



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 October 2016 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Manfra Marzina RIP
 11am Mass Christina Njenga Thanksgiving
 12.30 Baptism Megan Katharine Patricia Mc Cabe
 Ruramai Olivia Daka
 6pm Mass George and Camilla Farrugia RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass Annabel Hayter Special Intention
 Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass Phyllis O' Reilly RIP

Monday 31st October – feria

9.30am Mass – Mary Stott RIP

Tuesday 1st November – All Saints

9.30am Mass – All Saints
 7.30pm Mass – All Saints

Wednesday 2nd November – All Souls Day

9.30am Mass – All Souls

Followed by Blessing of Graves at the Cemeteries

Thursday 3rd November – St Winifride Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mena Wallace RIP
 12.30 Mass Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth

Friday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - David Horgan RIP

Saturday 5th November – 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 - David Horgan 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 very much.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parish-wide

Application forms for all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017 will be available from the Sacristy from Sunday 23rd October.

Applicants only are to sign for a form.

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Sunday 27th November 2016 at the very latest. Sessions will take place during Advent and Lent

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Envelopes are available at the back of St Josephs for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead.

HELP NEEDED! St Josephs Junior choir urgently needs more adults. If you can sing or play we would love to hear from you about helping out at the 9am Mass on an AD HOC basis. Choir practice will resume on Nov 6th. Speak to any of the music team at 9am Mass for info
ALTAR SERVERS at St Joseph's – We will be recruiting new Altar Servers at St Joseph's from November. If you have received your First Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass and are interested please speak with Fr Fortunato. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sacristy from 1st November

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP AUTUMN LUNCH: Friday 4th November, 12 noon - 1.30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Soup, bread & cheese, tea/coffee, all for £3.00. Raffle, sale of books, preserves, bric-a-brac. All proceeds to CAFOD. A warm welcome to all from our three churches and beyond

MHR ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH Sunday 20 November at the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club Pavilion. All welcome. Please see list at back of MHR church for more details and to sign up, or email mhrparishlunch@btinternet.com

SVP Tuesday 1st November - Coffee in the Parish Centre after 9.30am mass for All Saints Day. All are most welcome."

ST MARY'S EXAM INVIGILATOR POSTS -The school is currently looking to recruit Examination Invigilators for the internal exam seasons and for summer 2017 GCE/GCSE exams. Hours will be during school time and can be morning or afternoon or both. This post may be suitable for retired persons or those in part time work. If you are interested please contact Mrs Heather Pinnock, Exams Officer, at the school for further details by Friday 11th November
"FIRE AND LIGHT" CONCERT Saturday 12th November 8pm at St Joseph's Church with **'The Harmonaires'** choral group.
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:21

Your Parish SOCIAL COMMITTEE needs you!

As we start to plan the Parish events for the coming 12 months, we would like to invite your support. First and foremost we need parishioners from **all three of our Churches** to join our small band on the Social Committee to help plan and implement the social life of the Parish. Our next meeting in the WCC is scheduled for 9 Nov at 7.30pm – come along and try us out! We understand you may prefer to volunteer to help at an event or two every now and again: your talent as an organiser/baker/ entertainer/muscleman – or woman - may be just what we need to ensure everything goes smoothly: many hands make light work!

Additionally, we would welcome your feedback on the events we have held in the past both annually (e.g. Hog Roast, Afternoon Tea, Parish Walk) and occasionally (e.g. the odd wine tasting and quiz nights). Please drop us a line to our new email address to let us know how we're doing – or how we can improve events. We would also welcome any suggestions you may have for a new Parish event. Contact us at socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com or complete and return the form at the back of Churches to Debbie Hourihan, our Chair.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB- The parish table tennis club is holding a free come and try it evening in the Parish Centre on Sunday 20 November from 7pm to 8.30 pm. We welcome anyone who wants to just have a go or players of all ages who may be interested in joining us more regularly at our fortnightly Sunday evening club nights. Just turn up on the evening or contact Chris Brolly for more details 01279-324231.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP will be meeting on Nov. 16 in the Parish Centre at 2 p.m. Doreen will be helping us to make a Christmas / Advent Candle decoration (and the usual drinks & cakes of course!) All materials will be supplied, just bring yourself. Donations for the use of the hall very welcome. This will also be a chance to sign up for our Christmas lunch on Dec. 14th at 12 noon at the Star in Bridge St. Menus etc. available please bring a £5 deposit. If you can't come to the Nov. meeting please ring Doreen re: the lunch (325326). Everyone is very welcome on both days.

NIGHT OF LIGHT – An alternative to Halloween- Children's party Monday 31st October in St Joseph's School hall 4pm – 5.30pm. Suitable for Year 2's and under, although older siblings welcome. £2.50 per family. Food, games, craft, surprises and fun! Come dressed up as a Saint or with some white clothing to represent the light! For more information contact Sophie

(Sophie_sully@hotmail.co.uk or Dagna dagna77@wp.pl)



YEAR OF MERCY PARISH MISSION

Many thanks
to all...

...who came to the Mission, who prayed for its success, who brought others to hear God's Word and to the two wonderful Redemptorist Fathers who guided us through the week. Fr Peter and Bishop Ralph were a great encouragement to us all and they led us through the week with great skill. Now we need to build on what has happened, as individuals and as a Parish-wide Community.



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.
-St. Padre Pio

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Tuesday next is the Feast of All Saints, a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**, with Masses at St Joseph's at 9.30am and 7.30pm. Wednesday is the Feast of All Souls with morning Mass at St Joseph's at 9.30.

This will be followed by the Blessing of Graves: at **Bishop's Stortford** Town Cemetery, Cemetery Road, straight after the morning Mass at 10.30. Graves in the Cemetery by St Thomas', **Perry Green** will be blessed at 12.30. Graves in **Sawbridgeworth** Cemetery, will also be blessed at 12.30.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



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Collections 23rd & 24th October 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1470.97 Standing Orders: £1358
Holy Cross:
 Collection: £116.55 Standing Orders: £195
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £148.87 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 open and will close 27 November 2016