

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 25th November 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - Henry and Antoinette D'Souza RIP
 11am Mass - Michael Frost RIP
 12.30pm Baptism - Oliwia Hogan
 Joseph David Sharp Smith
 6pm Mass - Edward Moon RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass - Peter Halpin RIP

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

Monday 26th November – feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Joseph and Danielle Palombo Intention

Tuesday 27th November – feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Christina Choi Intention

Wednesday 28th November – feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Geoffrey Bramall RIP

Thursday 29th November – feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Martha Kalu RIP

Friday 30th November – St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Fr Michael Durand RIP

Saturday 1st December – Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Derek Main and his sister Eileen Main 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.

ADVENT 2018!!

Celebrating Christ the King this Sunday reminds us that this is the end of the Church's year and that next Sunday we begin a New Year with the Season of Advent, preparing for Christmas! There are lots of things happening in the Parish to help you get ready!

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? A chance for the whole Parish to begin Advent together!!

ST MICHAEL'S HOLLY FAYRE – Saturday 1st December 10.30am until 1pm in both halls of the WCC

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.

COMMUNITY CAROLS – with the Salvation Army **Saturday 8 December 7pm** Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church

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 We will be selling tickets outside St Joseph's Church after the 9am and 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9th December.

HELP - to herald the Christmas Good News ... by volunteering for a Churches Together Christmas card delivery round (approx. 85 letter boxes). The cards list the Christmas services of all the Stortford churches. Simply go to the St Joseph's information area, choose your round and sign for it on the sheet on the counter top, then take the *corresponding* map and card pack (lettered A to K).



THE 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*

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 returned (!) and not left on the cooker rail to dry. 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 **CAFOD** World Gift Catalogue- Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD World Gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't *need* anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water, and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a catalogue after Mass

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at MHR on Saturday 17th November for the quiz night to raise funds for St Mary's students travelling to Peru in July 2019 to do volunteer work. The quiz night raised £506.50 and we appreciate everyone's support

ST MARY'S SIXTH FORM information booklets are available at the back of St Joseph's Church

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 or leave with the Parish office. Thank you **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.

BISHOP'S STORFRD MONEY ADVICE SERVICE helps set people free from debt and money worries. We are an Associate Member of Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. Due to increasing demand, we urgently need more volunteers with a heart to help people with money issues to strengthen the team and keep the service running. If you would like to know more about being an advisor please email bsmoneyadvice@ntlworld.com or telephone the Manager, Heather Clapham for a no-obligation chat on 07857 209870...

ZAMKNIT AND CHAT - Tuesday 27th November at 2pm in the MHR Extension. All are welcome.

BISHOP'S STORFORD CHRISTMAS FAYRE taking place on Saturday 1st 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 1st December from 06.00 to 18.00

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, 9th 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.

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 **REPOSITORY** – Beautiful Christmas cards and gifts on sale, do take a look.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

The application process for primary school places for Reception 2019/2020 opens on Monday 5th November to Tuesday 15th 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. 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.



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Collections 17/18 November 2018 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

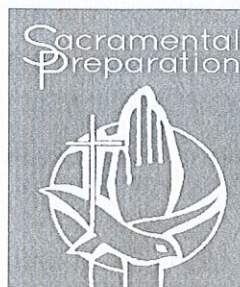
Collection: £ 1330.50 October S/ Order £7521.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £ 115.36 October S/Order £1505.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £176.07 October S/Order £667.33



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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.
Amen.

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,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 92

Response:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R.)

2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked. Jesus replied, "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all
nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the
universe,
we may live with him eternally in his
heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

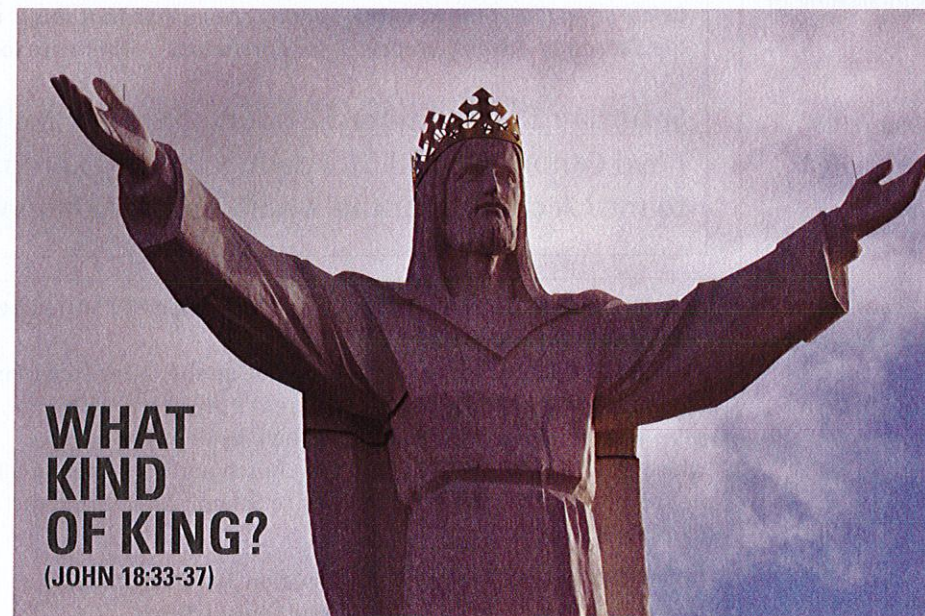
25 NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday Message

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 2



In the account of the trial of Jesus given by the evangelist John, there is a dialogue between Jesus and the Roman governor, Pilate, about the nature of Jesus' being a king.

Jesus tells his questioner that the kingship for which he was born was not to be one expressed in power but in witnessing to the truth from God. The members of this kingdom are those who listen to his message and are looking for the truth; they enter the kingdom where God is to be found, that is, among the community of believers. Pilate, in the full text, apparently avoids making a decision about what Jesus tells him by asking, "What is truth?" But by refusing to accept the truth offered by Jesus, he aligns himself with those who have opted for the darkness instead of the light.

Jesus will be revealed as king on the cross, where he will gather all people to himself when he is lifted up. Thus his kingship is seen as having a universal scope, not restricted to any one nationality but rather open to all those who are on the side of truth and listen to his voice. The cross in the Fourth Gospel is the place of Jesus' being exalted ("lifted up"); it is not the tragedy which we might understand from the Synoptic versions. In our passage today, Jesus explains this serenely to Pilate while outside the mob is calling for his execution. ■

LEARN

In the Fourth Gospel, the term "the Jews" often refers to the Jewish authorities who are opposed to Jesus.

Pontius Pilate was historically a harsh and brutal ruler; he was finally relieved of office because of his cruelty.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

The crucifixion in John's Gospel is the enthronement of Jesus as king and priest.

SAY

The Lord is king, in the crib and on the cross.

REFLECT

This Gospel reading for the feast of Christ the King presents Jesus as the unifying focal point of the human race. Jesus is the one who offers light, truth and life to those who will accept them. He is the clearest word which God has spoken to human beings and conveys God's message to those who will listen. In a world which seems to be becoming more and more fragmented, some such unifying focus appears to be increasingly necessary.

Throughout the Gospel of John there has been the idea of judgement, not so much the final judgement at the end, but rather the judgement which human beings pronounce upon themselves by their decision for or against Jesus and his message. In the Gospel tradition, the evangelists present Jesus as respecting human freedom and decision; he may well regret the choice certain people make, but recognises this as their right. There are no threats of eternal damnation or the like. Perhaps today's feast might remind us that the divisions which some may think so important, of race, class and religion, are simply human inventions; that for God it is enough that a person is a human being, made in God's image and likeness and that the values Jesus teaches are basically human values which anyone can respect and live by. Perhaps the world would be that better place if we all learned to accept one another as fellow human beings with the same hopes and fears; and perhaps in that way the kingdom of God, which is marked by reconciliation, justice and peace will become a reality in our world. ■

DO

Look at a crucifix or picture which presents Jesus in the robes of a priest with a royal crown on his head. This is the meaning of John's crucifixion scene.

