

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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Sunday 30th September 2018 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Michael Devaney RIP
 11am Mass Neil Bonar RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Tara Gretta Jackson
 6pm Mass Special Intention

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Jack Roche RIP

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

Monday 1st October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

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

Tuesday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Wednesday 3rd October- feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Parish Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes

Thursday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Aaron Williams Intention

Friday 5th October-feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 6th October – St Bruno, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Barry 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.



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

BON VOYAGE- Please keep in your prayers Fr Carlos and all Parishioners & VIP's travelling with 'Across' to Lourdes on Thursday. We look forward also to Fr Peter returning next week
ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT WEEK 2 – We will be counting the number of attendees at Mass at each Church for 4 weekends.
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY- Friday 5 October On Family Fast Day. We are asked to fast, pray and give to others. CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to CAFOD to help others. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available this week if you would like to help.

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

COFFEE MORNING- Wednesday 3rd October, 10.00 - 11.30 in the Parish Centre. A friendly welcome awaits you for coffee/tea/cakes and a natter. For a lift please contact Jill on 657575.

CHRISTIAN AID: Coffee morning at the Methodist Church, South St., Saturday 13th October, 9.30 - 12 noon. Donations of cakes, preserves, bric-à-brac- gratefully received on the day and if there is a kind parishioner or two willing to lend a hand, you would be most welcome. More info from Yvonne, 652060

THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR will take place after Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 9th October
CHARITY BARN DANCE - 10 NOVEMBER (in aid of Across/Jumbulance) Don't miss out - get your ticket now for this highly-enjoyable social event - ask anyone who came last year! Grab your check-shirt and Stetson and mosey on down to St Joseph's **SCHOOL HALL** with your nibbles and BYO drinks. Pete Skiffins will once again show us all how to kick up our heels and have a good time for just £5 per person; £2.50 under 16s. Call/text Debbie on 07584 623472 or Alison on 07880 946085 for tickets.

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



HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER provides emergency shelter and supportive services to people who are homeless or at risk and also collaborates for locally driven solutions to end homelessness. This winter time could **YOU** help to give food & water to those going without? Help those treated as strangers feel welcome? Help to provide a safe & warm place to spend the long cold night, help in the day time to open the hall, feed & support those wandering the streets? Please visit Facebook page 'Bishop's Stortford winter night shelter', then register your interest by email to ht.nightshelter@outlook.com & attend a compulsory information day on Sat 17 November AM & PM sessions available at Holy Trinity

ST MARY'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019-.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

SCRIPTURE EVENINGS - In response to Pope Francis' call to 'Be constantly nourished by the Word of God', this October there will be three **Scripture Evenings** which hopefully will help to encourage more active exploration of the Bible through prayer and study. **Monday 8th October, 7.30pm – 9.15pm** at St Matthew's Parish Centre, 32 Hallowell Rd, Northwood HA6 1DW
Wednesday 10th October, 7.45pm-9.30pm at St Augustine's Parish Centre, 1 Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon EN11 8DS **Wednesday 24th October, 7.30pm-9.15p** at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN Refreshments provided To register for a Scripture Evening please e-mail Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or Tel: 0207 798 9152

"They are my Christian sisters and brothers"

WELCOME BACK to Fr Henry Turner who joins us this weekend to celebrate Mass.

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.

AUTUMN LUNCH- The Justice & Peace Group is holding a soup lunch on Friday 26th October in the Parish Centre at 12 noon. All most welcome - donations please towards the Penny Collection for the St. Lawrence community in Zambia
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
ST MARY'S TEACHING VACANCIES- for a Teacher of Computer Science and a Teacher of Science. See www.stmarys.net for more information.

POST-SYNOD REFLECTION WITH THE CARDINAL - Following on from the Pre-Synod meetings between the Cardinal, Bishops and young people, there will be additional opportunities for dialogue. The first evening will be hosted by the Cardinal and will include a reflection on the Synod on Youth. It will take place on Tuesday, 30th October from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Throne Room at Archbishop's House. The event is open to all young people aged 18 to 30 years. The event is free to attend, but registration is required by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk

ARMISTICE 100-The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Support have set up a website listing Armistice Day celebrations in this centenary year of the end of the First World War at <http://www.armistice100.org.uk/>. Events will include Masses, concerts, local exhibitions, talks, taking place on or around 11th November. All events will appear on their interactive map to enable visitors to find an event near them
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

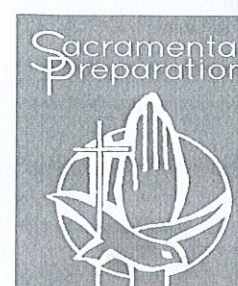


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Collections 22/23 September 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £ 1413.32 August S/ Order £7421.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: £ 33.18 August S/Order £955.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £156.10 August S/Order £655.33



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.
Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email RCIA: For information, please contact Fr. Carlos.
First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Applications closed for 2019
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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

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 manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly
upon us
and make those hastening to attain your
promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke
with Moses, but took some of the spirit
that was on him and put it on the seventy
elders. When the spirit came on them they
prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp;
one was called Eldad and the other Medad.
The spirit came down on them; though they
had not gone to the Tent, their names were
enrolled among the rest. These began to
prophesy in the camp. The young man ran
to tell this to Moses, "Look," he said, "Eldad
and Medad are prophesying in the camp."
Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had
served Moses from his youth, "My Lord
Moses, stop them!" Moses answered him,
"Are you jealous on my account? If only the
whole people of the Lord were prophets, and
the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!"

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 18

Response:
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

SECOND READING James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep
for the miseries that are coming to you. Your
wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten
up by moths. All your gold and your silver
are corroding away, and the same corrosion
will be your own sentence, and eat into your
body. It was a burning fire that you stored up
as your treasure for the last days. Labourers
mowed your fields and you cheated them –
listen to the wages that you kept back, calling
out; realise that the cries of the reapers have
reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On
earth you have had a life of comfort and
luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on
eating to your heart's content. It was you who
condemned the innocent and killed them;
they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man
who is not one of us casting out devils in
your name; and because he was not one
of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said,
"You must not stop him: no one who works
a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of
me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

"If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink
just because you belong to Christ, then I tell
you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose
his reward.

"But anyone who is an obstacle to bring
down one of these little ones who have faith,
would be better thrown into the sea with a
great millstone round his neck. And if your
hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is
better for you to enter into life crippled, than
to have two hands and go to hell, into the
fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot
should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better
for you to enter into life lame, than to have
two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your
eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is
better for you to enter into the kingdom of
God with one eye, than to have two eyes and

be thrown into hell where their worm does
not die nor their fire go out."

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

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance
with you
and that through it the wellspring of all
blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE WORD**NOT ONE OF US!**

(MARK 9:38-43. 45. 47-48)



Printed image of Jesus preaching to the crowd, in Grace Church, Chiangmai, Thailand.

Today's Gospel reading first presents us with two examples of Jesus' attitude towards people who do not belong to the circle of his disciples.

We might describe Jesus as being positively tolerant of the exorcist who was using his name, and therefore his power, to cast out devils without being authorised beforehand. We might note that the person concerned was actually able to perform this act of power; the name of Jesus was sufficient to bring about the desired result. The disciples, however, take a different view: the person has no business using the name of Jesus as he is "not one of us". They are jealous of their own privileges and try to stop him. The detail that the exorcist was actually successful does not seem to matter to them at all, despite the fact that they themselves had been unable to perform a similar feat a short time before.

The second case, that of strangers who are kind to the disciples "in the name of Christ", echoes the earlier teaching about welcoming Christ in the little child who represents the social "nobodies".

The final section is concerned with discipleship. Anyone who puts a block in front of a simple believer and causes them to fall away or into sin is condemned in the strongest terms. The "little ones" are those genuine but vulnerable members of the community. The sayings about cutting off parts of the body which lead disciples into sin are examples of the exaggeration customarily used at the time to emphasise the gravity of a situation and are not to be taken literally. However, we find the image of the body used elsewhere to represent the Christian (and civil) community, so cutting off the offending members of the physical body may also mean dealing severely with people who harm the body of believers by excommunicating them – as a last resort, of course. ■

REFLECT

One of the most positive religious developments of the second half of the 20th century was the growth of the ecumenical movement. Christian bodies which had viewed each other with suspicion and hostility began cautiously to talk to one another and discover what they had in common rather than what divided them. One

of the most significant and dramatic gestures in this area came from Pope Paul VI. In 1966 there occurred the first official visit by an Archbishop of Canterbury since 1397 in the person of Dr Michael Ramsey. While archbishop of Milan, Pope Paul had taken trouble to learn about the Anglican Church which he later called "our beloved

LEARN

"Hell" (or Gehenna) originally referred to the Hinnon Valley which ran south and west of Jerusalem; it was later condemned by the prophet Jeremiah as a place of pagan worship.

Gehenna later was used as a rubbish dump where fires perpetually burned: it was the "Smokey Mountain" of its day.

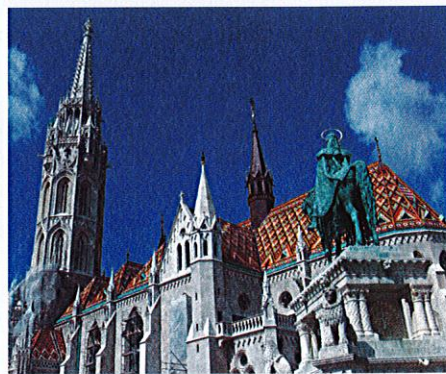
The idea of hell belongs to apocalyptic writing, which is concerned with the end of the world and divine judgement. It represents, in symbolic terms, the opposite of eternal life with God.

SAY

They are my Christian sisters and brothers.

DO

As you travel around, notice the various churches. Think positively about the faith and commitment of the people who worship there, and pray for them.



St Matthias Church in Budapest, Hungary.