





# 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Virginia Njenga & Family Intention  
11am Mass Dominique Patterson RIP  
6pm Mass Kay Carleton RIP

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

9.00 am Mass – Ann Finlay RIP

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

11.15 am Mass – The People of our Parish

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Mary Ashton RIP

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30 am Mass – Isobel Smith RIP  
1pm Funeral Service – John Joseph Tobin RIP

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

6.30 am Mass – The People of our Parish  
9.30 am Mass – The Bereaved of our Parish

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Donald and Muriel Barrett RIP

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Patricia Ann Carter RIP  
11am Funeral Service – Patricia Ann Carter RIP  
12 noon, Most Holy Redeemer, Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass – Bridie Matthews 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.



## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for Tax Year starting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018:

The new Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for you to collect on the weekend of 17/18 March. Your new envelopes will have the same number as before, and the boxes will be arranged in numerical order. The new envelopes must NOT be used until the weekend of 7/8 April. If your circumstances have changed and either you no longer wish to make your donation using envelopes, or if you would like to start using envelopes, please let us know – see below for contact details.

**GIFT AID:** The Tax Year ends on 5<sup>th</sup> April and we will be submitting our Gift Aid Claim for 2017/18 soon after that. If you are registered for Gift Aid but are no longer eligible because you will have stopped paying UK Income Tax **before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018** it is important that you let us know immediately, using one of the methods mentioned below, with the date that you stopped paying tax.

**PLANNED GIVING** Our Planned Giving Campaigns last year at St. Joseph's and Holy Cross were extremely successful, for which we thank you. If you are new to the parish, or your circumstances have changed and you would like to join our Planned Giving scheme, application cards are available at the back of the church. Contributions can be made using weekly envelopes or by Standing Order – which is more efficient for both the donor and the parish. Standing Order Forms are also available at the back of the church. If you are a UK Tax Payer and not already registered for Gift Aid, we would urge you to do so. This will enable the parish to obtain an additional 25p for every £1 that you contribute – with no cost to yourself. Last year the parish claimed back over £34,000 in Gift Aid, which helps us to meet the running costs of the parish and to continue with the various repair and decoration schemes needed to maintain the fabric of our buildings. To register you will need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, available at the back of the church.

**CONTACT DETAILS.** To make any changes to your offertory arrangements, please contact the Parish Office by email at [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk), a note to No 3, or by phoning 01279 654063 (9am to 3pm) and leaving a message.

Thank you for your continued support.

Collections 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes / CAFOD

### St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1410.89 January D/D £7,979.84 / £248.00

### Holy Cross

Collection: £47.96 January D/D £1,290 / £200.00

### Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £204.12 January D/D £667.33 / £61.50

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** - There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please telephone Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

**ST JOSEPHS CHARITY GOLF DAY** this year will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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).

**A MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral.

**HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK BOOKINGS** [www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk)

Please book to secure a place for this summer. Adult help is also needed please see our web site for more info.

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** nursery class application process for admissions for September 2018 is now open for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or the website [www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk) Completed application forms must be received in the school office by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**ST MARYS VACANCIES** - Invigilator and Science Technician, Catering Assistant and DT Technician posts see [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more info.

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL** – require a Teaching Assistant. Please contact Ann Cassidy-Jones on 01279 652576, or email: [admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk)

**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.

**SPONSORSHIP** -Vicki Ingram is running the Virgin London Marathon for St Elizabeth's. There is a sponsor form at the back of St Josephs or an online just giving page on our web site if you are able to help please. Thank you.

**A CALL TO YOUNG ADULTS** - Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops of the diocese are inviting Catholic young adults, aged 18 to 30, to meet with them to discuss the theme of the next Synod of Bishops - 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. Please see our website for more info.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to and helped with the CAFOD Fast day lunch last week £143.00 was raised. In addition, thank you to everyone who donated money last weekend. Our total for the parish so far (including the lunch) was £652.50 for CAFOD.

**ST ELIZABETH'S VACANCY**– for a Teacher. For full details, and to apply please visit [www.stelizabeths.org.uk](http://www.stelizabeths.org.uk) or call 01279 843451. Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> March

*'You, Lord, have the message of eternal life'*



**Baptism:** Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** enquiries call the Parish Office or email RCIA : Applications closed

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion** Applications Closed

**Confirmation:** Applications now closed

## LENTEN BOOKLETS



Copies of the little "WALK WITH ME" Lent booklets. cost £1 each and are available at the back of each Church. 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



Please be sure to pick up an **Information Sheet** detailing events, groups and Liturgies throughout Lent and Holy Week.

Every **Wednesday at 6.30am** we will be celebrating a 'Workers Lenten Mass' at St Joseph's

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sundays at 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's, Bishop's Stortford  
Fridays at 12 noon at Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth

## LENT TALKS

**Tuesday evenings in St Joseph's Church at 7.30pm**

March 6<sup>th</sup> Fr Carlos "The Lenten Scrutinies"

March 13<sup>th</sup> Speaker to be announced

## LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

for everyone, at **St JOSEPH'S Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm**

**TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH** with Fr Carlos every Monday in the WCC at 8pm. All welcome. This week we will be discussing The Liturgical year.

**'THAT ALL MAY BE FREE'** - Lent Study in Much Hadham Sports Pavilion 21 February- 14 March 2018, 11am- 12pm. An ecumenical initiative of Holy Cross & St Andrew's based on the resource from the Caribbean Churches focussing on freedom from all forms of modern slavery and seeking our response.



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*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.*