





# 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - The Epiphany of the Lord

### ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Martin Foody RIP  
11am Mass Bernard Featherstone RIP  
12.30pm Baptism Sebastian Vincenzo Antonino Comparetto  
6pm Mass Anthony Micallef RIP

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER** (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):  
9.00 am Mass - Special Intention John Baker

**HOLY CROSS** (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):  
11.15 am Mass - The People of our Parish

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - The Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Patricia Stott RIP

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30 am Mass - Noel Ward RIP

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January- feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - The Intensive Care Staff & ECMO Team at St Thomas Hospital

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January -feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Margaret and Douglas Rosair RIP

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January -St Aelred of Rievaulx

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Dr Luigi Camporata Special Intention

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER** (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):  
11 am Requiem Mass - Mary Mac Ginley RIP

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January- Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

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

6pm Mass - The Byrne Family Special 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 with your donation.  
Thank you very much.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**-Applicants for Nursery Schools in 2018 may like to collect an orange coloured application form for a certificate. Collect from No 3 Windhill or the Parish Office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of number 3 Windhill marked for Father Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The certificate will be posted to you.

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**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** -The PPC wish to invite you (or even urge you!) to join them at a 'Not the New Year' Gathering on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 7-8.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Drinks and light refreshments will be served so put the date in your diary NOW and come along to find out what's been happening and influence what's planned. Catch up with fellow parishioners and strengthen the connections across our parish community.

**THE SPA CLUB** - Senior Parish Art Club will start again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Parish Centre with Monica.

**FOODBANK** - Final weekend for donations at St. Joseph's only, then we take a break until Lent. Many thanks for your generosity.

**PEACE SUNDAY 14 January 2018** -Pax Christi relies on your support to continue our work of peace making. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Donation envelopes are located at the back of the Church and will be collected next weekend, should you wish to help. Thank you

**GIVING TREE:** A message of thanks from the St Francis Children's Centre. "Thank you so much once again for all the lovely presents for the children and the gifts for the parents which are so thoughtful and so much appreciated by them. They are always amazed at the kindness shown to them by your parishioners. Please pass on all our thanks to everyone involved I know how much work everyone has put into this. Heartfelt thanks and wishing you all a Happy New Year" - Margaret Wilkinson

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - Thank you to all of our young people who have joined the Confirmation programme. The sacrament will be celebrated at St Josephs on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm with Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan. Fr Peter will send out a letter and email to all candidates in the near future detailing further information regarding lessons and all arrangements.



**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of our Parish Pilgrimage. Something to look forward to.. on Saturday, 20 January. Tickets are available at £5 each after Masses this weekend and next weekend only or from Alison Gornall on 07880 946085. If you wish to put a team together, tables of 8/10 will be available. Bring your own refreshments and nibbles. Doors open at 7.15pm at the Windhill Churches' Centre to allow a prompt start at 7.45pm. **If you are able to donate a raffle prize for this event, please leave it in the box in the Sacristy.**

**TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH** - Starting on Monday 8 January 2018, we will begin a series of talks on topics concerning on our Catholic faith. These talks have a RCIA tune. Since, however, there are no RCIA candidates preparing for Baptism, we wish to open this to anyone who wishes to know more about the faith. They will take place on Mondays at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. There is no need to sign up or obliged to attend all of them. The Sessions will continue until July. Please come along!



**SVP COFFEE MORNING** - Tuesday 9th January, 10.00 - 11.30 in the Parish Centre. Come along for post-Christmas good cheer! Contact Jill on 657575 for a lift.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE - New Year Resolutions**-The Amoris Programme provides practical initiatives.

[http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/m%20f%20l/amoris%20initiative%204\\_jan\\_resolutions\\_resources1.pdf](http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/m%20f%20l/amoris%20initiative%204_jan_resolutions_resources1.pdf)

**WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS** - Please see the news section on our parish web site for details of Living faith events held in the Diocese including Mindfulness sessions, a Biblical journey through the Mass, Faith formation for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**CASTLE PARK HEALTH WALKS** - Health walks are part of a countrywide programme of free, led walks helping everyone get outdoors, get more active and reap the benefits. For all walks meet at the entrance to the park by the Link Road car park, Bishop's Stortford on every other Friday starting January 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Walks are graded according to ability and start at different times. Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks) or see the poster on the Church notice boards for more info.

**Did you know?** The word 'epiphany' means 'showing'. The Church recognizes three events as epiphany; the showing of the child Jesus to the Magi, the baptism of Jesus and the first sign at Cana, the changing of water into wine.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to 'Everyone' who participated in our 'Nativity' play at Most Holy Redeemer. A great time was had by all!



**PENNY COLLECTION:** The beneficiary of this year's Penny Collection at St. Joseph's will be the St. Lawrence Community in Zambia, as supported by Most Holy Redeemer. Please help by donating all of your spare change into the jar at the back of the Church. Thank you. More details will follow...

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Make a difference with CAFOD** Make 2018 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Or maybe you are a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches or presenting assemblies and workshops in schools? Please get in touch with us on [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD information sessions: on Sat 20 January from 10am to 12.30 at St Mary Moorfield's Parish near Liverpool Street EC2.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal **next weekend at St Joseph's**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside of the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalization.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY**-Between 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January each year we keep the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In Hertfordshire we have a quite outstanding and powerful witness to our Church's commitment towards Unity. Every week at 12noon Catholic Mass is celebrated in St. Albans Abbey in St. Albans. There is no other Anglican Cathedral in the country where such a thing happens every week. The Mass is very well attended by Catholics from various parishes and is an uplifting experience. Why not come along? You will be very welcome and it will mark the Week of Prayer in a significant way.



"Lord, guide us with your light"



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Collections 30/ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**  
Collection: £1,248.79 D/Debit for November - £7,852.34  
**Holy Cross**  
Collection: £27.67 D/Debit for November - £1,035  
**Most Holy Redeemer:**  
Collection: £93.60 D/Debit for November -£655.33



**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**  
Applications Closed  
**Confirmation:** Applications now closed

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear:  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.