



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 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS:

9am Mass Anna Marie Graveson RIP
11am Mass Mike Frost RIP
6pm Mass Bridie Matthews RIP

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

(Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
9.00 am Mass – Edith Fox RIP

HOLY CROSS

(at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
11.15 am Mass – The People of Our Parish



Monday 26th March – Monday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass – Albert Smith RIP

Tuesday 27th March – Tuesday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30 am Mass – David Emmerson RIP

12 noon – CHRISM MASS
Westminster Cathedral

Wednesday 28th March- Wednesday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
6.30 am Mass – The People of our Parish
9.30 am Mass – Holy Fathers Intention



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 – 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.



Collections 17/18 March 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1433.45 February D/Debit £7,522.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £920.82 February D/ Debit to HC £ 950.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £ 99.20 February D/ Debit £655.33

ZAMKNIT - Tuesday 27th March at 2pm in Most Holy Redeemer Church Extension. All welcome to come and knit, chat and have a cup of tea.

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 and friendly company. For a lift please 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.

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA- As revealed by our Lord to St. Faustina, the 9 day Novena for Divine Mercy starts on the eve of Good Friday and lasts 9 days, culminating in the Divine Mercy Service and veneration of the picture. These will all take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Stansted, CM24 8LQ. This is a Novena which offers God's mercy for those who take part. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to: www.thedivinemercy.org. The dates and times are as follows: Good Friday 7.30pm Easter Saturday 6pm Easter Sunday 6pm, Easter Monday 7.30pm

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.

THANKYOU VERY MUCH to everyone who kindly donated to the 'Night Shelter' collection last week. We jointly raised £1558.43 (St Joseph's £1073.68, Most Holy Redeemer £333.75 and Holy Cross £151) The Night shelter received 31 guests, 6 of whom have now been found homes, with another 5 on a housing list. There were 67 volunteers in total so the shelter remained open throughout without having to close.



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



Thursday 29th March –Maundy Thursday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.15am –Office of Readings
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
MOST HOLY REDEEMER
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 30th March –Good Friday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.15am – Office of Readings
10am United Service- URC Church, Water Lane
11am Walk of Witness from there through town
12 Noon Children's Stations of the Cross
3pm Solemn celebration of the Passion
HOLY CROSS 12noon Procession of Witness
1pm Joint service at St Andrews
MOST HOLY REDEEMER
3pm Solemn celebration of the Passion

Saturday 31st March Holy Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.15am Office of Readings
10am Blessing of the Easter Food
No 6pm Mass
8pm Great Vigil of Easter
MOST HOLY REDEEMER
8pm Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY



ST JOSEPH'S 9am Mass 11am Mass
MOST HOLY REDEEMER 9am Mass
HOLY CROSS 11.15am
NO EVENING MASSES



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding
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*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.*