whole year to Divine Mercy.

**Bereavement Care Awareness** -A training course to help churches support bereaved people on 7th May 2016, 10am - 4pm at Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre, £20 for the course and lunch – Please speak with Father Peter if interested.

**Wanted** -Friendly, reliable local families willing to host Italian students who wish to practice their English for a couple of weeks during the summer. Please contact Laura Vettori, at [vettorilaura68@gmail.com](mailto:vettorilaura68@gmail.com)

**Saturday 14 May 2016 at 7pm** at the Methodist Church A Musical Evening by Cambridge Salvation Army Band. Admission is free. There will be a collection in aid of The Bible Society.

**SVP Coffee Morning** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00 – 11.30 in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome to join us for tea or coffee, cake and friendly company. For a lift please call Jill on 657575 or Astrid on 465200

**Catholic Speed Dating Event** at the Augustinian Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road on 9 April at 7:30pm. are looking for men only at this stage, Please email Gabriella at [gabriella@austin-forum.org](mailto:gabriella@austin-forum.org) for information.

**Planned Giving Envelopes for Tax Year starting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016:** The new Planned Giving Envelopes **are now available for you to collect from the old information area at the back of the church.** Your new envelopes will have the same number as before, and the boxes will be arranged in numerical order. The new envelopes must NOT be used until the weekend of 9/10 April.

**Gift Aid:** The Tax Year ends on 5<sup>th</sup> April and we will be submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2015/16 soon after that. If you are registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible because you will have stopped paying UK Income Tax before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 it is important that you let us know immediately, with the date that you stopped paying tax. You can let us know by email at [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk), a note to No 3, or phone 01279 654063 (10am to 3pm) & leave a message.

**Planned Giving:** Our weekly Offertory Collections are currently 10% lower than a year ago. So that we can maximise our income and help to pay for the daily running of the Church and Parish we would encourage those of you who are not already members of our Planned Giving scheme to join – application cards are available at the back of the church. Contributions can be made using weekly envelopes or by Standing Order – which is more efficient for both the donor and the parish. Standing Order Forms are also available at the back of the church. If you are a UK Tax Payer and not already registered for Gift Aid, we would urge you to do so. This will enable the parish to obtain an additional 25p for every £1 that you contribute – with no cost to yourself. Last year St. Joseph's parish claimed back over £26,000 in Gift Aid. To register you will need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, available from the back of the church.

**The Justice & Peace Group** invites you to join them for a walk in the town, visiting the Rhodes Museum & the Port Jackson, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at the Rhodes Centre at 10.30am. Leaflet with full details is available at the back of the church.

**Barn Dance** at Holy Trinity Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8pm. Tickets £12, supper provided, bring your own drinks. and dancing shoes! Tickets from Carole 656713 or Sheila 656365

**The Parish Office will be closed** from Good Friday until 6/4 inclusive. Please email any non-urgent inquiries to Debbie who will deal immediately upon her return.

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[bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk)  
 Child Protection: Keith Irvine  
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 SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571

Thank you

Collections 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
 St Josephs and the English Martyrs  
 Collection: £ 1615.04 Standing Orders: £1278  
 Holy Cross CAFOD collection £1296.40(Gift aid £218.75)  
 Collection: £ 114.05 Standing Orders: £220  
 Most Holy Redeemer  
 Collection: £125.73 Standing Orders: £82

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.  
 Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email  
 First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion -  
**Recruiting now completed at the 3 Churches**  
 Confirmation: now closed for 2016

*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.*