



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 31st January 2016 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass – Andy Moloney and Joseph Stehl RIP
11am Mass – Michael Hickey RIP
12.30 Baptism – Eloise Rosalind Dwyer
Daniel Robert Richard Gunter
6pm Mass – People of the Parish

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 1st February – Fourth Week of Year 2

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass – Di Giovanni Arminda RIP

Tuesday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass – James Joseph Conroy RIP

Wednesday 3rd February Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass – John White RIP

Thursday 4th February – feria

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass – Monica Frost RIP

Friday 5th February – St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mass – Private Intention

Saturday 6th February – St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

5.15 – 5.45pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass P.J Loftus and Loftus 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.

Thank you very much.

EXTRA WEEKDAY MASSES Before Christmas we asked people at our 3 Churches to give us their thoughts. We did not receive a great number of replies but we have been through them and the majority view seems to be a new **EARLY MORNING MASS at St Joseph's at 6.30AM on Thursdays** and a **LUNCHTIME MASS at Most Holy Redeemer at 12.30 on Tuesdays**. We will also make sure that the particular times of the Daily Masses at St Elizabeth's are posted in the Porch at Holy Cross (St Andrew's) each month. We will experiment with these two new Masses until after Easter and then review them.

Save the date! St. Joseph's Youth Open Mic afternoon at the WCC on Saturday March 12th at 5pm. School age musicians are invited to perform an item of their choice at this informal and family friendly afternoon, in order to raise money to purchase much needed musical equipment for our parish. Sign-up sheets & more details to follow. Contact Kate 508595.

Most Holy Redeemer Beetle Drive Sat 20th February 6pm for 6.30 start Family Ticket £10 Single £3 Bring & Share Cakes

SVP COFFEE MORNING: Tuesday 2nd February, 10.00 – 11.30 in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome to come along for refreshment & friendly company. For a lift please phone Jill on 657575 or Astrid on 465200.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Copy for the next issue needed by Friday 19th February. Please e-mail contributions to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY LUNCH: Friday 19th February, 12noon - 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Soup/bread & cheese/tea/coffee for £3. Children free. All proceeds to CAFOD Fast Day appeal.

The J&P Group is now on Facebook! Check us out under "Justice and Peace, St. Joseph and the English Martyrs, Bishop's Stortford" to see what we are doing.

"**Lift up your hearts**" is the title of this year's diocesan course for Lent and is on the theme of mercy. It explores mercy's roots in the love of the Father, Christ's crucifixion and the work of the Holy Spirit within each one of us. The Tuesday Group is following this course and will meet each Tuesday in Lent starting on Tuesday 16th February. The meetings start at 10.15 am and finish at 11.30 am will be held in the Upper Room in Windhill Churches Centre. All are welcome"

ECUMENICAL LENT COURSEChurches Together in Bishop's Stortford are sponsoring inter-church groups in Lent 2016. Copies of the York Course '**New World, Old Faith**' will be supplied as a starting point for discussion and there will be **5 sessions**.

The groups will all start in the first full week of Lent, which begins on **February 15th 2016**, so do please sign up **by 31st Jan at the back of St Joseph's Church** All enquiries email jill_beardwood@hotmail.com or telephone 01279 655804.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

On Saturday 6th February 2016 at 12 noon we will be celebrating a special Mass at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Catholic Church in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered for all those in need during the Mass. If you would like to attend or know someone who would like to be invited, please do let the Parish Office know ASAP.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm.

The Archbishop 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 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email /telephone number to the Parish Office by the 7th March 2016.

Parish Pancakes We invite you to the Parish Centre on Shrove Tuesday, 9th Feb. from 12 noon for a lunch of jacket potatoes (choice of filling) or hot dog, followed by pancakes for pudding! Donations (about £5.) All proceeds will be given to the S.V.P. Fund to support the emergency feeding of children in the Sudan. There will be a raffle. Please ring Doreen 325326 or Jill 657575 for further info. All welcome.

A Memorial Service for Peter Bourne RIP, well known in Much Hadham, will take place at St Andrews (Holy Cross) Church on 5th February 2016 at 1pm

Birthday Celebration – Everyone is invited to the WCC on Sunday 14th February 2016 after the 6pm Mass for a 'Bring and Share' party to help Father Peter celebrate his 65th Birthday. Wine will be served.

Sister Mary Paul – It is with sadness that we report that Sister Mary Paul, former Head of St Mary's Catholic School has passed away at the age of 97. The school plan to have a memorial event to celebrate her life and give thanks for the love and commitment she gave. Details to follow

"At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart"



The Door of Mercy Book written by Fr Ivano, who visited us recently and gave a fabulous presentation, is available for only £2 on the CTS stand.

Please take a Year of Mercy Prayer Card from the back of the Church



World Youth Day Krakow 2016
18th July – 31st July 2016

World Youth Day is an incredible, life-changing experience! Nowhere else in the world is there an event where millions of young people, from every corner of the planet, come together to celebrate their faith. It's an event that started 30 years ago by Saint John Paul II and has been a source for awakening something exciting deep within the hearts of many pilgrims who go – a desire to know the meaning of their lives, to know their purpose in life. Life is seen with new eyes, illuminated by the light of God's love!

Westminster Youth Ministry gives us the opportunity to choose between two options.

OPTION 1: is for ages 16 to 35. It includes the full two weeks, including the Mission Week (Days in the Diocese) in Łódź, followed by the World Youth Day week in Krakow. The cost for this option is of £750.

OPTION 2: is for ages 18 to 35. It includes only the World Youth Day week in Krakow. The cost for this option is of £675.

If you want to know more about it please visit:

<http://dowym.com/events/wyd/>.

If you are interested to take part, please speak with Fr Fortunato as soon as possible. The deadline is 27th Feb.



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Collections 23rd/24th January 2016
St Josephs and the English Martyrs
Collection: £ 1715.20 Standing Orders: £1278
Holy Cross
Collection: £77.64 Standing Orders: £220
Most Holy Redeemer
Collection: £145.80 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 - Recruiting now completed at the 3 Churches
Confirmation: now closed for 2016

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.