



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 30th April 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Fr Joseph Hanton RIP

11am Mass Mary Ann Wild RIP

12.30 pm Baptism Gavin Hoxha and Thomas Tyler

6pm Mass Patrick McManus RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass People of the Parish

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

11.15 am Mass Andrew Baffour RIP

Monday 1st May St Joseph the Worker

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Ray Ward RIP

Tuesday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- James O' Connor RIP

Wednesday 3rd May- STS Philip and James, Apostles

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Thursday 4th May - The English Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Friday 5th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Private Intention

Saturday 6th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

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

6pm Mass - July Isabel Messarin Haro de Falcon RIP



Mass requests

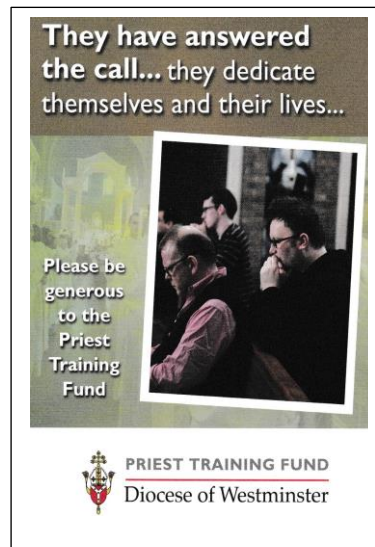
Please fill in the envelope provided, the date & time you would like the Mass with a contact number/ E-mail address and hand in to the Sacristy, Parish Office or 3 Windhill with your donation. Thank you very much.

Planned Giving \ Envelopes at St Joseph's

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish. The Finance Committee and I have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal,

If you have already completed a Pledge form please do check the back of St Joseph's Church to collect a named pack for you which will contain a new set of collection envelopes. Some have still not been collected. We will also be contacting everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering their services.

ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION



Today's Second Collection is for the Annual Priest Training Fund. The fund helps pay for the training of our current 39 Seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serving the Church. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations, perhaps using one of the special prayer cards that are also available. *Thank you.*

PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA - Karin and Eugene are delighted with the wonderful response to the appeal for PENS AND PENCILS FOR ZAMBIA. The large suitcase has been completely filled. Many thanks to all
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 welcome.

SVP- Tuesday, 2nd May. Sorry, but there will be no coffee this month. Look forward to seeing you all again in June.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14th - 20th May. Volunteers needed to help with the annual door-to-door collection for Christian Aid. Please look at the list at the back of St Joseph's Church and sign up if you can collect from a road near you, perhaps together with family or friends to share the load. This is an important ecumenical effort in which most of the town's churches participate. Please help us.

CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS II - Putting it into Practice - Fr Michael Heap. will explore mindfulness in practise with time for personal reflection. Wed, 24 May, 10 am - 3 pm. The Niland Conference Centre Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, Herts WD23 4EE Suggested donation £14. Please bring a packed lunch. Registration is required. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call 02079316078

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.

J&P will hold a plant and cake sale outside St Joseph's on 28th May after the 9am and 11am Masses to benefit Aid to the Church in Need.

WESTMINSTER INTERFAITH 32nd Annual Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace Saturday 20th May 2017 Come and experience something different. Each year, we visit different places of **worship in the Diocese**. This year, we are in North London and Hertfordshire, where we will visit a Baha'i shrine, a Jain Temple, a Hindu monastery, a Mosque, a Sikh Gurdwara, and a couple of churches. Book a seat on the coach for a fun, enlightening and spiritual day-out including meals for just £15. Contact: jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk;

Thank you to EVERYONE who generously gave their time to help during Holy Week and also for your kind cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers
Please see photographs of the amazing floral displays in all three of our Churches on our web site

Alleluia
 He is
 Risen



PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS EVENING OF PRAYER Friday 12 May 2017, 6:30-9:30 pm. Free admission at **Tyburn Convent**, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ (Marble Arch station). At this event, we will remember and pray especially for persecuted children and families. A period of silence will be held in remembrance of PC Keith Palmer and other victims of the terrorist attack at Westminster on 22 March. This event is on the eve of the 100-year anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal, and will be held in honour of Our Lady. Includes Rosary, Mass, entrustment and intercessional prayers, Stations of the Cross, and what you can do to help persecuted Christians.



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Thank you

Collections 22nd /23rd April 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £996.09 /Standing Orders March Total (£5223.50)
Holy Cross
 Collection: £52.10 / Standing Orders: March Total (£690)
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £144.20/ Standing Orders March Total £596)
 Zambia Total to date £575

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
 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