



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 Fortunato Pantisano

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 Live streaming from St Joseph's: www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

- 9am Mass – Fr Maurice Crean RIP
- 11am Mass – Roisin Doran RIP
- 6pm Mass - Derek and Eileen Mann RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

- 9.00am Mass

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

- 11.15am Mass

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Monday 30th November – St Andrew, Apostle

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 11am Requiem Mass – Sean Nugent RIP

Tuesday 1st December – Advent feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Private intention for the Davis family

Wednesday 2nd December – Advent feria

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Donald and Muriel Barrett RIP

Thursday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier, Priest

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Ernest Workman RIP

Friday 4th December – St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

- 9.15am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass – Patricia Stott RIP
- 7pm Advent show

Saturday 5th December- Advent feria

- 5.15-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass – Eileen Eoh 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

RCIA 2015/16

*Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to join the Catholic Church? Is there someone you know who would be interested in becoming a Catholic, perhaps your husband or wife; girlfriend or boyfriend or neighbour? Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? If the answer is "YES" to any of these questions COME and JOIN the **Journey of Faith** at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford. Our first meeting will be at the **Parish Centre (WCC) on Monday 30th November 2015 at 8pm**. Therefore if you are interested contact ASAP Fr Peter or Fr Fortunato at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk or call 01279 654063.*

Rehearsals for the Holy Cross/St Andrew's Joint carol service on Sunday 20 December take place at 10 am on Saturday mornings in St. Andrew's. Also, an Ecumenical Advent course will take place on November 30, December 7 & 14 in the staff room at St. Andrew's school at 8 pm.

WANTED! -warm clothes, boots, shoes and knitted blankets for Syrian refugees in the refugee camps in Kurdistan. Please bring any donations to the old Margaret Clitherow room at St Joseph's Church on 28/ 29 Nov & 5/6 Dec. they will then be taken to those who need your help by www.goodsforgoods.org.uk

SVP COFFEE MORNING: This Tuesday, 1st December, 10.00 – 11.30 in the Parish Centre. Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, cakes and mince pies. You will be assured of a warm welcome! Please call Jill on 657575 for a lift.

Giving Tree for St Joseph's-The tree is now set up on the Majellan's side altar. Please take one tag per family and spend no more than £10. Please wrap and attach the tag on your gift and return by Sunday 13th December. Thank you. Any queries please contact Mandy Gregory: 07985111235

Encounter meet next Fri. 4 December in Windhill Churches Centre. **'The Joy of Advent'** Bring along something that illustrates this theme for you: a personal possession, a photograph, a piece of prose or poetry, art ...**10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** shared **'Advent' lunch 2.pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

Holy Trinity Church would like any spare pillow cases, sheets, duvet covers, toothpaste/ brushes, flannels & soap for the Night Shelter. Please give any donations in to the Parish Office marked 'Winter Night Shelter' Thank you

The Second Collection at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross during Advent will be for The Cardinal Hume Centre.

STOP PRESS !!!

Pope Francis announced Wednesday the appointment of two new Bishops for Westminster – **Fr Paul McAleenan** (PP of Watford) and **Mgr John Wilson** (Leeds Diocese).

Bishop elect Paul will replace Bishop John here in Hertfordshire, (he moves to N. London). Please pray for them both.

Certificate of Catholic Practice

All applicants to Catholic Schools from now on are invited to obtain a "Certificate of Catholic Practice" from their Parish Priest. To enable Fr Peter to provide this Certificate parents will need to collect an "Information for Certificate of Practice" form from him. According to the information you supply on this form, Fr Peter will or will not be able to issue you with a Certificate. The Bishops have made it clear, in agreement with the Government, that "weekly attendance" is necessary to qualify as a "practicing Catholic family". There is room on the "Information form" for anything to be noted to assist Fr Peter to make a judgement to enable him to issue a "Certificate" or not..

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - All our Confirmation candidates from the three Churches of our Parish have now received details of their course. The first meeting is on Saturday December 12th. The Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday evening 28th April. We ask all parishioners across our Parish to especially pray for our candidates during their preparation.

WEEKDAY MASS CONSULTATION With two priests now at No 3 Windhill, it seems a good opportunity to ask for people's thoughts about having an extra Mass at any of our three Churches on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. If you would like to contribute to this consultation, please take one of the forms that are available after Mass at whichever Church you attend. When you bring it back, please hand it to the priest so that he can put it with all the others. The consultation will close on Christmas Day! Thank you.

THE NEW BAPTISTERY AT ST JOSEPH'S - After nearly two years of planning and obtaining legal consents, we have at last accomplished the moving of our Font into our new "Baptistry" area outside the Sacristy. The font began life, as in all Catholic Churches of its day, next to the entrance – where the newspapers and CTS stand are now kept. In the reordering of the Sanctuary in the 1980s it was moved to the Sanctuary. However, it was always very cramped as anyone who has had to get behind it to hold their child for Baptism can tell you! The new Baptistry area allows space for all to gather around.

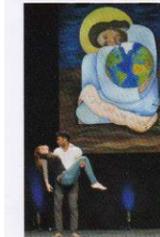
FRIDAY DEC 4th 7PM

Jingle all the way!

December 2015

Join us this Advent for a sparkling mix of comedy, drama, live music and Christmas Carols in our brand new sketch show, 'Jingle all the way!'.

It's an evening of fun, entertainment and the chance for you to stop and reflect on what Christmas means to you this year.



RISE Theatre CIC is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering original, entertaining, faith-based drama. We work at schools, churches, events and festivals across the UK with the aim of inspiring people of all ages to discover their full potential in life.

THIS FRIDAY !!!!!

A Professional Christian Theatre Company

RISE Theatre presents...
Jingle all the way!



A brand new sketch show for all the family, exploring the true meaning of Christmas.



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 Parish Centre Bookings:
bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk
 Child Protection: Childline 0800 11 11
 SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 21/22nd November 2015
St Josephs and the English Martyrs
 Collection: £1368.35 Standing Orders: £1278
Holy Cross
 Collection: £79.11 Standing Orders: £220
Most Holy Redeemer
 Collection: £211.23 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- Holy Cross & Most Holy Redeemer application forms are in the Sacristy
Confirmation: now closed for 2016

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS: St Joseph's are collecting for the foodbank again in December. Basic tinned, dried, packet foodstuffs may be left in the cupboard below the newspaper shelf at the back of the church. Check that everything is well in date! Special need for: long life milk/juice, sugar (500g), squash, drinking chocolate, sponge pudding, solid meat, chocolate bars. Sweets/chocs/biscuits also welcome. **Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross** also have food banks, which run all year, donations can be placed in the green boxes in the porch any time.