



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 21st January 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Helen Moran RIP
11am Mass The Elstone Family Special Intention
12.30pm Baptism Ronnie Richard Chapman
Theo Tunmore
6pm Mass Polina Mattheou Private Intention

MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
9.00 am Mass – Sheila Maine RIP

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

Monday 22nd January – St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Austin Anthony Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 23rd January – feria

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

Wednesday 24th January- St Frances de Sales

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Thursday 25th January –The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Terry Bartlett RIP

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

6pm Holy Hour with Exposition for
Christian Unity Week

Friday 26th January –St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Avie Clune Private Intention

Saturday 27th 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 Taylor 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.

THANKYOU to the PPC members who hosted the 'Not the New Year gathering' last Saturday and all those who attended.

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.

FOUND-Single silver coloured earring set with stones discovered on the carpet by the altar rails at St Joseph's last weekend. If it belongs to you please contact the office.

PARISH MAGAZINE - Contributions welcome for the next edition of the Magazine, deadline Friday, 9th February. Kindly e-mail items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY MUSIC – After Mass at St Josephs on 27/28 January Martina Keany a singer/ songwriter will be available outside the Church to discuss her music www.divinemercymusic.com

THE TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH have already started. They will continue on Mondays at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. The next Session will be *Baptism and Confirmation*. Please come along!

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

<http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/m%20f%20/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.

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.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL VACANCIES – Please see www.stmarys.net for full details advertising the posts of Part Time Admin Assistant, Catering Assistant and Futures coordinator. Details also on the Parish web site & notice boards

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS -For King and Country! Sunday, 4th February, 3pm. Catholics and Politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria. 'Lift up your heads, O Gates!' Monday 12th February, 2pm. Explore the varied and fascinating history of the City of London - the Square Mile, from its ancient origins, as a Catholic capital, and then to the Reformation and beyond. Meet at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Southwark. SE1 1TA. Nearest Tube: Borough or London Bridge. Contact Scott Coleman chwalkslondon@gmail.com for more information.

THANKYOU to everyone who contributed towards the SPUC White Flower Appeal last weekend at St Josephs £834.48 was raised

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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED PLEASE

Tea & coffee is enjoyed in the Parish Centre (WCC) at St Joseph's most weeks after the Sunday 9am & 11am Mass. It is a lovely way for our Parishioners new and old to get to know each other, over a cuppa, with biscuits and sometimes cake! Unfortunately the number of our 9am & 11am Mass volunteer helpers has reduced recently so we are appealing for some more help please. **If you are able to help just once a month by going on our 'Refreshment rota' we would be very grateful.** Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Thank you.

Due to a Parish Centre booking there will be no planned 9am or 11am Teas/ Coffees on 4th February – Apologies for this..

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.

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 13th/14th January 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1,397.11

Holy Cross

Collection: £73.45

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £146.50



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.*