



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 5th August 2018 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
11am Mass Marie Grace RIP
12.30pm Baptism Maria Badhan
Sam Lanese
6pm Mass Kathleen Burke RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass Trevor Hodgson RIP

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

11.15am Mass The People of the Parish

Monday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Eliora Onyia Intention

Tuesday 7th August – St Cajetan, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Private Intentions

Wednesday 8th August- St Dominic, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – People of the Parish

Thursday 9th August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – People of Europe

12pm Nuptial Mass at Holy Cross

Abigail Cecily Jones & Ben Andrew Peter Smith

Friday 10th August – St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Those who are Sick

Saturday 11th August – St Clare, Virgin

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.

Fr Peter writes:

There's been much hard work going on, behind the scenes, at St Joseph's as we move towards continuing with the restoration of the Church interior. Special "scrapes" have been done on the vault of the Sanctuary and the main nave vault, to retrieve the original colours that the original architect, E.Doran Webb, used when the church was built. The Sanctuary vault was a rich royal blue with the stars on and the nave was a sky blue with stars on. The early photographs show the stars in straight lines all across. We have had to get the special permissions from the Secretary of the Historic Churches Committee and from the Financial Secretary for the Diocese, (we had priced this work in this years budget).

When the Sanctuary vault was last redecorated, in Fr Michael Munnely's time, the present very good pattern of gold leaf stars was put up under Fr Antonio Ritaccio's supervision. It seems best to keep them now and so the decorators will paint round each one. It would be far too expensive to "re-star" the nave vault, so we are going to leave it plain sky blue, with the white and gilt bosses as they are.

We hope that the work on the sanctuary, which will require scaffolding, will happen during the last two weeks of August and then the nave at the beginning of September. At the same time the clerestory (the part around the side windows above the great stone cornice) will be painted in the original cream the same as the present Baptistry and the Lady Chapel, the same for the back wall above the choir loft. Currently all three inner porches and the repository and the information area are being painted too in the same original cream. So, the Autumn will see us fresh and bright, along with our new exterior lighting coming in time for the darker evenings!

RCIA COME & SEE– If you are you interested in Adult Baptism, Reception to the Church or Adult Confirmation, please see Fr Carlos on Sat 8 Sept after 6pm Mass or Sun 9 Sept at 4.30pm in the WCC for more information



PARISH OFFICE – The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 30th July until Monday 13th August. If you have any urgent requests please contact Fr Peter on 01279 654063 (the answerphone will be checked daily) otherwise Debbie will deal immediately upon her return. Thank you very much.

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst"

John 6: 35

CATHOLIC PARISH OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2019



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 17th June 2018 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2019

The preparation programme is **only** for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion within the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford and **not elsewhere**

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child – please do not take a form for someone else

Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill by Wednesday 5 September

NEW ADULT WELCOMERS INVITED TO JOIN– We would like to invite you to join our small but fabulous group of friendly Parishioners who welcome both Visitors and Regular parishioners at the weekend Masses at St Joseph's Church on a rota basis, usually helping out in pairs. The voluntary duty involves arriving at least 15 mins early, handing out Hymn books and Mass sheets, arranging the offertory/collection (if no one else already does this) and tidying the Church afterwards. We are currently looking into extending the Welcomer role, but only for those interested, to potentially include acting as a Fire marshall in the event of an emergency, should we ever have to evacuate the Church. This would involve directing Parishioners to the nearest exit and assisting those in need. Training would be given for this specific role. If you are interested in either role there is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy. Thank you.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE WITH ACROSS

4th – 13th October 2018

We will be taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill to Lourdes in October and have spaces for those not able to travel without the support of others. We can care for any needs; Fr Carlos is travelling as well as three nurses and experienced carers. If you would like to come on this amazing journey then please talk to Debbie Hourihan – Group leader on 07584-623472. The cost is £750 including insurance – there may be some funding available.

"With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families."

[Amoris Laetitia 318]

The World Meeting of Families 2018



21st-26th August

Pray-a-thon

An invitation to pray for family members as we prepare for World Meeting of Families 2018, when Pope Francis will visit Ireland.

HOW DOES THE PRAY-A-THON WORK?

- Ask your family members/friends if you can pray for them as part of the WMOF 2018 Pray-a-Thon. Do they have a special intention they would like you to pray for?
- Write down their names and intentions on the Pray-a-thon card. The paper cards are at the back of each Church.
- You can also put your own name and special intention down on the card.
- Write the names of those family members/friends that have died in the section for the last day.

PRAYER GUIDE FOR EACH DAY OF MY PRAY-A-THON

Choose your prayer moment, open your prayer card and make the sign of the Cross. Each day, read the name of the person that you are praying for and start praying.

FINISH WITH THE WMOF2018 PRAYER

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Mary, mother and guide, *pray for us.* Saint Joseph, Father and protector, *pray for us.* Saints Joachim and Anne, *pray for us.* Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, *pray for us.*

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

Parish Office: 01279 654063 (9am-3pm Mon - Fri)

Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding enquiries only

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Thank you

Collections 28/29 July 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £ TBC June S/ Order £8021.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £ TBC June S/Order £895

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £TBC June S/Order £655.33

Sacramental Preparation



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email

RCIA: Applications open

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Applications open until 5/9/18

Confirmation: Applications closed for 2019