



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 26th August 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass Barry Randall RIP
 11am Mass Jose Ibbottson RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Erin Helen Reilly
 Raphael Francis Rosales
 6pm Mass Eileen Eoh RIP

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

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass The People of the Parish

Monday 27th August – St Monica
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 10am Mass – People of Kerala

Tuesday 28th August – St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Iris Hussey RIP

Wednesday 29th August- The Passion of St John the Baptist
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Special Intention

Thursday 30th August – Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Puz Morris RIP

Friday 31st August – St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 1st September – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday & Office of the Memorial Anniversary of the Death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O' Connor Tenth Archbishop of Westminster
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Anne O' Callaghan 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.

"At the beginning, just after the builders moved out and before the present internal finishes"



FIRST ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor on Saturday 1st September 12.30-1.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P. Cardinal Vincent will preside and Mgr. Martin Hayes will preach. All are very welcome.
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 MAGAZINE- Copy welcome for the next edition of the Magazine, deadline Friday 21st September. Please email items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or the Parish Office.

THE PURSUIT -What does it mean to find happiness in today's world? Come join us to explore what is true, good and beautiful in our lives today and establish a solid foundation for life's next step. The Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting a retreat day for those in school years 11-13 to see where God fits within these new phase of life. Sat 28th Sept | 10am-9pm | £20 (inc meals) | HA5 3EP | contact: youth@rcdow.org.uk | www.dowym.com

ENCOUNTER – The new 2018/19 programme of interesting talks and discussions is now available for collection at the back of each Church and also on our web site. The first talk starts on Friday 21st September at 10am in the WCC.led by Robert Purcell on the 'motivation for and experience of pilgrimage'. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please bring food for a shared lunch. For further enquiries please contact Yvonne Fordyce.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27/8 – Daily Mass will be at 10am at Joseph's

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.

The first 'St Joseph's' Parents meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September at 8pm in the WCC

Forms must be returned to 3 Windhill by Wednesday 5 September

KERALA FLOODS - an SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more Churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit <http://www.svp.org.uk> telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to 'SVP' (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB or please drop through the door of number 3 Windhill and we will coordinate. Please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers

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 provided .If you are interested in either role there is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy. Thank you.

Dear Father
 As a priest and bishop, I have found the last few weeks both shocking and distressing. I am sure that you will have, too.

The plain and detailed disclosure of the extent of the abuse of children which has taken place in various parts of our Church, over so many years, has been so painful to follow and to take to heart. Yet to do so is absolutely necessary.

The initial response of Pope Francis was that of 'sorrow and shame'. I fully share that response.

I am so sorry for the hurt that has been caused, primarily to those whose lives have been radically damaged by childhood abuse, to their families, and to those who know personally a deep sense of trust that has been betrayed.

I am utterly ashamed that this evil has, for so long, found a place in our house, our Church. This evil has particular abhorrence because not only is it a terrible abuse of power, but also because, in its evil, it both employs and destroys the very goodness of faith and trust in God. As a Father in this House, I bear this shame in a direct way, for it is the direct responsibility of a father to protect his household from harm, no matter how difficult and complex that might be.

On Monday, Pope Francis, our Holy Father, addressed a letter to all members of the Church. I am sure you will have read it. Please urge your people to read it, too. It is available in many places and, in its entirety, on the website of the Diocese of Westminster. The Pope's Letter begins with a quotation from St Paul: 'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it' (1 Cor. 12.26). In doing so, he reflects on the ways in which we have paid insufficient attention to the suffering of those who have been abused, and on the ways in which we have to tackle this together, starting with the renewal of holiness which comes only with prayer and penitence.

Let us read this Letter over and over again. It has so much to give us. I share these thoughts with you as they have been constantly on my mind in these last weeks and days. Please be sure of my prayers for you. Please do share this letter, or these thoughts, with your people in the way you think best.

Let us turn to the Lord in our sorrow and shame, remembering the words of the Prophet Isaiah from Tuesday's Office of Readings: 'If you do not stand by me, you will not stand at all' (Is. 7.9).

And let us pray for the renewal of family life through the World Meeting of Families, this weekend, so that all family life may find strength and joy in standing with the Lord!

With my renewed pray and best wishes,

Yours devotedly

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
 Archbishop of Westminster

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Thank you

Collections 18/19 August 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £ 1193.11 July S/ Order £7612.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: £ 44.80 July S/Order £1245.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £145.70 July S/Order £667.33

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