

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 23rd September 2018 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass Alves Nazareth RIP
 11am Mass Neil Bonar RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Max Figg
 6pm Mass The Harvest

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Alves Nazareth RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass People of the Parish
 2pm Ecumenical Peace Vigil

Monday 24th September – Our Lady of Walsingham
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Anne Hazard Special Intention

Tuesday 25th September – feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass Thanksgiving- Carmen Calvo

Wednesday 26th September- St Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Thursday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Anthia Plum RIP

Friday 28th September – St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 29th September – Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Patrick Duhig 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.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR at St Joseph's is looking for children to join us (year 3 upwards). We sing together at the 9am Sunday Mass and also perform at other events during the year. If you'd like to join, please see Francesca Sathan by the Sacristy after the 9am Mass on Sundays

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT – Starting this weekend, we will be counting the number of attendees at Mass at each Church for 4 consecutive weekends.

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 phases of life. Sat 28th Sept | 10am-9pm | £20 (inc meals) HA5 3EP | contact: youth@rcdow.org.uk | www.dowym.com

POPE FRANCIS: A Man of His Word (12a) There will be a screening at the Rhodes Arts Complex on Monday 24th September at 2pm & 7.30pm of the documentary film directed by Wim Wenders, focusing on Pope Francis, as he travels the world speaking to those in need and delivering a message of hope. Tickets are £8 Concessions £6, Group booking discount for 10 or more tickets <https://rhodesartscomplex.ticketsolve.com/shows/873595505> Box Office | 01279 710200

PARISH MAGAZINE- Deadline extended until Friday 28th September. More articles needed please - e.g. parish news, forthcoming events, puzzles, jokes, reviews, stories, opinions. E-mail to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with the Parish Office.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE-There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex from 5th to 7th October 2018. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

GOSPEL STREET-Saturday 10th November, at 7.30pm CTBS is hosting a performance of Gospel STREET by Riding Lights Theatre Company in the Charis centre, Water Lane. This is a fast-paced, entertaining piece of theatre which challenges the audience to respond to the gospel message. It is suitable for all ages, from 12 and upwards. Tickets are £10 / £8 for Concessions. 01904 613000/ 07852 287631 or www.ridinglights.org/gospel

FULL LATIN SUNG MASS – with Gregorian Chant - Sunday 30 Sept 2018 at 3pm Epping Church, 11 Church Hill CM16 4RA. All welcome

UPRIGHT PIANO – Free to good home –please contact the office for more info.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING for prospective Year 7 students for 2019 takes place on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 6pm – 8.30pm. An application for admission must be made by the parents / carers of a child in Year 6 to the Local Education Authority in which they live. Hertfordshire residents must use the form supplied by Hertfordshire County Council available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions Essex residents must use the form supplied by Essex County Council. **The deadline for these applications is 31 October 2018.** A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed and returned to the Admissions Officer, Mrs M Gravenor –by email m.gravenor@stmarys.net or by post, no later than 31 October 2018. **This year NO CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE IS REQUIRED for St Mary's applications**

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS will open on 5/11/2018 and close on 15/1/2019. We have been advised that a **Certificate of Catholic Practice IS REQUIRED** as part of the St Joseph's reception application process. The process for Nursery applications will be advised in due course.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE- Applicants for St Joseph's School for **RECEPTION** places in 2019 should collect a white 'embossed' application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy or the Parish Office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please.** The Certificate will then be posted to you. The School deadline is 15/1/2019

THANK YOU to Siobhan and Jon Doolan who have very kindly given their time over the last couple of years jointly running our Baptism Preparation classes (alongside Josie and Andrew) and who completed their final class last weekend. We are very grateful to you and thank you for making a real difference to so many families in the Parish

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR -St Mary's is looking for practising Catholics who feel they have something to offer to join the Board of Governors as a Foundation Governor. It would be an advantage (but not essential) if you have skills in any of the following areas; facilities management, construction, communication or health & safety. The role is a 4 year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings per term plus occasional visits to school to meet with classes and subject teachers as well as attending training courses as required. If interested please contact the Clerk to the Governors at headspa@stmarys.net

A DAY WITH MARY –Saturday 20 October 9.45am – 5.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. A day of instruction, devotion & intersession based on the message given in Fatima in 1917. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome. See our web site for more details.

WCC GROUPS– Please remember to complete the WCC booking form to secure your future meeting dates and avoid any disappointment. Thank you to those groups who have kindly donated towards the upkeep of the centre

"Lord, help me to see others as you see them"

KERALA FLOODS: an SVP Appeal Update

THANK YOU very much indeed for the very generous response to the additional SVP Kerala appeal again last week. We have now reached £2091.11 which is wonderful.

WELCOME BACK to Fr Michael Lambert who joins us again this weekend to celebrate Mass.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, 26th May–1st June 2019 with Fr Philip Miller and Northern Star Travel. Price is £700- and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters. Deadline is 31st October for submitting booking forms and £200- deposit direct to Northern Star. But please also ring Hoddesdon Presbytery (01992-440986) to let Fr Philip know that you are booking

THE ECUMENICAL PEACE VIGIL will be on Sunday 23rd September at 3pm at Holy Cross. It will be a chance for reflection and prayer led jointly by Fr Carlos and Revd Steve Bates from St Andrews. All welcome.

RESONATE WEEKEND RETREAT 26-28 OCTOBER organised by Westminster Youth Ministry-Looking to take a step back from the busy modern life and explore the ways your faith can energise your day to day? Why not join us for an 18-35 young adults weekend retreat to do just that? Situated in the picturesque and tranquil grounds of Waxwell Farm, Pinner, the retreat will focus on taking the profound theology of our faith and exploring how it can be practically lived out in our 21st century world. A healthy mix of talks, discussion and reflection time will enable you to really break open these topics and give time for you to discern what this looks like on a personal level. The price for the retreat is £100 includes accommodation & food. Places are limited so don't miss this fantastic opportunity! For more info see our web site or the link below

<http://dowym.com/events/resonate-weekend-retreat/>

HOME MISSION DAY COLLECTION- Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Home Mission Collection. We raised £353.28 (St Joseph's £297.08, Holy Cross £49.45 & Most Holy Redeemer £6.75)

STREET PASTORS – On Sunday 14 October after Mass the Street Pastors will be in the WCC to talk about their role in the community, and are also looking to recruit more volunteers. If you are interested in making a real difference, please do come along. The youngest Street Pastor is currently 26 years and the oldest is 87 years. The team in Bishop's Stortford who go out on the streets most Fridays from 10pm – 2am are supported in prayer back at the base by a Prayer Pastor. Full training will be given.

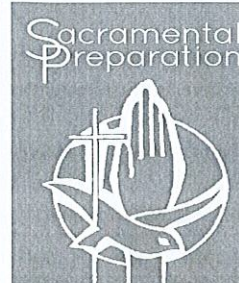


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Collections 15/16 September 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £ 1308.32 August S/ Order £7421.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: £ 50.60 August S/Order £955.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £127.67 August S/Order £655.33



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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of
your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say to themselves,
“Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since
he annoys us
and oppresses our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself
will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will
take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his
word for it.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 53

Response:
The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work
for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit
in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven’t got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight
to get your way by force. Why you don’t have
what you want is because you don’t pray
for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is
because you have not prayed properly, you
have prayed for something to indulge your
own desires.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
he did not want anyone to know, because he
was instructing his disciples; he was telling
them, “The Son of Man will be delivered
into the hands of men; they will put him to
death; and three days after he has been put
to death he will rise again.” But they did not
understand what he said and were afraid to
ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, “What
were you arguing about on the road?” They
said nothing because they had been arguing
which of them was the greatest. So he sat
down, called the Twelve to him and said,
“If anyone wants to be first, he must make
himself last of all and servant of all.” He then
took a little child, set him in front of them,
put his arms round him, and said to them,
“Anyone who welcomes one of these little
children in my name, welcomes me; and
anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me
but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith
may be theirs through these heavenly
mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord,
those you renew with this Sacrament,
that we may come to possess your
redemption
both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

23 SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday Message

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 1

MIND THAT CHILD!

MARK 9:30-37

Jesus’ journey towards Jerusalem and his destiny continues, as does his instruction of the disciples with the second prediction of the suffering which awaits him.

Mark sharpens his rather negative view of this group by presenting them as not only failing to understand but also as being reluctant to ask him to explain. Instead, they get into an argument about the order of ranking amongst themselves. Jesus then sits down, which means that he is teaching officially, and tells them that true greatness consists in service and respecting those whom society regards as not counting for much. He presents them with a child to illustrate his point; here the child does not represent innocence but a person with no rights or standing within the community. There is nothing to be gained by taking notice of a child in the society of that time. By embracing the child, Jesus is performing a symbolic action: he is showing by his attitude and action that God is reaching out to those individuals whom the society of the day does not recognise as worthy of care and respect.

We might note that Jesus is telling his listeners that they should welcome those people whom the child represents as they would welcome Jesus himself, and in this way they will welcome the Father. The apparently insignificant person thus represents Jesus and should be treated with the appropriate honour and respect. The Lord says this most clearly in Matthew’s account of the Last Judgement: “Whenever you did this to the least of these, you did it to me.” ■

DO

When you are walking through the street,
notice the children whom you encounter;
notice also the beggars, the homeless. These
are the people in whom we should meet and
welcome Jesus.

LEARN

The title “Son of Man” is often linked with the
Passion in Mark’s version of the Gospel.

Capernaum is the town on the north-west
shore of the Sea of Galilee which Jesus
made his base when he left Nazareth.

Sitting is the posture proper to a rabbi
teaching his disciples; in our liturgy, the
proper position for a bishop when he
preaches is to sit.

Mountains are places of revelation in the
Bible.

SAY

Lord, help me to see
others as you see them.

REFLECT

The cross is a paradox: it is here that the Gospel reveals who Jesus really is, and who God really is as well. We find the cross at the heart of Jesus’ teaching about what it means to be his disciple. It is all about self-giving, self-sacrifice, and renouncing what people normally understand as power. Jesus may well be Lord and Master, but he does not “lord it” over others. His embrace of the child is not simply affection, but a parable in action, to illustrate what should be the attitude of anyone who claims to be his disciple, to follow his teachings. The noun “authority” comes from the root “to increase”: authority should be seen within the Christian community as a service which enables people to grow as persons into the fullness of what it means to be a human being made in the image and likeness of God. Power is a different matter: it can be used for good, or ill, which we usually refer to as an abuse of power or position. The more authority or power a person holds, the more careful they have to be to use it for the purpose for which it is intended. As Christians, we have the example of Jesus to guide our attitudes and actions. Blessed Pope John XXIII regarded the task of church leaders as being “not to look after a museum but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life”. ■