



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 11th February 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Giovanna Gimigliano RIP
 11am Mass Special Intention
 12.30pm Baptism Sadie Frances Moore
 6pm Mass Becky Jones RIP

MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00 am Mass - The People of our Parish

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

Monday 12th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Teresa Mc Laughlin RIP
 11am Funeral service - Maria Cianciola RIP

Tuesday 13th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass - The Bereaved of our Parish
 1pm - Requiem Mass - Samuel James Hopley RIP

Wednesday 14th February- ASH WEDNESDAY

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30 am Mass - The People of our Parish
 9.30 am Mass - Joseph Flannery RIP
 7.30 pm Mass - Private Intentions

Thursday 15th February -Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Special Intention Fr Peter

Friday 16th February -Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Special Intention Christina Njenga

Saturday 17th February - Lent feria

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

BISHOP'S STORFORD 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.

FOODBANK- St. Joseph's will be collecting for the Foodbank again during Lent. As usual, please leave donations in the cupboard below the publications shelf.

'Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God'



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! - Many happy returns to Fr Peter who celebrates his birthday on Thursday.

BEETLE DRIVE at Most Holy Redeemer on Sat. 3rd March with a prompt start at 6.30p.m. Family ticket £10 - Single £3. Please bring a cake to share. Tickets from Karin Keddy after Mass. All proceeds to St. Lawrence's School, Zambia.

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 20th to 22nd 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.

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.

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

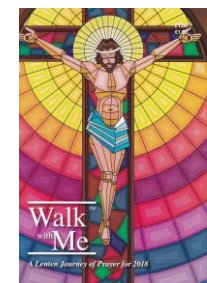
Feedback made at the meeting was considered at our January meeting and any further responses will be considered when we meet again. Please respond to the parish email address, Parish Office or via a note to No 3. Many thanks

LENT FAST DAY LUNCH- Wednesday 21st February:- The J&P Group and the Wednesday Group invite you to a soup/bread & cheese/dessert lunch in the Parish Centre, 12noon - 1.30pm. Donations please for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day appeal. All most welcome, from all our churches.

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**

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.

There will be a LENT LEAFLET next Sunday.

REPOSITORY - Lent Extra and other Lenten reading at the back of church and in the repository. Children's activity sheets and mobiles to see you through your Lenten journey.



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Collections 3rd / 4th February 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1,345.39 January D/D £7,979.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: £51.90 January D/D £1,285
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £110.77 January D/D £667.33



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

*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.*