





# 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Gerry McBride RIP  
11am Mass Sheila Maine RIP  
12.30pm Baptism William Charles Doris  
Gabriel David Foster  
6pm Mass Private Intention

### MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass - Vincent and Betty Lynch RIP

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

11.15 am Mass - The People of our Parish

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Cornelius O'Keefe RIP

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30 am Mass - Appa Arulanandam RIP

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January- St John Bosco, Priest

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30 am Mass - Margaret Nana Dawa Lahanhi RIP

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February -feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Di Giovanni Arminda RIP

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February -The Presentation of the Lord

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Fr Miguel Botana RIP

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February- St Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore Archbishops of Canterbury

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass - Felix Walsh 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 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.**

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - Thank you to all of our young people who have joined the Confirmation programme. Fr Peter will be emailing/sending letters out, this coming week. As before, the meetings, of which there are 5 in all, will be on Sunday afternoons, from 4.30 and followed by attendance at the 6pm evening Mass. The first meeting only includes parents as well! Remember that the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm and there will be a rehearsal on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**THANK YOU**- The Social Committee would like to thank all those parishioners - and friends - who participated in our Charity Quiz Night in aid of the forthcoming Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes via Jumbulance in October. A massive £500 was raised and a great deal of fun was had too. With grateful thanks to Fr Carlos for his fabulous Quiz Master-ing!

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes with Across via Jumbulance - 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> for more information.

**DIRECT DEBIT/ STANDING ORDER COLLECTION FIGURES**-In order to report accurate figures, the exact sums kindly donated by Parishioners at each Church via standing order will be totalled and reported in the newsletter monthly, once bank statements have been received.

## THE POWER OF WORDS - NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27<sup>th</sup> JAN

In cities and towns across the UK, events were held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the evil and injustice which has characterised genocide wherever it has appeared. Holocaust Memorial Day puts us on our guard against what happens when prejudice and racism are allowed to go unchallenged. This year, the theme chosen for Holocaust Memorial Day is "The Power of Words" .Let us pray for the grace never to overlook the power of the words that we speak.... may what we say always bring about good and never evil.

**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 *Law and the Commandments, Letter and Spirit*. 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.

**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](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) or [wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**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](http://www.divinemercymusic.com)

**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](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office. Thank you.

## 'BELONGING'

*"Every Stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age"*

**Pope Francis**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees Message 2018**

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. The theme this year is ' Belonging' emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parish, please take one of the prayer cards at the back of the churches.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> February - Apologies for this.*

**TEA TOWEL AMNESTY!** - If you have taken away any tea towels from the WCC to wash after an event, please could you kindly return them as we are getting a little short! Thank you **'THAT ALL MAY BE FREE' - Lent Study in Much Hadham Sports Pavilion** 21 February- 14 March 2018, 11:00 - 12:00. An ecumenical initiative of Holy Cross and St Andrew's based on the resource from the Caribbean Churches focussing on freedom from all forms of modern slavery and seeking our response.

**SALVATION ARMY COFFEE MORNING & SPUD AND PUD LUNCH** Methodist Church South Street, Bishop's Stortford Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10am - 11am Coffee. 12noon Lunch until the Spuds run out! £6

*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.*



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Collections 20<sup>th</sup>/21st January 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**  
Collection: £1,390.46 December D/D £7,822.34  
**Holy Cross**  
Collection: £47.50 December D/D £975  
**Most Holy Redeemer:**  
Collection: £221.75 December D/D £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