



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 22nd April 2018- Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Sister Patricia Kenny RIP

11am Mass Stephen McGivern RIP

12.30pm Baptism Adrian Alvarez

Matilda Mutlow

6pm Mass Marios Lambrou RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass Irene Wall RIP

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

11.15am Mass People of the Parish

Monday 23rd April – St George, Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – George Keller RIP

Tuesday 24th April –St Erkenwald & St Mellitus, Bishops

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Phylis Andrews RIP

Wednesday 25th April- St Mark, Evangelist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

5.30pm Vigil – Marie Elizabeth Grace RIP

Thursday 26th April –Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am Requiem Mass – Marie Elizabeth Grace RIP

Friday 27th April–Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Marjorie Swallow RIP

Saturday 28th April–St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Bridie Matthews 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.

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.

POSTPONED BEETLE DRIVE at MHR will take place on Sat. 28th April. Prompt start 6.30p.m. Please do not forget the cakes!
ZAMKNIT & CHAT at MHR on Tuesday, 24th April at 2pm.

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.

LOVING4LIFE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 28-29 April

Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading RG7 5TQ, Cost per couple £125. To book <https://www.loving4life.co.uk/retreats>

ST ANDREWS CHURCH MUCH HADHAM – Martin Dillon will give an interesting talk on the history of St Andrews at 11.15 am on Saturday 28 April 2018. The existing building was built between about 1220 and 1450 when the Porch, the "newest" part of the Church (apart from the Victorian vestry) was completed. The talk will last approx. 1 hour and all are welcome. Parking is available in Church Lane.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP -The St Vincent de Paul Society has been running the St John Bosco Camp for Catholic Children for more than 60 years. The camp runs for two weeks during the summer holidays from 21 July to 4 August. The Boys camp age range is 8 – 13 years and the girls is 9-12 years. Children are accepted for one week only. There is a suggested donation of £145 per child. Booking is online at:

www.svpboscocamp.org.uk/apply For further info on the boys' camp contact Andrew Sinnott & Charles Theisinger by email on boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or for girls Gemma O' Flaherty on girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13th-19th May. The focus this year is on Haiti, where Christian Aid is rebuilding homes destroyed after Hurricane Matthew, designed to withstand future natural disasters. St. Joseph's needs volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection as part of Bishop's Stortford's ecumenical effort to support CA. There is a sign-up list at the back of the church - please see whether you can collect in a road near you - "Together we're stronger than the storms".

FOODBANK COLLECTION: Many thanks to everyone for the excellent response during Lent - 26 bags were delivered, including 3 bags of toiletries for which the Foodbank was extremely grateful.

PENNY COLLECTION – Please help us each week by donating any loose change in the tub at the back of St Josephs. All proceeds will go to help St Lawrence school community in Zambia.



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

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

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK BOOKINGS www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk Thank you very much to those parishioners who have already kindly signed up to help. We do still need more Adult help please... Please see our web site for info.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES -The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21st – 26th August. This gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk, and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH with Fr Carlos every Monday in the WCC at 8pm. All welcome. We will be discussing 'The Eucharist: The Hidden Gem of Our Faith'

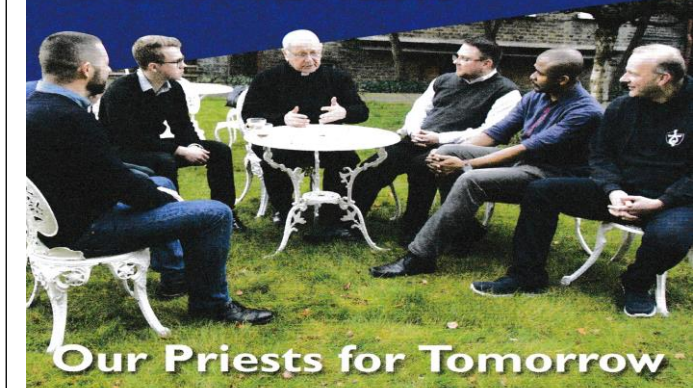
DADS GROUP – The Dad's Group will meet again on Wednesday 25 April, at 8pm, in the Upper rooms of the WCC. Robert Purcell will be talking about his recent pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela - the challenges and joys! Please note this will be an open meeting and all members of the Parish are welcome

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Sunday 20th May 2018 – The Parish Walk. More details will follow...

SLAVES ON OUR DOORSTEPS – Tuesday 1st May 2018 -Join us for an evening of practical advice on combatting human trafficking and modern slavery in your community. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul McAleenan, Mick Duthie from the Santa Marta Group, the Hertfordshire Constabulary, the Shiva Foundation and Caritas Westminster. The event will be held on **Tuesday 1st May, 7-9pm, at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew's Hall, Hitchin, SG5 1QS.** Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or call on 0207 931 6077.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – cancelled in March due to snow will now be held on Friday 27th April 2018 at Holy Trinity Church South Street at 11am. This short service was prepared by the women of Suriname and will be presented by the women of Churches together Bishop's Stortford. Please join us. Everyone is most welcome. Light refreshments will be served

Please Support the Formation of Our Seminarians



Our Priests for Tomorrow



PRIEST TRAINING FUND
 Diocese of Westminster

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for Priests and for vocations to the Priesthood.

The annual collection will also take place this weekend. The fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the catholic priesthood in our Diocese.

There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year 8 men ordained to the priesthood serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd.

Donation leaflets are available at the back of the Church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

Thank you very much.



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

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Thank you

Collections 14/15 April 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1298.92

Holy Cross

Collection: £59.50

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £ 153.40



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

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:
 The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
 Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
 Pray for us to God, alleluia.
 Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*