





# 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

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 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Private Intention  
 11am Mass Thanksgiving Christina Njenga  
 6pm Mass Stuart Gibby RIP

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

9.00 am Mass - Frank Fahy RIP

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

11.15 am Mass - Jacques Herbaux RIP

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - The Children of our Parish  
 12pm Funeral service Zvikomborero Tabeni RIP

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30 am Mass - The Holy Father's Intentions

### Wednesday 14<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 15<sup>th</sup> March -Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass -Dorothy Flannery RIP

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March -Lent feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - Fr Carlos Intention

**12 noon, Most Holy Redeemer, Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March- St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass -Sheila Mains 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 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

#### St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

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**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'. The meeting will be held on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre.** Please do consider making your voice heard and playing your part in the shaping the Church's approach to young people in the future. For more information about this meeting, and about the other meetings happening around the diocese, please visit <http://dowym.com/events/>



**'Happy Birthday to Father Carlos'** who celebrates his birthday this week

**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. Please contact [angelatyson1293@hotmail.com](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) or [wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com). Entry forms available at the back of St Josephs

**HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK BOOKINGS** [www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://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 JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** nursery class application process for admissions for September 2018 is now open for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

**WED AFTERNOON GROUP**- next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2 p.m. at 60, Mazoe Road. Tea / coffee, cakes and a chance to catch up, everyone welcome to join us for the afternoon. Please ring Jill 657575 or Doreen 325326 for information or if you need a lift.

**THANK YOU** -Thank you very much to our Parish Choir and musicians who valuably give their time and talent each week at Mass. Special thanks to our Choir at St Joseph's who travelled in through the snow to sing at a funeral for a bereaved family last week. It was much appreciated.

**ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY**-Easter and St Patricks day cards now on sale, do take a look...

## 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 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 Triduum: The Centre of Christian Faith

**'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.  
**NEXT WEEKEND** - We will have a retiring collection for the Holy Trinity 'Night shelter' for the Homeless as part of our Lenten Alms giving.

*'God loved the World so much....'*

*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.*



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**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