



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 March 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
11am Mass Frank Podorski RIP
6pm Mass Anthony Dunn RIP

MOST HOLY REDEEMER (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00 am Mass - Patrick Wall RIP

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

11.15 am Mass - The People of Our Parish

Monday 19th March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese

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

Tuesday 20th March - Lent feria

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

Wednesday 21st March- Lent feria

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

Thursday 22nd March -Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass -The Youth of Our Parish
5.30pm - Vigil Reception - Livio Renato Darfi RIP

Friday 23rd March -Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
10.30am Mass - Requiem Mass Livio Renato Darfi RIP
12 noon, Most Holy Redeemer, Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass -Colin Stewart 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 6th April 2018:

The new Planned Giving Envelopes are available for you to collect **THIS WEEKEND IN THE SACRISTY OF EACH CHURCH**. Your new envelopes have the same number as before, and the boxes are 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 do let us know - see below for contact details.

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.

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, a note to No 3, or by phoning 01279 654063 (9am to 3pm) and leaving a message.

Thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME BACK and thank you to Monsignor Canon Harry Turner who joins us to celebrate Mass this weekend

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 22nd 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/>

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 johnabrotherton@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 angelatvson1293@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 - Invigilator and Science Technician, Catering Assistant and DT Technician posts see 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

WED AFTERNOON GROUP- next meeting on 21st 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.

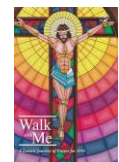
ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY-Easter cards now on sale.

CAN YOU HELP? -One of our younger regular parishioners is moving into his first flat, in Elsenham. He has just got a permanent job but is short of some things! Is there anyone who, perhaps, is updating their kitchen etc. and might have a "pre-owned" cooker, or a washing machine, or a fridge that they need to find a home for? If so, please contact the Parish office and we will put you both in touch. Thank you.

ENCOUNTER meet next Fri. 23 March at Windhill Churches Centre. 'Stainer's Crucifixion' Extracts from this musical work will aid a meditation on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring a bible. Led by Barbara Balch. **10am** coffee **10.30am** meeting opens **12.30pm** shared lunch: please bring food to share **2pm** day ends. All welcome. Enquiries: B/S 652060/659371

'Father, glorify your name!'

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 Celebrations: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil

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

SATURDAY 21st April 2018 14.00 - 16.00 WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE of OUR LADY OF FATIMA 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



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

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1453.73 February D/Debit £7,522.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £88.79 February D/ Debit to HC £ 950.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £ 144.91 February D/ Debit £655.33



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.*