





# 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)  
 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Mary Frances Streeter RIP  
 11am Mass Sheila Tideswell RIP  
 12.30 Baptism – Rose and Ruby Marshall  
 6pm Mass Cecilia Rice RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00am Mass – People of the Parish

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

11.15am Mass – People of the Parish

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – Mary and TV Roche RIP

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest NO 6.30am MASS

9.30am Mass – Father Jacques Hamel RIP

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – feria

9.15am Morning Prayer  
 9.30am Mass – People of the Parish

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August – St John Vianney, Priest

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Ramona Nazareth RIP  
*Most Holy Redeemer*  
**NO 12.30 MASS**

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August – feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
**NO MASS**

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 5.15- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass Gilda Stillwell 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 Reconciliation and First Holy Communion St Joseph and the English Martyrs 2017



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 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 2017.

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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

### SUMMER CHANGES

**OFFICE CLOSURE** – The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Debbie will deal with all emails and enquiries directly upon her return. If your enquiry is **urgent** please contact Father Peter

**TUESDAY 6.30 AM Mass** at *St Joseph's* **WILL NOT** be celebrated in August and September

**WEDNESDAY 9.30AM Mass** **WILL NOT** be celebrated during **SEPTEMBER**

**THURSDAY 12.30 PM Mass** at *Most Holy Redeemer* **WILL NOT** be celebrated in August and September

**FRIDAY 9.30AM Mass** **WILL NOT** be celebrated during **AUGUST**

**NEWSLETTERS** – During the month of August only it has been decided that we will not print the 'news side' of the Newsletter but we will continue to have the Mass sheet. All Mass intentions will be printed on card and posted on the temporary notice board at St Josephs by the door to Cardinals Walk as the usual boards will be removed once the work of the accessible toilets begin next week. Any urgent 'News items' will be verbally advertised during Mass and the web site will continue to be updated. Normal service will resume in September!

### RCIA 2016/17

Have you missed out on some of the Sacraments? Are you 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, boyfriend or neighbour? COME and JOIN the Journey of Faith at St Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford which starts on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Please contact Fr Fortunato at [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk) to pre-register or call 01279 654063

**THANK YOU** - to everyone who very generously contributed to the retiring collection for the Holiday Bible Week at St Joseph's last week. £637.03 was raised for this very worthy cause. We hope that our young people & volunteers attending the event next week will have a wonderful time .Please keep them in your prayers

**HBW 2016 SECURITY** - Evening security is required to cover between 6pm and 9pm Monday 1st August to Thursday 4th August. Stroll in the evening sunshine in the company of fellow Christian's whilst keeping an eye on the site and main tent. If you can help please call Claire on 07944431873

**HBW DEDICATION SERVICE** – Everyone is welcome to come to a HBW dedication service this Sunday at 3pm at the BS College Pre Prep school

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION 2** – There will be the second session of Altar Servers training on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 with Father Fortunato. Training at Most Holy Redeemer will commence at 10.30am and Holy Cross at 12 noon

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS** – This Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July will be the last refreshments in the WCC **after the 11am Mass**. During August due to the hall being booked for various celebrations and the availability of our fantastic volunteers, the service will momentarily stop and resume again in September.. We would like to thank everyone who every week, come rain or shine, very generously gives their time in providing refreshments which are always served with a friendly welcoming smile and also to those who kindly organise supplies, wash the cups and clear away again afterwards.

**BON VOYAGE!** We wish a safe trip and return to Father Fortunato and to all of our Parishioners who may be about to embark on their summer holiday over the next few weeks. Don't forget - You can keep in touch with us by watching our live streaming!

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED/ St. Joseph's J & P Group:** Many thanks to all who came along/helped with last week's lunch; £160.00 was raised for Aid to the Church in Need. This will be added to the Penny Collection which is now well over half-way to its annual target of £1,000. Do please continue to put your spare change in the designated jar at the back of the church at weekend Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated

### Fr Peter writes:

Work on our new **Accessible Toilets** begins on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and will finish on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>! During this time there will be **NO TOILETS** available at the Church. Toilets will be available during Mass times in the Parish Centre – so **PLEASE** make sure you "Go before you come" !! The entrance to the Church near the present toilets will have to be **CLOSED** during the work. The **Lady Chapel** is now complete and is open for Private Prayer whenever the Church is open.

Our Baptistery area is now decorated also. In the next couple of months we expect the **High Altar** and its Baldachino (Canopy) to be cleaned and, possibly, the marble walls of the Sanctuary.

**Thank you to all our donors**

**FATHER JACQUES HAMEL** – Please keep Father Jacques and all of our clergy especially in your prayers this week and give thanks for their lives, their dedication and service.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA (22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017)** a 4-night pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Portugal, 100yrs on from the apparitions. The price is expected to be £575. If you are interested, please contact St Augustine's church on 01992.440986 as soon as possible to register your interest

**QUIET DAY** - On Wednesday 10 August there will be a Quiet Day at St. Elizabeth's Perry Green, led by Sr Gillian. This is an ecumenical event arranged by the Concord group and all are welcome. Anyone interested please contact Hope Gilbert 01279842206.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** We shall be collecting for the Foodbank over the summer, starting this weekend, 30/31 July, until 3/4 September. Please leave donations in the cupboard at the back of St Josephs below the leaflets. Basic foodstuffs needed - e.g. tea, coffee, sugar, long-life milk, cereals, tinned fruit/ meat/ fish/ puddings - and please check that everything is in date. Thank you. for your continued support.

**SVP / WED GROUP** will not be meeting for coffee or tea in August. Look out for notices for SVP on the first Tuesday and Wed. Group lunch on the 3rd. Wednesday of Sept. Enjoy the summer !!



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 SVP (St Joseph's): 0750 409 9571



Collections 23/24 July 2016  
*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*  
 Collection: £1605.76 Standing Orders: £1358  
*Holy Cross:*  
 Collection: £95.91 Standing Orders: £195  
*Most Holy Redeemer:*  
 Collection: £139.41 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**  
 Forms available from 10 July 2016 to be submitted By 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
**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.*