



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 4th February 2018 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Private Intention
 11am Mass Special Intention Ranees and George Pillai
 12.30pm Baptism Florence Megan Rooney
 Emilia Sara Stas
 6pm Mass Mary Scanlon RIP

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 5th February – St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Monica Frost RIP

Tuesday 6th February – St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass – Zak Curtis RIP

Wednesday 7th February- feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass – Dolores Botana RIP

Thursday 8th February – St Josephine Bakhita

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – David Hussey RIP

Friday 9th February – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 10th February – St Scholastica, Virgin

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass – Special Intention Patrick Byrne



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.

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 has sent a letter and email to all candidates detailing further information regarding lessons and all arrangements. The timetable is also on our website The first meeting will be Sunday 25th February at 4.30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre followed by 6pm Mass.

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.

COFFEE MORNING- The monthly coffee morning has moved from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday, so do come along to the Parish Centre next Wednesday, 7th Feb., 10.00 - 11.15am for coffee/tea/cake and friendly company. Contact Jill on 657575 for a lift.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT –Saturday 17th March 7.30pm – Methodist Church in South Street see www.singwithbscs.co.uk for more information.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

A MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS – Saturday 10th March 2018, 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral.

'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.

PPC

The minutes of the recent PPC "Not the New Year Gathering" are available on the website together with the leaflet distributed. Parishioners who were unable to attend are invited to review them and offer any ideas or suggestions

- for building up the dynamic Christian community we wish to become
- on how best to welcome and serve both newcomers and existing parishioners to strengthen our community, while deepening our faith
- for further learning/sharing/outreach in our community

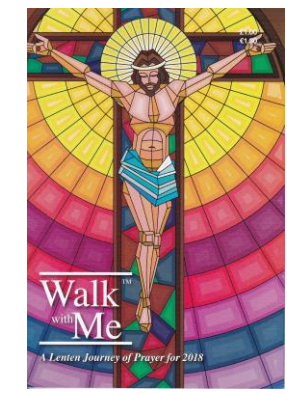
Feedback made at the meeting was considered at our January meeting and any further responses will be considered when we meet again. Please respond to the parish email address, Parish Office or via a note to No 3. Many thanks

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend please provide the following details to Debbie in the Parish Office **ASAP**; - husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). **The closing date for applications for invitations will be Monday 19th March 2018**
Due to a Parish Centre booking there will be no planned 9am or 11am Teas/ Coffees on 4th February – Apologies for this..

LENTEN BOOKLETS



Lent begins on Wednesday Feb 14th which is also St Valentine's Day ! There will be a number of weekly events including a Wednesday 6.30am workers Mass at St Joseph's, some talks etc., and also, as in past years, copies of the little "WALK WITH ME" Lent booklets. They cost £1 each and are available from this weekend so that you can have them ready for Ash Wednesday ! Do take one from the back of the church and if you don't have a £1 with you this week, bring it next week to leave in the basket next to the booklets. They really are a wonderful personal resource for each of us to have and we do recommend them to you. The children in St Joseph's School will also be receiving a special wall chart for each to take home to follow lent.

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Thank you

Collections 28th /29th January 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1,441.53 December D/D £7,822.34

Holy Cross
 Collection: £63.67 December D/D £975

Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £201.16 December D/D £655.33

Sacramental Preparation

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.*