





# 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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 Live streaming from St Joseph's: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)  
 Diocese of Westminster Charity No. 233699

## Sunday 29th April 2018- Fifth Sunday of Easter

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass Thanksgiving for the Jegaseelan Family  
 11am Mass The Drumond family & Silvana Barbier RIP  
 12.30pm Baptism Isobel and Amelia Himsworth  
 6pm Mass James Ward RIP

*Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):*

9.00am Mass Mary McDaid RIP

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

11.15am Mass People of the Parish

## Monday 30th April – St Pius V, Pope

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Mary Ann Wild RIP

## Tuesday 1st May –St Joseph the Worker

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

10.30am Requiem Mass – Colleen Mary Elizabeth Luther RIP

## Wednesday 2nd May- St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Ray Ward RIP

## Thursday 3rd May –St Philip and St James, Apostles

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass - Canon Anthony Mc Kentey RIP

## Friday 4th May– The English Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Maria Cianciola RIP

## Saturday 5th May– Easter feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

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

6pm Mass - James Sell 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 CANDIDATES** – Please remember to return your form detailing your chosen Confirmation name and Sponsor by **1<sup>st</sup> May**.

**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 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](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk/apply) For further info on the boys' camp contact Andrew Sinnott & Charles Theisinger by email on [boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk](mailto:boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk) or for girls Gemma O' Flaherty on [girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk](mailto: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"*.

**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.

**PARISH WALK** – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Meet from 1.45pm in Maltings Lane next to Holy Cross Church (SG10 6AW) The Route: is: Maltings Lane, Much Hadham to Green Tye. We will stop at the Prince of Wales pub for refreshments or you can bring your own For further details contact Fiona Collings: 01279 501948 or 07790444130

**HOUSEKEEPER WANTED** - Role will include cleaning house, school collection, some child minding, some (vegetarian) cooking. Little Hadham location. Must drive. Non-smoker. Local Catholic family. 3 children between 9-13yrs Monday-Friday 1-6pm. For more information please contact Zofia evenings 01279771965

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Churches Together in Bishops Stortford

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity/ Thy Kingdom Come

**May 21st– 25th, 12noon – 2.00pm & 7 – 9.00pm Vestry Prayer Room**

**HOLY CROSS AT ST ANDREWS MUCH HADHAM**

'Walk with Mary, a prayer service of Our Lady of Peace'

Joint service on the Monday 14 May at 7.30pm

Anglican led service for all on Tuesday 15 May at 5.00pm

Catholic led service for all on Wednesday 16 May at 5.00pm

Evensong at St Thomas' on Sunday at 5.00pm.

We will also be encouraging everyone to pray the Novena and the 5x5 each day between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost

**HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK BOOKINGS** [www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk), and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

**TALKS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH** with Fr Carlos every Monday in the WCC at 8pm. All welcome. We will be discussing 'Praying the Mass'

**SLAVES ON OUR DOORSTEPS – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), or call on 0207 931 6077.

**THANKYOU** – to everyone who shared their talents and helped to arrange the 'Open Mike' session on Saturday.

**REPOSITORY AT ST JOSEPHS** – First Holy Communion gifts and cards are now on sale. Please do take a look.

*'I am the Vine, you are the branches'*



**VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT TO HELP US MAKE**

**THE PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY**

**A SUCCESS**

**SUNDAY 8 JULY**

Many hands make light work ... if you are able to help us on the day - before, during and/or after our event - please sign-up on the sheet at the back of St Joseph's Church, or leave a message/text for Alison Gornall on 07880946085, or email: [socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteestjosephs@gmail.com) stating your name, contact number and time(s) you can volunteer whether 30 minutes; 8 hours; or anywhere in between!

We will be setting up on the Parkland from 8am on Sunday, 8 July with doors opening at 10am to 2pm, to be followed by clearing up which we would hope to have completed by 4pm at the latest.

Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Parish Social Committee are also seeking donations for especially:-Bottles of PIMM'S, Bottles for the Tombola, Raffle Prizes, ,Nearly New Items, Teddy Bears (clean please) Please see the poster in Church for more details.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed towards the Priests Training Fund Collection last week. In total we raised £1295.40 at St Josephs, £321.50 at Holy Cross and £300.80 at Most Holy Redeemer. Grand total £1,917.70

**INTERFAITH ANNUAL TALK** – Mark Shakespeare will give an interesting talk on 'Hildegard of Bingham' on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 between 7.30pm – 10pm in the St Joseph's hall in the Windhill Churches Centre. Refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Wednesday 2nd May, 10.00am - 11.15am in the Parish Centre. Come along and join us for tea, coffee, cake and friendly company. For a lift please contact Jill on 01279 – 657575

**WELCOME** – to Sister Ruth Percival from the 'Medical Missionaries of Mary' who joins us at St Joseph's this week to share information and to make an appeal on behalf of the 14 congregations of missionary Sisters working out of the UK.



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Collections 21/22 April 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**

Collection: £1322.37 March D/ Debit £7683.34

**Holy Cross**

Collection: £47.84 March D/Debit £910

**Most Holy Redeemer:**

Collection: £ 101.50 March 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

*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.*