

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 July 2017 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Virginia Vicario RIP
11am Mass Frank Podgorski RIP
12.30pm Baptism Jack Lambrou
6pm Mass All those who have died in conflict

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – All those who have died in conflict

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

11.15 am Mass– All those who have died in conflict

Monday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass- Those who serve in the Armed forces

Tuesday 1st August – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Sheila Waters RIP

Wednesday 2nd August - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Anne Bryant RIP

Thursday 3rd August -feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am- Mass- Luke Matheou & Friends Special Intention

Friday 4th August – St John Vianney, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – People of our Parish

Saturday 5th August – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Kathleen Burke 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE– Debbie will be away for 2 weeks from Monday 1st August and will return on Monday 14th August. Fr Fortunato will also be away for some of August, so PLEASE be patient with Fr Peter who will be on his own for some of this time. He may not be able to get back to people but will always respond to emergencies. Perhaps if you have a non-urgent need, mention it to him at the weekend Mass rather than 'phoning'?

MOST HOLY REDEEMER & ST LAWRENCE'S COMMUNITY ZAMBIA

Earlier this year Karin and Eugene Keddy from Most Holy Redeemer revisited the St Lawrence Community in Zambia with a suitcase of pens and pencils and £1000 donated by Parishioners. Please look at our web site for a report written about their trip <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bishopsstortford/news/most-holy-redeemer-and-st-lawrences-community-in-zambia/>. In the Autumn Karin and Eugene plan to give a presentation– more details to follow. The children that attend St. Lawrence's come from one of the worst slums in sub-Saharan Africa. They have nothing. That is why continued support for St. Lawrence's is vital as education is so important. Supporting the school also helps the whole community. If interested in supporting these children, please give through the MHR Penny Collection, arrange a Standing Order for long-term help or Pray. "Do what you can with what you have where you are." (St. Lawrence School Motto) For more info Karin and Eugene Keddy 01279 723606 karineskeddy@gmail.com.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK VACANCY Applications are invited for the part-time position of Food Bank Co-ordinator, starting in September. Contact Mione Goldspink, tel 656634.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains. Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk



THANKYOU to Mandy Gregory who is sadly giving up her voluntary role at the 'Magellans. Mandy has kindly run the group every Monday and generously given her time and talents. Should you be interested in becoming a helper please contact Mandy or the Parish Office. All volunteers working with Children are subject to DBS checks and compliance with the diocesan safeguarding procedure.

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 16th 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 4th September 2017**

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



J & P SUMMER BUFFET LUNCH: Friday, 4th August, 12.00 - 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Two courses, tea/coffee. Donations please towards this year's Penny Collection - "Aquabox". All most welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE: WINE TASTING EVENING - FRIDAY 22 SEPT. 7.30pm if our Family Fun Day was not to your taste, why not join us for an evening of fine wines and good company. Tickets for this event in the WCC will be available from mid-August at £5 each

FOODBANK COLLECTION St. Joseph's will be 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.



CHURCH LIVE STREAMING – So far this month we have had 5307 viewers following our live streamed Mass from across the globe including Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Kuwait, Russia, The Cayman Islands and Tajikistan. We are also happy to have a regular viewer from the Highlands of Scotland who has 'adopted' St Josephs as their local parish.

RCIA 2017/2018



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** (RCIA) at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford. A programme of talks and discussions are held in a very informal and friendly atmosphere, and these will run from October to Easter. Please contact Fr Fortunato bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk or call 01279 654063 if interested.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

Tea & coffee is enjoyed in the Parish Centre (WCC) at St Joseph's most weeks after the Sunday 9am & 11am Mass. It is a lovely way for our Parishioners new and old to get to know each other, over a cuppa, with biscuits and sometimes cake! Unfortunately the number of our 11am Mass volunteer helpers has reduced recently so we are appealing for some more help please. **If you are able to help just once a month by going on our 'Refreshment rota' we would be very grateful.** Please contact Vanessa Calladine via the Parish Office for more information. Thank you.

Due to holidays there will be no planned 9am or 11am Teas/ Coffees during August – Apologies for this.



THANK YOU to everyone who came to THE HOLY CROSS SUMMER PARTY kindly hosted by Blaise and Susanna Morris. Why not take a look at some of the photos on our web site? <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bishopsstortford/news/the-holy-cross-summer-party-photos/>

A QUIET DAY is planned at St Elizabeth's Centre on August 4. It will be conducted by Sister Gillian Price. For further details contact Hope Gilbert 01279 842206.

MUCH HADHAM MESSY CHURCH will be on Wednesday 2nd August at 4pm in the Congregational Church open to all children in Much Hadham



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Collections 22nd / 23rd July 2017
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
Collection: £1189.86 /Standing Orders June Total £8436.84
Holy Cross
Collection: £106.95/ Standing Orders: June Total £790
Most Holy Redeemer:
Collection: £79.60 / Standing Orders June Total £678.33



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*