



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
 Parish Priest: Fr Peter Harris • Assistant Priest: Fr Carlos Quito

Parish Office: Windhill Churches Centre, 1st Floor • 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday
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 Live streaming from St Joseph's: www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

Sunday 1st April 2018 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Patrick McManus RIP
 11am Mass Kevin & Hilary Doherty Special Intention
NO 6pm MASS

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass Kathleen Cowan Special Intention

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

11.15am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 2nd April Monday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

10am Mass – Margaret Barratt RIP

Tuesday 3rd April – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Anne 'Nancy' Forde RIP

Wednesday 4th April- Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Thursday 5th April – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Friday 6th April – Friday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Saturday 7th April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Bill Ibbottson 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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS OVER THE EASTER PERIOD



Monday 2nd April – Bank Holiday Closed
 Tuesday 3rd April – 9am – 3pm
 Wednesday 4th April – Closed
 Thursday 5th April – Closed
 Friday 6th April – Closed
 Monday 9th April – 9am – 3pm
 Tuesday 10th April – Closed
 Wednesday 11th April – Closed
 Thursday 12th April – Closed
 Friday 13th April – Closed

Please do leave a message on the answer phone 01279 654063 or e-mail bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk and Debbie will deal immediately upon her return Thank you



FINANCIAL MATTERS

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for Tax Year starting 6th April 2018:

The new Planned Giving Envelopes are available for you to collect **NOW IN THE SACRISTY OF EACH CHURCH**. Your new envelopes have the same number as before, and the boxes are arranged in alphabetical 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 do let us know. **GIFT AID:** The Tax Year ends on 5th 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 5th 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.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – A reminder that the third talk from Fr Peter to our Confirmation Candidates will be on Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 4.30pm followed by 6pm Mass.

'Christ is Risen Alleluia'



Collections 24/25 March 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1659.22 February D/Debit £7,522.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £60.90 February D/ Debit to HC £ 950.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £ 118.58 February D/ Debit £655.33



YOUTH OPEN MIC Saturday 28th April 4-6pm

Calling all young musicians and singers- Come and perform your favourite song and support others sharing their talents at the Youth Open Mic afternoon taking place on April 28th 4-6 pm at the Windhill Churches Centre. Open to musicians (grade 2 and above), singing groups and soloists. Sign- up sheets available at the back of St. Joseph's Church

COFFEE MORNING: Next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 4th April** in the Parish Centre, 10.00am - 11.15am. You are most welcome to come along for coffee/tea and cake & friendly company. For a lift contact Jill on 657575.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Deadline for the next edition of the Magazine is **Friday 27th April** - plenty of time to get your copy in - please e-mail to astriddaavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Parish Office

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. Please contact angelatyson1293@hotmail.com or wilkinsondavid@mac.com. Entry forms available at the back of St Josephs

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK BOOKINGS www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk

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

ST MARYS VACANCIES –Teacher of English, Subject Leader for English and Head of RE and posts see www.stmarys.net for more info.

RED MISSIO BOXES AT MHR –If you have a Red Missio Box from Most Holy Redeemer please kindly give it to Len who is now collecting them.

SUPPORT GROUP -If you are lonely, alone, caring for someone, or need support please join us we meet first Tuesday of each month at Coach and Horses B/S. From 10am to 12pm. All welcome. This is run by 'Home instead senior care' and is free for anyone to attend.

REFRESHMENTS will be served this weekend after Mass at St Joseph's.

DIVINE MERCY SERVICE -A Divine Mercy Service will be held on Sunday 8th April from 3pm – 4pm at St. Theresa's Church. Everyone is welcome.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE of OUR LADY OF FATIMA- SATURDAY 21st April 2018 2pm-4pm with the relics of St Jacinta & Francisco Talk: The Message of Fatima & Our Lady's Immaculate Heart by Rev. Fr. Richard Nesbitt Talk 2: Reparation through the Five First Saturdays devotion by Rev. Fr. Jason Jones. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. General Veneration of the Relics only

*We wish everyone
 a
 Blessed and Joyous Easter*



Thank you!!

Fr Peter and Fr Carlos, send their sincere thanks to 'everyone' who has generously given their time and helped over this Easter period. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers in our parish from those who clean the Churches, read, sing, play music, serve, create beautiful flower arrangements, run groups, organise, visit the sick, look after the repositories, make tea, hand out hymn books, collect money and count money, the list is endless...!



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding

bishopsstortfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Sacramental Preparation



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

*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.*