



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 18th February 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Joan Prior RIP
 11am Mass Philip Andrews RIP
 6pm Mass Eamon Tubman RIP
 7.30pm Vigil Service Bridie Matthews RIP

MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass - Mike Murphy RIP

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

11.15 am Mass - The People of our Parish

Monday 19th February - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 10.30am Mass - Requiem Mass Bridie Matthews RIP

Tuesday 20th February - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30 am Mass - The Sisters & Community of St Elizabeth's

Wednesday 21st February- St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 6.30 am Mass - The People of our Parish
 9.30 am Mass - Fran RIP

Thursday 22nd February -The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Kealey RIP

Friday 23rd February -St Polycarp Bishop & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Requiem Mass - Eugene Joseph Neary RIP

Saturday 24th February- Lent feria

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



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**

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.

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

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018. The WWDP, prepared by the women of Suriname, will be held on 2nd March 2018 at 11a.m in Holy Trinity Church.

PARISH MAGAZINE - is now on sale at only 30p
ST MARYS VACANCIES - Invigilator and Science Technician Posts see www.stmarys.net for more info.

ENCOUNTER meet next Fri.23rd February at St Theresa's Stansted .David Morson will lead a talk & discussion on the theology of John's gospel : "No greater love". Please bring a bible to the meeting. 10am coffee 10.30 meeting opens 12.30 shared lunch 2pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 652060

BEEBLE 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.

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. All donations this Lent will be matched by the Government.

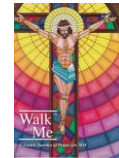
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL nursery class application process for admissions for September 2018 is now open for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Application forms can be obtained from the school office or the website www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk Completed application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

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT -26th February - 11th March - We are a 'Fairtrade parish' meaning that we are committed to using fairly traded products such as tea and coffee at our events. Why not try and include one or two items in your own weekly shopping..

ECUMENICAL GROUP at Much Hadham on Wednesday 21 Feb - 14 March at 11am -12 noon in the Cricket Pavillion. All welcome.

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

LENT TALKS

Tuesday evenings in St Joseph's Church at 7.30pm

Feb 20th Fr Peter "A short history of Lent"
 Feb 27th Fr Dominic McKenna, (Borehamwood)
 "The virtue and practise of zeal"
 March 6th Fr Carlos "The Lenten Scrutinies"
 March 13th 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 Mary; Mother of God, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church.



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Collections 10th/ 11th February 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £1,262.63 January D/D £7,979.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: £54.35 January D/D £1,285
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £120.10 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.*