

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 28th October 2018 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Private Intention
 11am Mass Deceased Catenians
 12.30pm Baptism Amelia Mae Easter
 6pm Mass Special Intention James Strang 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 John Piper RIP
 12.45 Baptism – Luca Kyriakou

Monday 29th October – Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Sofia Olvera & Elizabeth Zhagui RIP
 11.30am Funeral Service – Maureen Eleanor Rawlings RIP

Tuesday 30th October – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Manfra Marzina RIP

Wednesday 31st October – feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Frederick & Mary Stott RIP

Thursday 1st November – All Saints

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Fr Thomas Patrick Burke RIP
 7.30pm – People of the Parish

Friday 2nd November – The Commemoration of all the Faithful

Departed - All Souls Day

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass – Patrick Byrne RIP

Saturday 3rd November – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - David Horgan RIP

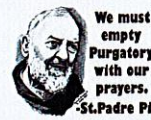


Mass requests

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.



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

ALL SOULS DAY blessing of graves – graves in the Bishop's
 Stortford Cemetery will be blessed after the morning Mass from
 10.30. Those in Sawbridgeworth Cemetery from 12 noon and
 those in St Thomas' at Perry Green from 12 noon also.

CHARITY BARN DANCE - 10 NOVEMBER 7.45pm in St Joseph's
SCHOOL HALL – Just a couple of weeks before our Parish social
 event in aid of the Jumbulance. The fabulous Pete Skiffins will lead
 us all with a merry dance or two. BYO drinks and nibbles. Tickets
 available now and going fast - don't miss out: call/text Debbie on
 07584 623472 or Alison on 07880 946085. Adults: £5; Under-16s:
 £2.50. Parking available on the school playground. **We would be**
grateful for any raffle prizes you may be able to donate - please
leave in the box at the back of St Joseph's Church.

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.
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

FULL SUNG LATIN MASS with Gregorian chant on Sunday 28/10 at
 3pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 11 Church Hill
 Epping CM16 4RA. Come sing and pray the Mass. All welcome

ALL SAINTS DAY – Thursday 1st November is a HOLY DAY OF
 OBLIGATION. There will be two Masses at St Josephs, one at
 9.30am and the other at 7.30pm



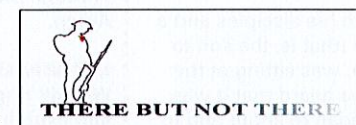
*'I am the light of the world says the Lord, anyone who follows
 me will have the light of life'*

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.

LOURDES FUTURE JUMBULANCE PILGRIMAGES AND HCPT PILGRIMAGES
 Building on our first Parish Jumbulance pilgrimage to Lourdes at the
 beginning of October we are delighted to announce that the Jumbulance
 vehicle will be visiting St Joseph's on a goodwill visit on the weekend of
 November 17th and 18th. It will be parked on Windhill and everyone at the
 Masses will have a chance to go on board and see what it is all about.
 We hope that in the Spring we will be doing some fundraising to establish a
 Parish "Lourdes Fund" that will be able to support future Jumbulance
 pilgrimages and HCPT pilgrimages from our Parish.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018
CENTENARY OF THE END OF WWI

This year sees the centenary of the end
 of WWI, and there will be special events
 to mark this centenary across the country. Eight men from what was then
 our young and small Parish, died in WWI and their names are
 commemorated in an illuminated manuscript that hangs next to the Sacristy
 door. It records that the beautiful wooden Choir Stalls in the Sanctuary were
 installed in their memory. St Joseph's will be participating in the **"There but**
not There" project (go to www.therebutnotthere.org.uk and see the works
 that will be supported by this initiative). Throughout the weekend there will
 be 8 silhouettes "sitting" in different locations in the Church benches, each
 with a plaque giving the name of the person commemorated. They will sit
 among us once gain as they did in life. Please use this opportunity to say a
 prayer for their souls and also to pray deeply that the scourge of war may be
 taken from our world today.



ARMISTICE 100 - The Department for Digital, Culture, Media
 and Support have set up a website listing Armistice Day
 events 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.

10th BS SCOUT GROUP need you! Are you willing to help us
 run our Beaver colony on Monday afternoons from 4:45-
 5:45? We are in need of a couple of people to join our team
 having fun with 6-8 year olds. There is training available, it's
 good fun, rewarding and can help on a CV. A DBS check
 would need to be done which is v straight forward! Contact
 Clare Wright at wright_clare@yahoo.co.uk

STREET PASTORS – Thank you to everyone who came to
 meet the Street Pastors the other week in the WCC. For
 those who missed out and would like to be a Street Pastor, if
 you happen to speak another language e.g. Polish, that
 would be a bonus, or if you are free once a month 10pm –
 2am and are interested to come out with us one night to
 observe, do let us know by emailing
bishopstortford@streetpastors.org.uk

ST MARY'S SCHOOL require a term time only Front Office
 Administrative Assistant Mon – Fri (8.45am – 3.45pm) H2
 £17,007 + £597 Fringe Pro Rata. See www.stmarys.net
ZAMKNIT and CHAT - Tuesday 30th October 2pm to 4pm in
 MHR Church Extension. All are welcome!

ADVENT FAYRE - to be held on Sun. 2nd December after 9am
 Mass at Most Holy Redeemer. Cakes and Teresa's Jewellery
 will be on sale. A raffle will also be held. Please help by
 donating prizes which can be placed in the box in the Church
 porch. Proceeds will be shared equally between St.
 Lawrence School, Zambia and the Cardinal Hume Centre.
QUIZ NIGHT @ MHR on Saturday 17th November to raise
 money for students' volunteer trip to Peru. Please contact
 Sheila Martin on sheila.martin0815@gmail.com or 07968
 583845 for tickets / information.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY – Saturday 1st
 December 12 noon at St Andrew's with Holy Cross – 'The
 Advent Address 2018' given by The Revd Canon Michael
 McAdam – 'Presents or Presence?' Getting Ready for
 Christmas – what Advent means to me? All welcome.
 Refreshments served afterwards.

APOLOGIES – There will be **NO** refreshments this week after
 Mass at St Joseph's due to a Catenian Event in the WCC hall.
REPOSITORY AT ST JOSEPH'S – Christmas stock now on sale.



Parish Administrator – Debbie Jackson

Parish Office: 01279 654063 (9am-3pm Mon - Fri)

Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Collections 20/21 October 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

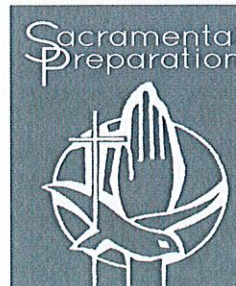
Collection: £ 1512.29 September S/ Order £7521.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £ 62.00 September S/Order £895.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £162.82 September 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.*

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!
“The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!”
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 125

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: “What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!”
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for men in
their relations with God, to offer gifts and
sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise
with those who are ignorant or uncertain
because he too lives in the limitations of
weakness. That is why he has to make sin
offerings for himself as well as for the people.
No one takes this honour on himself, but
each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor
did Christ give himself the glory of becoming
high priest, but he had it from the one who
said to him: You are my son, today I have
become your father, and in another text: You
are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and
for ever.

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 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a
large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son to
Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the
side of the road. When he heard that it was
Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to
say, “Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.”
And many of them scolded him and told
him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all
the louder, “Son of David, have pity on me.”
Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So
they called the blind man. “Courage,” they
said, “get up; he is calling you.” So throwing
off his cloak, he jumped up and went to
Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, “What do you want
me to do for you?” “Rabbuni,” the blind
man said to him, “Master, let me see again.”
Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has saved
you.” And immediately his sight returned and
he followed him along the road.

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

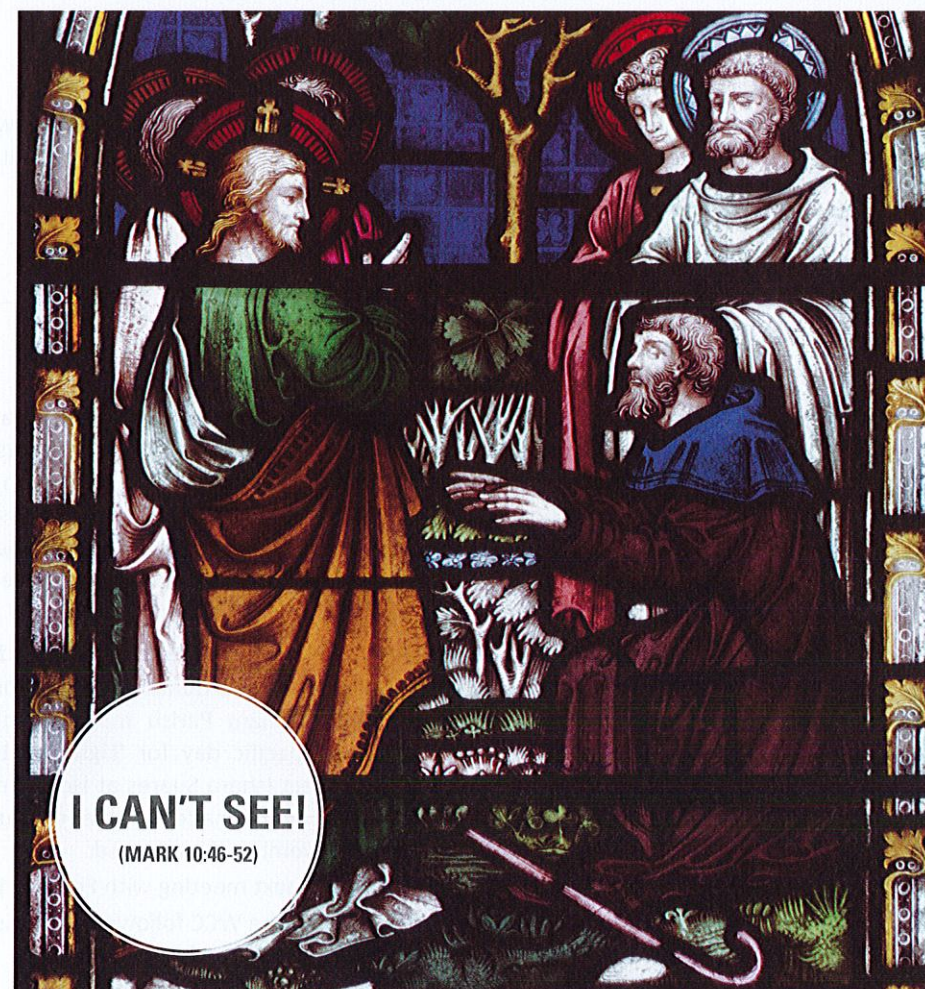
Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus: stained glass in St Mary Abbots Church, London.

The miracle stories of Jesus are not simply records of Jesus being
kind and compassionate. They are “catechetical devices” or ways of
conveying a deeper message to us about Jesus and ourselves.

When a person is healed, they are made whole and their deepest needs are met in the
person of Jesus. To be blind is not simply to lack the ability to see but is also, in the Gospel
tradition, a means of expressing being without faith, or at least having an incomplete belief
in who Jesus is. The evangelist indicates how a particular person understands Jesus by the
use of the titles which they use in speaking to him. In today’s story, Bartimaeus, the blind
beggar, calls out to the “Son of David”, thereby recognising him as someone with healing
powers. He is also a person who is determined not to be prevented from approaching
Jesus, and his persistence pays off in ways that he could not imagine. He actually cries
out to Jesus, “Have mercy on me.” When Jesus tells those who are trying to prevent him
making a nuisance of himself to let him through, the blind man addresses him as “Teacher”
or “Master”, which has overtones of the rabbi/disciple relationship. The man’s struggle to
reach Jesus results not only in his receiving back the physical sight which he had lost but
also he has been granted salvation: “Your faith has saved you.” The story ends with his
“following Jesus along the road”, a symbolic way of saying that he had now become Jesus’
disciple.

This story is about a positive reaction to the person and invitation of Jesus. It stands in
stark contrast to the picture Mark gives us of the disciples and their misunderstanding of
Jesus and his mission. It is also the final episode in the journey of Jesus and his disciples
before they enter Jerusalem and the narrative takes a dark and hostile turn. Like other
stories in Mark’s version of the Gospel, the call to be a disciple of Jesus leads to testing
and difficulty rather than an easy life. That is the message Mark wants us to hear and
accept. ■

SAY

Master, let me see properly.

LEARN

Solomon is the best-known “Son of David”:
popular tradition attributed healing powers to him.

Bar is the Aramaic word for “son”. The title
of the Jewish ceremony of Bar-Mitzvah
means “Son of the Commandment”.

In the wider context of Mark’s Gospel,
Bartimaeus is following Jesus on the road
towards Jerusalem and the passion.

Jericho was an oasis in the Judean
wilderness south of Jerusalem. It was a
popular winter resort for members of the
upper classes who found Jerusalem too cold
and windy.

DO

Try to navigate your way round your house
(safely!) in the dark or with your eyes shut.
Imagine what it would be like not to be able
to see. Reflect on your journey of faith in the
light of this experience.

REFLECT

It is worth noting that Bartimaeus was
a person who had had the misfortune
to lose his sight. He had not been born
blind, so he was conscious of what he
had lost. As we are all too aware, our
sight is a precious faculty; it is also very
vulnerable and can be easily damaged,
impaired or lost altogether. Some
people lose their sight gradually and it
can only be restored through a surgical
intervention. In the Gospels, sight is
often used as a metaphor for faith, and
if we are to understand the Gospel
message properly, we should try to be
sensitive to the double (and deeper)
meaning of these stories. The evangelist
is conveying a message about ourselves
and our relationship to Jesus. So
perhaps we might ask ourselves
whether our sight has become dimmed
by not paying enough attention to our
prayer life and thinking about our faith;
thus we become less aware of the Lord
in our lives. It may be that we will have
to struggle to reach Jesus, but Mark is
telling us that the result is well worth the
effort. ■