



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9am Mass - Bernard Featherstone RIP  
 11am Mass - Marie Grace RIP  
 12.30pm Baptism - Henry Valentino Hopkinson  
 6pm Mass - Fr Jim Tubman RIP

**Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):**  
 9.00am Mass - Caterina Bolton RIP

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – feria**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9.30am Mass – Chas Mifsud RIP

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – feria**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9.30am Mass – Thanksgiving

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9.30am Mass – Ann Morrissey RIP

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9.30am Mass – Ellen Byrne RIP

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – St Clement I, Pope & Martyr**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 9.30am Mass – Patrick John Cullinan RIP

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - John McCarthy 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 available at the back of the three Churches for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead  
**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 this weekend.. 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.

**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.

**FULL SUNG LATIN MASS** with Gregorian Chant on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at The Immaculate Conception, 11 Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA. Come, pray and sing the Mass of our Church for nearly 2000 years. **All very Welcome!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those parishioners who came along and donated raffle prizes to our Charity Barn Dance for Across (the Jumbulance charity) last Saturday. £210 was raised, plenty of fun was had, and many requests received to do it all over again next year. We'll let you know as soon as we have a date in the diary!

**ST AUGUSTINES SCHOOL, HODDESDON** - currently have a vacancy for a School Business Manager. If you are interested in applying for this position, further details and an application form are available from the following link:

<https://www.teachinherts.com/findajob.htm?keyword=School%20Business%20Manager>

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community to mark World Day of the Poor this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him'. This year Caritas Westminster asks that you not only remember those in poverty in your prayers and but reach out in practical ways.

**'SLAVES IN OUR CITY' – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** Caritas Westminster is hosting an evening raising awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities. Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be joining us to introduce the evening which will focus on the issue of human trafficking and modern slavery, the response of the church, and practical actions you can take as a parish community. Speakers include the Metropolitan Police, the Santa Marta Group, the Medaille Trust, and Caritas Bakhita House. The event will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, from **6.30pm-8.30pm**, at the **Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), London, W1K 3AH**. Refreshments will be available from 6.00pm. Please RSVP

to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), or call on 0207 798 9030 for your free ticket. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite, by searching for 'Slaves in our City'.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** – Contributions welcome, seasonal or otherwise for the last issue of this year. Deadline is Fri 30 Nov. Please email to [astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk) or leave with the Parish office. Thank you

**GIVING TREE 2018** – Thank you for your continued support and generosity by providing Christmas gifts for the children of the St Francis Family Centre. The Giving Tree will begin on the 1st Sunday of Advent at St Joseph's. If you can volunteer to help it would be appreciated please contact Mandy Gregory 07985 111 235 *The St Francis Family Centre is based in Tower Hamlets. All the families they work with are on very low incomes and often feel isolated by their deprived circumstances. The centre is a real hub of the local community and provides families with a number of important services. For more information visit: [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk)*

**MISSIO BOXES** - If you have any Missio boxes that need to be emptied please bring the boxes in and leave in the Sacristy at St Josephs for the attention of Tessa Nazareth.

**POLITE REMINDER** to ALL users of the WCC – Particularly now that the ground is a little muddy underfoot and in order to continue to keep the WCC in a good condition for others who use the shared centre, please help by ensuring that before you leave the building you check that the floors are swept/washed, the dishwasher is emptied of dirty water, all rubbish is removed, electricity & gas is switched off, the kitchen hatch, windows, storage cupboards and all doors, are closed and that any used tea towels are taken home to be washed and not left on the cooker rail. Toilets also need to be checked to ensure that they are left in a clean condition for others. Thank you very much for your continued support

*'Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming'*

**ADVANCED NOTICES 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.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHRISTMAS FAYRE** taking place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 09.30 – 16.00 on North Street, Potter Street, Market Square and South Street. This free event will include activities for all of the family such as live music and performance, a fun fair, reindeer, princesses from popular fiction and much more. The Fayre incorporates the regular weekly Saturday Market and the Farmers and Craft Market as well as specialised festive stalls. Road closures will be in force on 1<sup>st</sup> December from 06.00 to 18.00

**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.

**PARISH AGM – Come along, catch up and connect!** Here's an opportunity to find out more about what has been going on and offer suggestions on what next. All parishioners are invited to attend on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at the WCC from 7pm-8.30pm. Drinks and nibbles will be served. Put the date in your diary **now** and we look forward to seeing you.

**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) We will be selling tickets outside St Joseph's Church after the 9am and 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**CHARITY PARISH QUIZ** Saturday, 19 January 2019: WCC (raising funds for Across Bishop's Stortford) Don't miss out, buy your tickets early (limited number available): £5 BYO drinks and nibbles. Contact Debbie Hourihan on 07584 623472. More details nearer the time.

**WINTER LUNCH** WCC Saturday, 19 January 2019: 12-3pm - are you retired, living alone or looking forward to a good time with fellow parishioners? Come and join us for an afternoon of feasting and entertainment and shake off those winter blues. Further details to come nearer the time  
**ST MARY'S SCHOOL VACANCY** for a Part time receptionist. See [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) for more info.

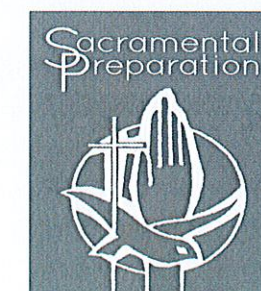
**THANKYOU** - to all who contributed towards the Sick and Retired Priests collection. To date we have raised £1404.688 in cash and an extra £665 in cheques, the total £2,069.68



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Collections 10/11 November 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**  
 Collection: £ 1292.87 October S/ Order £7521.34  
**Holy Cross**  
 Collection: £ 52.12 October S/Order £1505.00  
**Most Holy Redeemer:**  
 Collection: £189.51 October S/Order £667.33



**Sacramental Preparation**  
**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**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**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**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to  
you,

for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.  
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** Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

"At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 15

Response:

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 10:11-14,18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. "Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

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, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted  
to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred  
mystery,  
humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him  
may bring us growth in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

18 NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday  Message33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 1

THE END IS  
NIGH?

(MARK 13:24-32)

Our Gospel reading today belongs to the type of writing known as "apocalyptic". The purpose of such writing is to encourage the faithful to stand firm in the face of persecution.

It is cast in highly symbolic terms which often baffle the reader who takes the Bible literally. One of the key events in this presentation is that of judgement, when those who have remained steadfast will be vindicated and their persecutors will receive their well-deserved punishment. As he comes to the end of his earthly mission, Jesus describes the cosmic events which will accompany the return of the Son of Man when he will gather his people to himself.

We can see from this passage and other parts of the New Testament that some people expected Jesus to return in the immediate future and that these expectations had to be tempered. Jesus says on the one hand that these things will take place in the lifetime of the disciples to whom he is speaking, but then adds that the only person who actually knows is the Father. Not even the Son knows the timing to which the divine plan is running. ■

## REFLECT

There are two misunderstandings which arise from reading apocalyptic writing literally. The more common one is to read contemporary events in the light of biblical symbolism and to see them as heralding the end of the world.

The second, less common but more dangerous notion is that human beings can create conditions which will bring about the Second Coming. This is line with the testing of Jesus when the devil tells him that if he jumps off the pinnacle of the Temple, God will be forced to intervene if Jesus really is the Son of God who has a mission from the Father. Recently, certain fundamentalist Christians have pressed for Jerusalem to be recognised as the capital of Israel: not for political reasons, but because they believe that if this happens, it will help to bring about the Second Coming. They interpret the possible outcome of such a decision, which would most probably cause massive upheaval in the region, as indicating that this would be imminent and that God's plan would be on the brink of being fulfilled. Atomic war would only correspond to some of the more dramatic aspects of apocalyptic writing and would certain bring about the end of the world as we know it.

A fundamentalist and literal reading of certain passages of the Bible can lead to a completely distorted understanding of the word of God. In this case, it assumes that contemporary events herald the return of Jesus in glory and the end of the world. It ignores the fact that such events have occurred throughout history and there has been no such result. There is good reason for Christians to be concerned about current events, just as anyone who cares about their world would be worried. But we do not need to attribute to God the responsibility for the dangerous state of the world; the word of God assures us that human beings are perfectly capable of creating these conditions for themselves. ■

## SAY

Your kingdom come,  
on earth as in heaven.

## LEARN

Apocalyptic writing, which appears to deal with the end of the world, is intended to encourage people under persecution to stand firm: God will vindicate them in God's own good time.

The main examples of apocalyptic writing are the books of Daniel and Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse.

The title "Son of Man" (which means "human being") often occurs in passages concerned with the Last Judgement.

Chapter 13 of the Gospel according to Mark is often called the "Little Apocalypse", while the book of Revelation is known as the "Great Apocalypse".

## DO

Look at the news reports; remember that wars, earthquakes and flooding are mentioned in apocalyptic passages as announcing the end of the world. But this has not happened yet and we do not know when it will. It is our responsibility to make the world a better place here and now. Do what you can.



Internally displaced people walk with their belongings in Afrin, Syria.