



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 14th January 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Gerry, Hilda and Percy Castle RIP
11am Mass Amna Arul RIP
12.30pm Baptism Oscar Joseph Peter Dias
Gershwin Javian Jegaseelan
6pm Mass Philomena Lawless RIP

MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass – Joe Lynch RIP

HOLY CROSS (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

11.15 am Mass – The People of our Parish

Monday 15th January – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Edward Moon RIP

Tuesday 16th January – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30 am Mass – Special Intention Marie Cusani

Wednesday 17th January- St Anthony, Abbot

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Special Intention Mary O'Connor

Thursday 18th January –feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Bernard Featherstone RIP

Friday 19th January –St Wulstan, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Aleksander Bainov RIP

Saturday 20th 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 – Emer and Martin O' Toole 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.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER FOODBANK - We continue to collect for the Food bank. Thank you for all the recent generous donations.

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 10th 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes with Across via Jumbulance – 4th -13th October 2018 Time to book your pilgrimage – Application forms now available for our inaugural Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes via Jumbulance with Across taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill of the parish. Fr Carlos will be our Spiritual Leader. We need nurses, male and female helpers, as well as those helpers that are able to look after themselves but unable to push wheelchairs. No experience necessary, just a kind heart and a willing to help those less able. If you are sick, disabled and terminally ill whom we call our VIP's and would like to travel with us to Lourdes, then please give us a call. Priority is given to those in terminal illness, those with progressive diseases and those whose medical conditions make it impossible or impractical to use conventional means of transport. The cost of the pilgrimage is £750, but subsidies may be available. An Across group is a family group remaining together throughout, helping each other in times of need. You will be fulfilled and inspired during a truly amazing week, do something inspirational. If you would like more information please contact either Debbie Hourihan 07584 623472 or Pauline O'Driscoll 07594 436348 Come along to our charity quiz in the Parish Centre on the 20th for more information.

DID YOU GET A NEW BIKE FOR CHRISTMAS? - If so, do you have a spare bike, in good condition that you would like to give away? Cycles for Syrians scheme has outstanding requests for 9 men's bikes, 3 women's bikes and 16 bikes for children, ranging in age from 7-18. For more details please contact Vicky Woodcraft. woodcraftvicky@gmail.com

THE PORTLAND CHILD CONTACT CENTRE urgently needs more volunteers. Please contact Angela Weeks, Secretary to the Management Team, at: angela.mweeks@ntlworld.com or phone 01279831404 for more info. Thank you.

THE TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH have already started. They will continue on Mondays at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. There is no need to sign up or obliged to attend all of them. The next Session will be *The Kerygma: Creation, the Fall and the History of Salvation*. Please come along!

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

<http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/m%20f%20l/amoris%20initiative%204%20an%20resolutions%20resources1.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.

ENCOUNTER meet next on Fri.19 Jan at Windhill Churches Centre "**Listening to God's call**" Changing vocations on the journey of faith. Led by Rev. Dr. Sarah Forrest from Holy Trinity, B/S **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** Shared Lunch **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060

THE CATENIANS from our parish are organising a Burns Night supper at Great Hadham Golf Club on Saturday 27th January. The cost per head for this is likely to be around £30 to £35 in advance. If you would be interested in joining us please contact Bertie Napier by email at bertie@19bellstreet.co.uk so we can email you more details of the event. We do hope you can join us. Seating is limited so we need to know final numbers by Monday 22nd January.

ST JOSEPHS CHARITY GOLF DAY this year will be on Friday 13th April at the Bishop's Stortford Golf Club. Order of the day; Coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes golf, 1st tee off at 1.30pm. 2 course dinner at 7.30pm and all for £60. We look forward to hearing from you on email either to angelatyson1293@hotmail.com or wilkinsondavid@mac.com.

THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR will start again at St Josephs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from February. All welcome.

HOLY CROSS- During the week of prayer for Christian unity there will be daily Compline in St. Andrew's Church Much Hadham at 6pm from 18 January concluding with a service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Jan 25.

PEACE SUNDAY – The 51st World Peace Day is celebrated in England and Wales this Sunday 14th January. This year's theme is 'Migrants and Refugees- Seekers of Peace' No one can be aware of the tens of thousands around the globe who have been displaced and forced to leave their homes and many in this country have responded to the invitation to shelter the stranger. On this day we are all invited to reflect on our role to be 'Peacemakers and Peace seekers'. Please take home a special Pax Christi prayer card available at the back of St Joseph's Church.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONCERT in aid of Grove Cottage Friday 19th JANUARY, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church. Entry on the door - Adults £10, Students £5 Everyone welcome.

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.

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 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 this 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 18th and 25th 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.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER? The Cardinal Vaughan School on behalf of the RB TSA alliance will be holding an Initial Teacher Training Recruitment Fair on 1st March 2018 from 5pm to 8pm. There will be experts on hand to speak to you regarding suitability and the possibility of financial incentives and bursaries. The fair will be held at The Cardinal Vaughan School, 89 Addison Road, W14 8BZ. For more info email brooksh@cvms.co.uk or Please register at https://rbtsa_tickets.eventbrite.co.uk



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Collections 7/8th January 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1,453.85

Holy Cross

Collection: £54.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £138.77



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

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*