

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP  
 11am Mass Mary & Tom Ryan RIP  
 12.30pm Baptism William Alejandro Da Silva  
 Alice Mollie Murphy  
 6pm Mass Phil Wallam RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):  
 9.00am Mass Private Intention

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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – feria**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Connie Morris Special Intention

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – feria**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Deceased Friends & Relatives of the Frost & Wild Family

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – St Willibrord, Bishop**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Christopher Pope RIP

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – feria**

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Private Intention

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9.30am Mass – Special Intention David & Claire

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**  
*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.



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.  
 -St. Padre Pio

**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

**CHARITY BARN DANCE: FINAL CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS** for our Parish social event next Saturday, 10 November in aid of the Jumbulance. The fabulous Pete Skiffins will lead us all with a merry dance or two. BYO drinks and nibbles. Call/text Debbie on 07584 623472 or Alison on 07880 946085. Adults: £5; Under-16s: £2.50. Parking available on St Joseph's School playground. School Hall doors open 7.45pm. **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 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](mailto:ht.nightshelter@outlook.com) & **attend a compulsory information day on Sat 17 November at Holy Trinity.**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 fundraise to establish a Parish "Lourdes Fund" that will be able to support future Jumbulance pilgrimages and HCPT pilgrimages from our Parish.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Monthly coffee morning on Wednesday 7th November in the Windhill Parish Centre, after morning Mass, 10.00am - 11.30am. All most welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cakes and a good chat.

**QUIZ NIGHT** at Most Holy Redeemer on Saturday 17th November to raise money for students' volunteer trip to Peru. Please contact Sheila Martin on [sheila.martin0815@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.martin0815@gmail.com) or 07968 583845 for tickets / information



*'I love you, Lord, my strength'*

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018**



**THERE BUT NOT THERE**

**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](http://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.

**FABULOUS COMMEMORATIVE ART WORK** created by the Parish Senior Parish Art group is now on display in the Bishop's Stortford Tourist Office and also on our web site – be sure to take a look!

**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 11<sup>th</sup> November. All events will appear on their interactive map.

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS** The application process for primary school places for Reception 2019/2020 opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please see our website for further details and copy of our school admission's policy. Also on our website are details of school visits for prospective parents- [www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk). Places for these need to be booked via the school office please on 01279 652576.

**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.

**10th BS SCOUT GROUP** needs 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. Training available, it's good fun, rewarding and can help on a CV. A DBS check would be required which is v straight forward! Contact Clare Wright [wright\\_clare@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wright_clare@yahoo.co.uk)

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**



Next week our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these Priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**SAYING GOODBYE SERVICE** – Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Sunday 25 November at 3.30pm. A service for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. More info on the Mariposa Trust Charity [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**HARMONAIRES FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Sat 15 December at 11am at St Joseph's Church 'Jingle All the Way'. Tickets: £5 Adult/£3 children. Available on 07916 153 898 [www.theharmonaireschoir.com](http://www.theharmonaireschoir.com)



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*Thank you*

Collections 27/28 October 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**

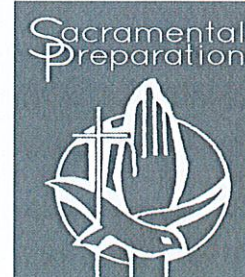
Collection: £ 1240.79 September S/ Order £7521.34

**Holy Cross**

Collection: £ 55.50 September S/Order £895.00

**Most Holy Redeemer:**

Collection: £132.63 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.*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

**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 and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
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** Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
Moses said to the people: "If you fear the  
Lord your God all the days of your life and  
if you keep all his laws and commandments  
which I lay on you, you will have a long life,  
you and your son and your grandson. Listen  
then, Israel, keep and observe what will make  
you prosper and give you great increase, as  
the Lord God of your fathers has promised  
you, giving you a land where milk and honey  
flow.

"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one  
Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your  
strength. Let these words I urge on you today  
be written on your heart."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 17

Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my  
stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

There used to be a great number of priests  
under the former covenant, because death  
put an end to each one of them; but this one,  
Christ, because he remains for ever, can  
never lose his priesthood. It follows then,  
that his power to save is utterly certain, since  
he is living for ever to intercede for all who  
come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have  
to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated,  
beyond the influence of sinners, and raised  
up above the heavens; one who would not  
need to offer sacrifices every day, as the  
other high priests do for their own sins and  
then for those of the people, because he has  
done this once and for all by offering himself.  
The Law appoints high priests who are men  
subject to weakness; but the promise on  
oath, which came after the Law, appointed  
the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and  
put a question to him, "Which is the first  
of all the commandments?" Jesus replied,  
"This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our  
God is the one Lord, and you must love the  
Lord your God with all your heart, with all  
your soul, with all your mind and with all  
your strength. The second is this: You must  
love your neighbour as yourself. There is  
no commandment greater than these." The  
scribe said to him, "Well spoken, Master;  
what you have said is true: that he is one  
and there is no other. To love him with all  
your heart, with all your understanding  
and strength and to love your neighbour as  
yourself, this is far more important than any  
holocaust or sacrifice." Jesus, seeing how  
wisely he had spoken, said, "You are not far  
from the kingdom of God." And after that no  
one dared to question him any more.

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**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly  
Sacraments,  
we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Sunday Message

4 NOVEMBER 2018

31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**THE WORD**

Year B • Psalter Week 3



In today's Gospel passage we have the unusual report of a friendly exchange between Jesus and one of the scribes.

The topic of which commandment is the most important seems to have been a common subject for discussion and debate in the time of Jesus, and the scribe's enquiry is a genuine one, not a trap. The questioner is interested to hear what Jesus thinks about the matter. Jesus' answer is in conformity with the Jewish practice then (and now) of reciting the passage from Deuteronomy which begins, "Listen, Israel..." To this commandment to love God, Jesus adds the instruction from Leviticus about loving one's neighbour. The scribe applauds Jesus' answer and adds that loving God is more important than offering sacrifice; Jesus in turn commends the scribe for "speaking wisely" by adding this observation to the biblical text. By mentioning the list of personal faculties – heart, soul, mind and strength – Jesus and the scribe are expressing the notion of the whole person being oriented towards the Lord.

"Loving the Lord" is not an expression we find very often in the Bible. We would be better not to interpret love in this context as an emotion. It refers more to living the kind of life the Lord expects, which God has communicated through his word. If this is to be more than outward observance, it needs a deeper inner motive. The book of Deuteronomy, from which Jesus quotes, is concerned with the Covenant, the relationship between God and Israel. Part of the ritual of renewing the Covenant was the proclaiming of what the Lord had done for the people in their history. Their reason for renewing the relationship was then based on gratitude for the Lord's intervening on their behalf. Gratitude would therefore be the basis for their observing the Law and being truly the people of the Lord in the world. ■

**REFLECT**

Many Catholics will remember the parish missions preached by the Redemptorists and members of other religious orders. The abiding memory of a lot of people is of preachers speaking at length (and considerable volume) about hellfire and related subjects. The listeners were then encouraged to go to confession to put things right with God before some fearful fate befell them. The problem with being frightened into amending one's life is that a resolution based on fear does not last (to say nothing of the effect such preaching had on sensitive folk). Only a positive reason will give a person the attitude which will allow him or her to relate to the Lord in an ongoing, healthy and life-giving way. It will also allow him or her to live out the demands of their faith in a manner that reflects deep commitment and joy. Jesus and the scribe would probably agree on this: that if we love the Lord our God, if we truly appreciate what the Lord has done for us in the person of Jesus, then living the Christian life will not be a burden but our loving response to the God who first loved us. ■

**SAY**

Let your words be written  
on my heart.

**LEARN**

The text from Deuteronomy (Chapter 6 verses 4-9) is known as the *Shema*.

The Hebrew word "Shema" means "Hear!" or "Listen!"

Devout Jewish people recite this text three times a day.

The words of the *Shema* are written on paper and put in a container which is fixed to the outside doorpost of the house. The container is known as a mezuzah.

**DO**

As you leave the church, make the Sign of the Cross with holy water. It was a common custom at one time to find a small holy water stoup by the front door of people's homes. You might consider reviving this practice: like the mezuzah, its purpose was to remind us of our commitment to God. The use of holy water is to help us remember our baptismal bond with the Lord.

