



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 29th January 2017 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP
 11am Mass Homeless People affected by the cold
 12.30pm Baptism – Joshua Daniel Foster
 Daphne Isabella Gadea
 6pm Mass Ken Salmon RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass People of the Parish

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

Monday 30th January – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Jenny Cripps RIP

Tuesday 31st January – St John Bosco Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass- Private Intention of Polina

Wednesday 1st February- feria

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

Thursday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Arminda Di Giovanni RIP

Friday 3rd February – Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore

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

Saturday 4th February – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - The Towle Family Intention



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.



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)

JUNIOR READING AT THE 9am MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S - A big thank you to all the young people who have been helping with the reading ministry at the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. If your child is in school year 4 or above and would like to help with this ministry please email David Wilkinson on wilkinsondavid@mac.com and we can arrange a training session with a view to including them on the rota after Easter.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Young adults are invited to join the Youth Ministry team on pilgrimage to Rome from 16 to 19 June 2017, led by Fr David Reilly. The cost of the pilgrimage is £472 and spaces are limited. For more information, email youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit www.dowym.com/events/roma-2017/

REFUGEES: Next Steps – Wednesday 1st Feb, 7-9pm, Vaughan

House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN – A chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria **After the Jungle, where next? – Wednesday 8th Feb, 7-9pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY** – Hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on Eventbrite

VOCATIONS– This weekend we welcome back Canon Stuart Wilson who is the Spiritual Director at Allen Hall, our Diocesan Seminary and will be preaching on Vocations as he celebrates the Masses at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross

BISHOPS STORTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER HOUSE GROUPS DURING LENT 2017 Churches Together are again sponsoring inter-church discussion/study/friendship groups during Lent 2017 and need offers both to host and to lead groups. Each group will run for five weeks, on a chosen day of the week, a.m., p.m. or evening, with the first meeting in the week of Mon 6th - Fri 10th March and the last in the week of Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April. Offers to host and/or lead please to Jill Beardwood, 01279 655804, jill_beadwood@hotmail.com (If you would like to join a group but not host or lead it, kindly await a further announcement later this month.)

TEACHING VACANCIES -Teacher of ICT and Computing Full-time Permanent required from April 2017 at St Mary's School. Closing date 31/1/17. Also a Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages is required from September. Closing date 7/2/17 Visit www.stmarys.net for more details.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED 'Are you over 18 and planning a gap year? Join us for a year at the Westminster Youth Ministry retreat centre as a volunteer missionary supporting schools and parishes of our diocese, where you can develop skills to help you with your future career, and deepen and grow in your Catholic faith. We provide wonderful accommodation in glorious surroundings, all meals and a monthly allowance. To see how our past volunteer missionaries have used this experience to build their future, and to find out more, visit www.dowym.com/spec/

CALLING ALL FRIENDS AND ALUMNI This year is the 50th anniversary of the Catholic University Chaplaincy Centre for London's Universities. Were you a resident or regular Mass-goer here? Were you in one of the university Catholic Societies in London? Did you deepen your faith or discover your vocation through the Chaplaincy? We would love to re-connect with you and hear from you. There is a range of celebrations planned, but the principal celebration will be Mass on Sunday 28 May at St James' Church, Spanish Place at 2pm, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Please visit www.universitycatholic.net/signup or email alumni@universitycatholic.net

PARISH MAGAZINE: Deadline for the next edition is **FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY**. Please e-mail items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office. Would parish groups kindly advise any amendments to the "Whom to Contact" list on the back of the Magazine or provide details if your group is not currently included.

The monthly Novena to Our Lady will start again this month on Tuesday 31st January 2017 after the morning Mass at St Joseph's Church



SPECIAL PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK CELEBRATED BY BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN

BISHOP PAUL McALEENAN, Bishop in Hertfordshire, will be coming to the Parish for an Episcopal Visitation on behalf of the Cardinal Archbishop. He will be at St Joseph's for the weekend of Feb 18/19 and at Most Holy Redeemer and at Holy Cross for Sunday Feb 26. During this he will be meeting with members of the Parish in the different Churches, especially those with particular responsibilities.

As part of the Visitation of the whole Parish, Bishop Paul McAleenan will be celebrating a Special Mass for the Sick in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Joseph's in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 3pm.

During the Mass there will be the opportunity for those in need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Following the Mass there will be refreshments served at the back of the Church and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

We would like to extend a personal invitation to you in the hope that you may like to join us for our celebration.

If you would like to come, we would be very grateful if you would please complete and return an RSVP slip located at the back of each Church or telephone Debbie in the Parish Office on 01279 654063 by **Friday 10th February 2017**. If you require assistance with transport, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

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 Monastery Gardens. A proposed wine tasting event will be scheduled for September. Further details will be given nearer the time.**

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven"



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Collections 22nd January 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1787.20 / Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £59.75 / Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £159.90 / Standing Orders: £82



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.
Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email
First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
 Now closed for 2016/7
Confirmation: Applications for 2017 are now Closed.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
 the Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art though 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*