



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP  
11am Mass Frank Podgorski RIP  
12.30pm Baptism Maeve Mc Mahon  
6pm Mass Eileen Eoh RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00 am Mass – People of the Parish

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

11.15 am Mass – People of the Parish

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass- Katie Smith RIP

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- Luke Matheou & friends intention

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August – St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Puz Morris RIP

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August St Aiden, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am- Mass- People of the Parish

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Thanksgiving for our Priests

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Thanksgiving for Father Fortunato



### 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** to all who came along to the

Parish Centre last Saturday to help with the 'Big clean up' event. It has made a real difference and our chairs are looking almost as new! We will be running future events if you missed out this time!

**PARISH CENTRE GROUPS** - If you wish to re book the WCC please kindly return a new booking request form for the autumn term (available on our web site) confirming your chosen days and dates ASAP, in order to avoid any disappointment.

**TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS AT ST JOSEPHS** – Due to the holidays and a large private booking of the Parish Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept unfortunately there will be **NO** planned teas and Coffees after 9 & 11am Mass until **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Apologies for this. The car park behind the Church has also been booked next Sunday so will **NOT** be available for Parishioners.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** -St. Joseph's are collecting for the Foodbank again during August (until 2nd/3rd Sept.) .Donations as usual in the cupboard at the back of the church - basic tinned/dried/packet foodstuffs please, and kindly check that they are in-date. Thank you very much.

**PENNY COLLECTION - "Aquabox"**. Thank you to all who supported the recent lunch in aid of "Aquabox". £136 was raised, to add to the current total of £302 - still less than halfway to our target of £1,000, so please keep on losing your small change in the penny jar at the back of the church. £250 can provide a filtration unit to produce enough clean drinking water for 100 family groups of five (500 people) for over 18 months. If we could raise enough for four of these it would be wonderful.

**WINE TASTING EVENING** - Join us for an evening of tasting and socialising in the WCC Hall on Friday, 22 September at 7.30pm. Just bring yourselves - maybe a friend or two - and a few nibbles/soft drinks. Tickets for this popular event are available now at £5 each from Alison on 07880 946085 or Stephen on 07738 607678.

**AN OPERATIC EVENING** - Charity Concert in Aid of Tyburn Convent and its Mission Foundations, St James' Catholic Church, Spanish Place, London W1U 3QY, 22 September 2017 at 7.00 pm. For more info please visit <https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/concert>.

**STREET PASTORS** – Prayer & Praise initiative at 'The Hub Church' Portland Rd at 8pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Daphne Bagley [daphne.bagley@tesco.net](mailto:daphne.bagley@tesco.net) 01279 721753

**ENCOUNTER** – The new programme for 2017/18 'Encounter' events is now available at the back of St Joseph's Church

## Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2018



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2018

The preparation programme is **only** for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion within the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford and **not elsewhere**

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child – please do not take a form for someone else

**Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill  
by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Fr Peter will not allow any exceptions to this cut-off date**

**ZAMBIA** -Karin and Eugene will give a brief report on their recent visit to St. Lawrence's Community, Zambia on Sunday 3rd September after 9a.m. Mass at Most Holy Redeemer. A full PowerPoint style presentation of their visit will take place on Tuesday 26th September at 7p.m. in the Windhill Churches Centre in Bishops Stortford. Everyone welcome!

**LEA VALLEY PARISHES JUSTICE AND PEACE OPEN EVENING**, Friday 22nd September, 7.30pm, Ware to hear how our Parishes are responding to social issues affecting human dignity at home and abroad, and to share experiences and ideas. We shall discuss possible actions for the future and Deacon Adrian will review the recent presentation on Human Trafficking given by Mike Duthie of the Santa Marta organisation. There may not be a Justice and Peace group in every Parish, but please come along as individuals - and there will be refreshments too! Venue: The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph Parish Centre, 1 King Edwards Rd, Ware, SG12 7EJ. Contact: [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or John Vaughan-Shaw 01920 822440.

**FREE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** - The Catholic Trust of England and Wales has a package of E-learning programmes that are available free of charge to every member of the Catholic community in England and Wales. See <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding-about-our-training/> for info.

## 'FAREWELL AND WELCOME PARTY' A date for your diary...



On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September after the 6pm Mass at the Windhill Churches Centre we will be holding a 'Bring and share 'Farewell party for Father Fortunato' and a joint 'Welcome to the Parish party' for Father Carlos who will be joining us. Everyone is invited and drinks will be provided.

**We shall be having a collection for Father Fortunato** (whilst he is away!) If you would like to make a donation in grateful thanksgiving for his Ministry, please collect a 'donation envelope' available at the back of each Church and return either via the collection basket or post through the door of number 3. Cheques may be made payable to 'WRCDT Bishop's Stortford'. Parishioners at Holy Cross may also hand their envelope to Martin Dillon.

Thank you very much

## HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday 3rd September 3pm at the Baptist Church.

All welcome.

**A JEWISH REFLECTION ON THE BOOK OF EXODUS** -Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford are hosting a presentation by a leading scholar, Rabbi Hillel Gruber, followed by a discussion with local Christian Paul Burrell, to be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 18th September in the Ferguson Lecture Theatre, Bishop's Stortford College. Booking is not required; there will be a suggested minimum donation of £5 to cover expenses; the building is adjacent to the Memorial Hall and accessed from the College Main Entrance or from Maze Green Road



Please keep in your prayers  
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor



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Thank you

Collections 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*

Collection: £1293.63 /Standing Orders July Total £7858.84

*Holy Cross*

Collection: £43.60/ Standing Orders: July Total £940

*Most Holy Redeemer:*

Collection: £227.55 / £123.30 (13/8) Standing Orders July Total £662.33

Sacramental  
Preparation



**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 open

**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*