





# 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Pentecost Sunday

### St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Kit McNally RIP  
11am Mass Hilda & Percy Castle RIP  
12.30pm Baptism Emma Rose Nadine Devonshire  
Federico Marco Lorenzo Zambelli  
6pm Mass Marie Grace RIP

**Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):**  
9.00am Mass The People of the Parish

**Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):**  
11.15am Mass The Church

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May – St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass – Marie Grace RIP

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – St Rita of Cascia, Religious

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass- Joan Carroll RIP

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass – Private Intention

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May –feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass – Gordon Rosair RIP  
11am – St Mary's Year 11 Leavers Mass

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May– St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass – Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP  
11am – St Mary's Year 13 Leavers Mass

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May– St Philip Neri, Priest

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass - James & Mae O'Connor 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.



**PLANT SALE** On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Justice & Peace Group will be holding a plant sale outside St Joseph's Church (Parish Centre if wet), after/between 9am & 11am Masses. All proceeds towards the Penny Collection for the St. Lawrence Community in Zambia.

**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 info contact Fiona Collings: 501948 or 07790444130

**ST MARY'S VACANCY** -Teacher of Computer Science-Full-time or part-time considered, Permanent, from September 2018. Also required, a Head of R.E. See [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net)

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS** on the Holy Eucharist will be monthly on Tuesdays: 12<sup>th</sup> June 'The Manna in the Desert'; and 10<sup>th</sup> July 'The Bread of the Presence'. **All are welcome to St Augustine's Church, Hoddesdon.**

**THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR** – The Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free of charge (no tickets required). Come and experience this world-famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

**SUMMER CONCERT AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH CENTRE** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.15pm – The Stansted U3A Singers, plus a couple of extra acts, will be back again this year with a programme of light hearted Summer music raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Tickets are priced £5 for Adults and £3 for under 16's which includes light refreshments evening. Any queries contact Mary Warnett 01279 814190

**AN INVITATION TO YOUNG ADULTS FROM THE CARDINAL-** The Cardinal invites young adults, aged 18 to 30, to join him at Archbishop's House for three meetings (next on 29th May, 19th June at 6.30pm) to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. The first meeting is this coming Tuesday but all are welcome to attend whichever meetings they are able. More details can be found on the youth section of the diocesan website ([www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)). If you would like to come along, please let us know by sending a quick email to [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Churches Together in Bishops Stortford*

Hosted at the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity/ Thy Kingdom Come

**May 21<sup>st</sup>– 25<sup>th</sup>, 12noon – 2.00pm & 7 – 9.00pm Vestry Prayer Room**  
*The session at the URC at noon on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> will be meditative prayer for justice and peace led by St Joseph's.*

## HOLY CROSS AT ST ANDREWS MUCH HADHAM

Anglican Evensong at St Thomas', Perry Green, on Sunday 20 May at 5.00pm.

**NURSERY PLACES-**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has asked us to inform prospective applicants that places are still available in its Nursery School for 2018-19. For information on how to apply see the School's website or contact the School office (01279 652576) by 20th July 2018. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.'

**COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Join Caritas Westminster and Sponsor Refugees for an event on Community Sponsorship. Community Sponsorship is a way that community groups can be involved in supporting the resettlement of vulnerable people fleeing conflict. The event will: bring different practitioners together to share their experiences, hear from community sponsors and sponsored families, learn how to build teams and work towards welcoming new families, and connect with others who are committed to the same cause. The event will be held on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN, from 6.30-8.30pm.** Tea and coffee will be available from **6.00pm.** Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), or call on 0207 931 6077.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – GDPR

As you may be aware, all businesses and charities need to get ready for the new law around data protection, which is called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR will replace the current Data Protection Act and comes into force on 25 May, 2018.

Regulated by the Information Commissioners' Office (ICO), the GDPR aims to strengthen the rules around personal data and requires organisations to be more transparent and accountable. It also gives people greater control over their own personal data.

All diocesan offices and parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. We are currently therefore updating all of our processes which includes new confidentiality agreements for all volunteers and privacy statements on all documentation. You can read our full privacy policy on [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)



*'Come, Holy Spirit. Fill my heart and mind'*

## FAMILY FUN DAY

**VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT TO HELP US MAKE THE PARISH-WIDE 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.

**IRISH REFERENDUM ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT/25.05.18**  
In their Spring Statement, the Irish Bishops wrote, "Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

For more info visit <http://www.chooselife2018.ie>

### Prayer of intercession

*Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the people of Ireland with wisdom and courage in the forthcoming referendum. In all circumstances may they show love and care for children and their mothers. Lord, hear us.*



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Collections 12/13 May 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**

Collection: £1390.37 April D/ Debit £7939.84

**Holy Cross**

Collection: £46.82 April D/Debit £1195

**Most Holy Redeemer:**

Collection: £115.16 April D/ Debit £910

## Sacramental Preparation



**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.*