





# 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 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**

9am Mass Martini, Kathleen & Family Intention  
 11am Mass Frank Podorski RIP  
 6pm Mass People of the Praish

**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  
 12.45pm Baptism – Henry Harwood  
 Ralph Rhodri White

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July – St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Holy Fathers Intentions

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Requiem Mass- Victims of Crime

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August- St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Those who are Lonely

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – Private Intention  
 11.30am – Funeral service- Sally Gibbens RIP

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – feria**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass – The Priests of the Diocese

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August – St John Vianney, Priest**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - Barrie Randall 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!

**WELCOME BACK** to Fr Angel who joins us this week from Spain whilst Fr Carlos is away on retreat.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> July until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any urgent requests please contact Fr Peter, otherwise Debbie will deal immediately upon her return. Thank you very much.

**ZAMKNIT** - on Tuesday 31st July 2pm to 4pm, in the Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All are welcome - knitting expertise not necessary. There will be no meeting in August

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM** – Unfortunately due to a lack of numbers in our Parish and nearby Parishes, it is not feasible for us to book a coach to travel to Walsingham as originally hoped. Thank you & apologies to those who did express an interest – Further info on how to visit the Shrine can be found on <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/home>

**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 possibly 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Following a suggestion received from a Parishioner, we have included a short section in an attempt to answer some questions which you might have thought about but never really wanted to ask.... Feel free to ask more!



**What is the meaning of the light that is found hanging in every Church?**

A 'Sanctuary lamp' contains a wax candle, generally in a red glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic Churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return and shows that the Blessed Sacrament is present.

**Why are there lighted candles on the altar?**

The presence of candles has long been both practical (as a source of light) and symbolic and is an ancient tradition of the Church.

**Why does the priest kiss a particular place on the altar?**

Every time a priest kisses or reverences the altar, he does so in order to honour the altar of sacrifice (which represents Christ) where the miracle of the Eucharist occurs, but also for another reason deeply rooted in ancient Christian tradition: to reverence the relics of the saint or martyr placed within the altar itself. When the emperor Constantine legalized Christianity early in the fourth century, the celebration of the Mass in Rome moved from the catacombs where it had been celebrated on the tombs of the Martyrs to public buildings or churches. When this transition occurred, the practice and tradition of venerating the martyrs was not left behind but continued by the placing of relics in the permanent Altar and this continued to be an important dimension of the Mass.

**Why does the priest wear different coloured vestments at certain times of the year?**

The Church follows a Liturgical Calendar that connects the seasons of the year to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, providing us with a framework to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord. The Easter and Christmas seasons are marked by the colour white for rejoicing, the seasons of Lent and Advent by purple for penitence and longing and the feasts of the martyrs and of the Holy Spirit by red symbolising blood and fire. The ordinary season of the Church is marked by green vestments representing nature and the world in which we live.

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*Thank you*

Collections 21/22 July 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**  
 Collection: £1167.78 June S/ Order £8021.34  
**Holy Cross**  
 Collection: £66.80 June S/Order £895  
**Most Holy Redeemer:**  
 Collection: £126.39 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

*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.*