



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 14th October 2018 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass Private Intention
 11am Mass Bernard Treanor RIP
 12.30pm Baptism Sachin Amrith Fernando
 Millie Julia West
 6pm Mass Alice Garrett RIP
Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass Marie Murphy RIP

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

Monday 15th October – St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Carmen Calvo Thanksgiving

Tuesday 16th October – St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Mary Hamilton RIP

Wednesday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Thursday 18th October – St Luke, Evangelist
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Terence John Bartlett RIP

Friday 19th October – St Paul of the Cross
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass – Audrey Seebrath Intentions

Saturday 20th October – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Mary Goodwin 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.



WELCOME BACK to Fr Carlos and all of our Parishioners from the Lourdes Pilgrimage

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT WEEK 4 – We will be counting the number of attendees at Mass at each Church for 4 weekends.

ST ALBANS CELEBRATE 2018 – 3rd/4th Nov 2018 at Loretto College St Albans. CELEBRATE is a conference for all, young and old with praise, worship, Holy Mass, Youth Ministry, Adoration, Reflection and a place to relax and make friendships. Contact Tim Stevens on 07875 848138 or see <https://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans/> for more info.

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 CROSS AND ST ANDREWS have a scheme to raise funds for the Church electricity bill by asking people to donate in return for a dedication printed in the Much Hadham Parish magazine and having the Church flood lit on a specific day for 'Light up the Church for Christmas'. Please contact Ishara Suares at Holy Cross with a minimum donation of a £15 cheque made payable to "Much Hadham PCC" before the 15th of November if interested.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – The next meeting with Fr Peter is on Sunday 4th November at 4.30pm in the WCC followed by Mass.

GROVE COTTAGE – Volunteer recruitment morning Saturday 20th October at The Charis Centre 10.30am. For info contact Sue on 01279 656085 or email volunteer@mencapgrovecottage.org

MHR 100 CLUB Please note that the new year for the MHR 100 Club is about to start. Monthly cash prizes with bonus prizes at Christmas and Easter. New members welcome - please see notice at the back of MHR.

MHR ANNUAL LUNCH - will be on Sunday 25 November from 1.15pm in the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club pavilion. This is a great way to meet everyone in the church in an informal setting. Please see notice at the back of MHR for more details and to sign up
PRISONS WEEK OF PRAYER 14-20 October. Remembering Prisoners, Families, Victims of Crime, Our Communities and those who work in Prisons and the Criminal Justice System



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 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 is to be advised.
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

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, 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. The pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of John Paul II and will visit Kraków, Wadowice, Częstochowa and Auschwitz. **The deadline for booking forms is 31st October.** Please ring Hoddesdon Presbytery, on (01992-440986) to advise of your booking.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE seeking new members to join a small team organising events for parishioners' enjoyment. We aim to meet every couple of months in the Upper Room of the WCC to prepare for at least one parish event each quarter. Come and talk to us at the Charity Barn Dance on 10 November or attend our next meeting on Tuesday, 13 November at 7.30pm. Call Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472 for more information.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Envelopes are now available at the back of the three Churches for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR - Do you have life experience and want to have a creative and worthwhile role that gives back to our community? If so, there is an exciting opportunity in Conewood Nursing and Residential Care Home, Bishop's Stortford. www.bestcarehomes.co.uk

SPUC – has produced postcards to send a message to your MP urging him to vote against a dangerous abortion bill in the House of Commons on 23 Oct.

CAFOD COLLECTION – Thank you for raising £171.05, (MHR £90, Holy Cross £58.05 and St Josephs £23.00) last weekend.

STREET PASTORS – This 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

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 with 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, Ambrosden Avenue, behind the Cathedral. 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.

ENCOUNTER meet next Fri. 19 Oct at St Theresa's Stansted.

'Parish Nursing in various places & situations' Talk & discussion led by Rev Christine Fowler of the URC. **9.30** Mass at St Theresa's **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** shared lunch: please bring food to share **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060/814865

RETRouvaille PROGRAMME (non-residential) 9:30am – 4:30pm 20- 21 Oct Welwyn Garden City, for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced who want help to try again. To speak to someone in confidence please call: 07887 296983 or 0797 3380443 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk/nextprog.html

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 21 October. MISSIO Gift Aid envelopes are available now for the collection next weekend

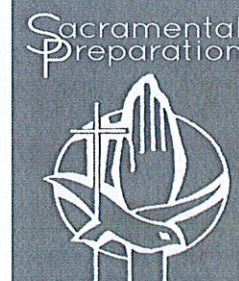


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Collections 7/8 October 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: £ 1155.63 August S/ Order £7521.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: £ 45.58 August S/Order £895.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: £114.12 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 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came
to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and
thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of
sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 89

Response:

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune
(R.)

3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is something alive and
active: it cuts like any double-edged sword
but more finely: it can slip through the place
where the soul is divided from the spirit, or
joints from the marrow; it can judge the
secret emotions and thoughts. No created
thing can hide from him; everything is
uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to
whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 10:17-30

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

>Jesus was setting out on a journey when
a man ran up, knelt before him and put
this question to him, "Good master, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said
to him, "Why do you call me good? No
one is good but God alone. You know the
commandments: You must not kill; You must
not commit adultery; You must not steal; You
must not bring false witness; You must not
defraud; Honour your father and mother."
And he said to him, "Master, I have kept all
these from my earliest days." Jesus looked
steadily at him and loved him, and he said,
"There is one thing you lack. Go and sell
everything you own and give the money to
the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me." But his face
fell at these words and he went away sad, for
he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his
disciples, "How hard it is for those who have
riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The
disciples were astounded by these words,
but Jesus insisted, "My children," he said to
them, "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of
God! It is easier for a camel to pass through
the eye of a needle than for a rich man to
enter the kingdom of God." They were more
astonished than ever. "In that case," they
said to one another, "who can be saved?"
Jesus gazed at them. "For men," he said,
"it is impossible, but not for God: because
everything is possible for God." <

Peter took this up. "What about us?" he
asked him. "We have left everything and
followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you
solemnly, there is no one who has left house,
brothers, sisters, father, children or land for
my sake and for the sake of the gospel who
will not be repaid a hundred times over,
houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children
and land – not without persecutions – now in
this present time and, in the world to come,
eternal life."

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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and
Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

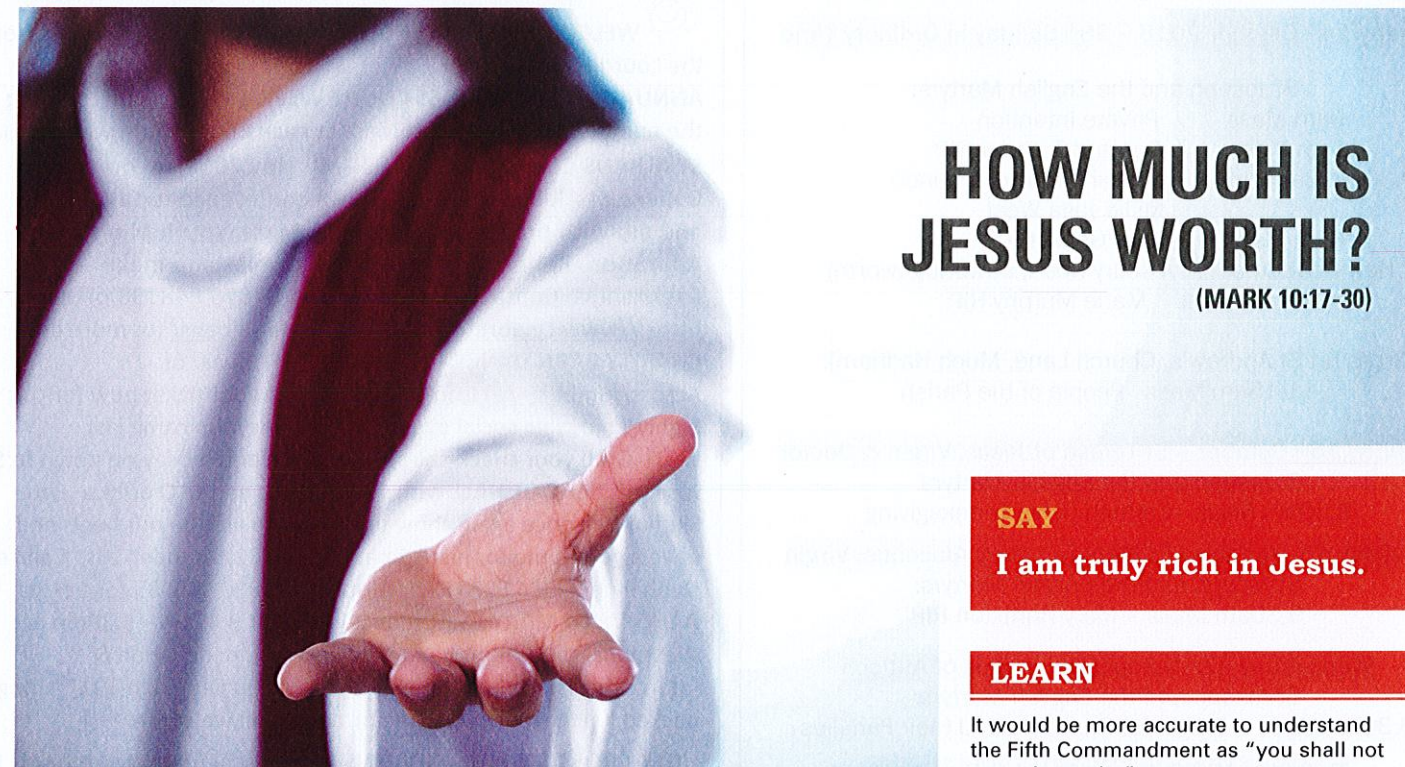
14 OCTOBER 2018

Sunday Message

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 4



HOW MUCH IS JESUS WORTH?

(MARK 10:17-30)

SAY

I am truly rich in Jesus.

LEARN

It would be more accurate to understand
the Fifth Commandment as "you shall not
commit murder".

"You must not defraud": avoiding
paying proper taxes which contribute
to the common good would come
under this commandment today.

"Jesus looked steadily at him and
loved him.": Jesus admired the man's
genuineness and his personal uprightness
in observing the Commandments.

Following Jesus today means applying his
teachings to our personal circumstances in
an appropriate manner.

DO

When you have to carry heavy bags, think of
the camel and the eye of the needle. What
are you prepared to give up, in order to
inherit eternal life, the kingdom of God?

In the Gospel, to be a disciple of Jesus means to travel with him. It means to follow Jesus, to go where he leads. In Mark's version, the evangelist presents this in symbolic terms as literally taking the road with Jesus, the path which will lead to Jerusalem and the cross.

In today's episode a man comes up and asks how he can inherit eternal life. After an initial and rather sharp rebuke, Jesus tells him that it is not simply a matter of keeping the commandments, but that it will cost him – and cost him dearly. He invites the person concerned to give up his wealth, and therefore his social position, and adopt the itinerant, wandering life of a disciple. This is clearly a step too far for this obviously sincere individual. He is taken aback at Jesus' words and goes away downcast. Jesus has told him that the cost of eternal life, of entering the kingdom of God, is to become his disciple, which, in the words of one spiritual writer, will be "costing not less than everything". Possessions would be an encumbrance to the missionary activity and outlook of the disciples. Mark reveals at the end of the scene that the person concerned is in fact extremely wealthy; as someone who has always observed the Law, he would have used his wealth for the benefit of those less fortunate. Jesus invites him to join the circle of his disciples and we are once more given a picture of a person's reaction to this invitation. In this case, it is a regretful refusal: the cost is too great. ■

REFLECT

The subject of possessions and wealth is one which arises often in the Gospel narrative and causes all sorts of problems for Christians who want to be true disciples of Jesus. For most people the teaching about selling everything, then leaving home and family to follow Jesus is simply not appropriate. Perhaps we might look at the question from the point of view of our priorities. What is the

most important focus of our lives? It is not a question of Jesus first to the exclusion of all else; if we have a family or other responsibilities, then that is how we live our being a disciple of Jesus. But from time to time, for instance in the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, the liturgy asks us to look at our lives and see if our focus is still on the essentials or whether other, even important matters have crept in and are distracting us from the true

values of our faith and how we live those in our daily lives. The biblical prophets and the early teachers of the faith regard accumulating wealth for its own sake, while other people lack the basic necessities of life, as an offence against God. For them it is a question of justice: a question which many rich individuals and nations should ask themselves today – if they have the courage. ■