



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**

9am Mass - Special Intention Anne & Robert McLean  
11am Mass - The Flynn Family Intention  
12.30pm Baptism - Sedem Jonathan Kofi Freitas  
6pm Mass - Peggy Kiernan RIP

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

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January - St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Tess O'Toole RIP

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Austin Anthony Fernandes RIP

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - feria**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Terry Bartlett RIP

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January - St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Special Intention The Hardy Family

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January - feria - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
9.30am Mass - Linda Sims RIP

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Sts Timothy and Titus**  
*St Joseph and the English Martyrs*

5pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
6pm Mass - Special Intention Mary O'Connor



**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.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2019/2020

The application process for children starting Nursery in September 2019 (born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016) opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and closes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Application forms will be available on 4<sup>th</sup> February from the school office or can be downloaded from [www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk).

A copy of your child's baptismal certificate and a Certificate of Catholic practice should accompany your application. All applications must be returned to the school office at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Places will be offered on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. **CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**- Applicants for St Joseph's School for **NURSERY** 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 **15/3/2019**. Please apply in plenty of time to allow the certificate to be processed.

**PENNY COLLECTION**- For several years St. Joseph's has supported overseas projects but this year we are "going local", and donating proceeds of the Penny Collection to the Winter Night Shelter at Holy Trinity Church. Whilst now well established as an overnight shelter they hope also to be able to offer daytime activity and practical help and advice. So please dig out all that unwanted cash and put it in the designated jar at the back of the church to support this very worthy cause.

**ZAMKNIT AND CHAT**- 2pm on Tuesday 29th January in MHR extension. All are welcome

**FULL SUNG LATIN MASS** with Gregorian Chant on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3 p.m.** at Epping Catholic Church, 11, Church Hill, CM16 4RA. Come, pray and sing the Mass of our Church for nearly 2000 years! as we say Goodbye and Thank You to Fr. Mark Higgins. **All Very Welcome!**

**APOLOGIES** but there will be **NO 11am** Refreshments after Mass this weekend in the WCC due to a booking in the hall

**CLEANER VACANCY** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for a cleaner to join their team 3.30pm to 5.30pm weekdays, term time only with possible overtime during school holidays. Please contact Nicola McManus 01279 652576

[sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbmanager@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk) for an application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and two satisfactory references.

## PEACE SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2019



**Good Politics serve peace- Pope Francis World Peace Day Message**

*How I wish that  
All men and women of good will  
would look at the Cross  
if only for a moment!*

*There, we can see God's reply:  
Violence is not answered  
with violence,  
death is not answered  
with the language of death.*

*In the silence of the Cross  
the uproar of weapons ceases  
and the language of reconciliation,  
forgiveness, dialogue and  
peace is spoken*

## COME TO A SEEKERS MEETING FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DISCERN A POSSIBLE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday 29 January 2019 **Venue:** SW3 5AA, Beaufort St, Chelsea, London, SW3 5AA, UK

Seekers' meeting scheduled at Allen Hall Seminary, 28 Beaufort Street, Chelsea London SW3 5AA. The schedule for the day is as follows:

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Mass

7:00 pm Supper

7.30-9pm Seekers' meeting

Attendance at the meeting is by invitation of the Vocations Promoter. If interested, please contact: Canon Stuart Wilson, Spiritual Director, Allen Hall Seminary, 28 Beaufort Street, London SW3 5AA Tel: 020 7349 5620

Email: [vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk) or [stuartwilson@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stuartwilson@rcdow.org.uk)

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - HOLY CROSS 18-25 January 2019

Compline at 5pm is scheduled for:  
21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> January

There is Matins 12noon on Saturday 26 January  
Everyone is very welcome to attend

**THE CHURCHES TOGETHER BISHOP'S STORTFORD UNITED SERVICE** will be at The Baptist Centre on Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to meet together and share worship and prayer together. Do come along **FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT**- 2<sup>nd</sup> March in London. Westminster Youth Ministry have reserved hundreds of tickets for those in the diocese and will be selling them to anyone interested for the reduced early-bird price of **£20**. Those coming with us will also receive a red Westminster Youth Ministry t-shirt for all participants and our ongoing support with all of your getting-to-Flame enquires. To find out more or book your tickets, please contact [dominicunliffe@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:dominicunliffe@rcdow.org.uk).

**PARISH CHARITY GOLF DAY**- on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club. Coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, 18 holes golf, 1st tee off at 1.00pm. 2 course dinner at 7.30pm and all for £60. Everyone welcome for dinner and the prize giving, £25pp. This year we will be supporting Dementia research at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Entry forms from the back of Church or via email [angelatyson1293@hotmail.com](mailto:angelatyson1293@hotmail.com) or [wilkinsondavid@mac.com](mailto:wilkinsondavid@mac.com).

**ACROSS - Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance** - After the successful parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last year we are off again on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 19. Helpers needed and we have spaces for able /unable and VIP's (those that are sick, disabled, terminally ill or just need a helping hand.) Full week in Lourdes in 4\* Hotel full board, Group programme for the week - £750. Limited Subsidies available for nurses and 16-25 years old in full-time education. For more information contact either John Wright on 07739 789169 or Debbie Hourihan on 07584-623472 or come along to the parish quiz on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> for more information

**TABLE TENNIS** - Sunday 20/1 & 3/2 7pm-8.30pm in the WCC- All welcome to join.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME** - 2 pre-owned Cots in good condition. Please contact the office if interested

**THANKYOU**- to everyone who contributed towards the collection for the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) last weekend £683.86 was raised.

**MASTERMIND** - On Friday 25 January at 8pm BBC 2 Susie Croft, one of our St Joseph's Altar servers will be a Contestant on Mastermind

*'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all peoples'*



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Collections 12/13 January 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**

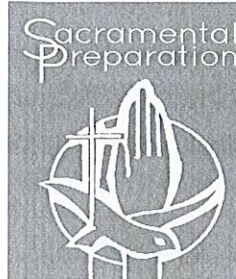
Collection: £1436.12 December S/ Order £7583.84

**Holy Cross**

Collection: £65.35 December S/Order £935.00

**Most Holy Redeemer:**

Collection: £131.84 December S/Order £917.33



**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

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,  
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!  
Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,  
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;  
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,  
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you,  
O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**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,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
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**

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the  
hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named "Forsaken",  
nor your land "Abandoned",  
but you shall be called "My Delight"  
and your land "The Wedded";  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 95

Response:  
Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.  
(R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same  
Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be  
done, but always to the same Lord; working  
in all sorts of different ways in different  
people, it is the same God who is working in  
all of them. The particular way in which the  
Spirit is given to each person is for a good  
purpose. One may have the gift of preaching  
with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another  
may have the gift of preaching instruction  
given him by the same Spirit; and another the  
gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another  
again the gift of healing, through this one  
Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another,  
prophecy; another the gift of recognising  
spirits; another the gift of tongues and  
another the ability to interpret them. All these  
are the work of one and the same Spirit, who  
distributes different gifts to different people  
just as he chooses.

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**

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.  
The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus  
and his disciples had also been invited.  
When they ran out of wine, since the wine  
provided for the wedding was all finished,  
the mother of Jesus said to him, "They  
have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why  
turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His  
mother said to the servants, "Do whatever  
he tells you." There were six stone water  
jars standing there, meant for the ablutions  
that are customary among the Jews: each  
could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus  
said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water,"  
and they filled them to the brim. "Draw  
some out now," he told them, "and take it  
to the steward." They did this; the steward  
tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.  
Having no idea where it came from – only the  
servants who had drawn the water knew –  
the steward called the bridegroom and said,  
"People generally serve the best wine first,  
and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have

had plenty to drink; but you have kept the  
best wine till now."

This was the first of the signs given by  
Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let  
his glory be seen, and his disciples believed  
in him.

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 us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these  
mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is  
celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# 20 JANUARY 2019 Sunday Message 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE WORD**

Year C • Psalter Week 2

## WATER INTO WINE

(JOHN 2:1-11)



Our cycle of Gospel readings, in which we consider the ministry of Jesus,  
begins today with the story from the Gospel according to John (not Luke). It is  
the narrative of "the first of his signs", which he performed at Cana in Galilee.

It is the first act in the revelation of who Jesus truly is, which will culminate in "the hour",  
the complex of events which will reach its climax in his being lifted up in glory on the  
cross.

There are many biblical symbols in this passage, and the marriage feast is perhaps the  
one we might consider. The Messianic Age is often portrayed as a banquet of rich food  
and fine wine, so underlying the story is the message that in the ministry of Jesus, the  
Messianic Age, in which God's promises will be fulfilled, has begun.

The mother of Jesus appears; she is the first person to be mentioned. Her comment to  
Jesus about the shortage of wine provokes a sharp rebuke. Her more significant remark  
is what she says to the servants: "Do whatever he tells you." They do so, twice, in filling  
the jars to the brim and then taking them to the person in charge of the arrangements. It is  
the unquestioning faith of his mother and the obedience of the servants to his command  
which make possible the sign which points towards Jesus' glory. Throughout the fourth  
Gospel, this accepting of the word of Jesus is a major theme.

However, we are at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and our readings in the coming weeks  
will be taken from the third version of the Gospel, that of Luke. The evangelist sets out his  
narrative as Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, the place where God's plan will be worked out,  
just as John hints in his mention of "the hour". ■

**REFLECT**

The mother of Jesus speaks twice  
in the Gospel episode today, and  
the second comment is the one  
to which we perhaps should pay more  
attention. The fourth evangelist begins  
his Gospel with the line "In the beginning  
was the Word". John emphasises the  
importance of believing in Jesus and  
his word, and the story at Cana sets  
the scene for the rest of the Gospel. In  
Christian tradition and piety, the mother  
of Jesus has a prominent place. We are  
accustomed to the idea of her having  
influence with her Son and asking her to

intercede on our behalf; very often the  
incident at Cana is advanced in support  
of this notion. But perhaps we might  
think about this in a different – and more  
demanding – way. The water is changed  
into wine following Jesus' mother's  
command to the servants, when she tells  
them, "Do whatever he tells you." How  
often do we imagine the mother of Jesus  
saying the same thing to us? Perhaps  
she is not only speaking to Jesus on our  
behalf, but telling us to put his teachings  
into practice in our daily lives and to take  
being his disciples more seriously. ■

**LEARN**

The fourth Gospel presents a small number  
of Jesus' miracles as "signs".

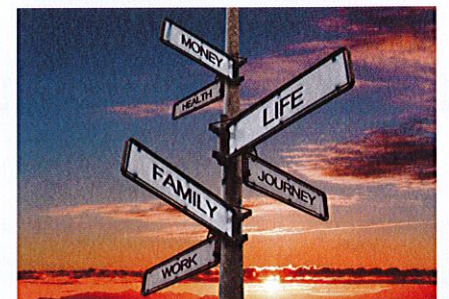
A sign points beyond itself, and these signs  
indicate something about Jesus, which is  
explained by a discourse or a comment.

"The hour of Jesus" in the fourth Gospel is  
the complex of events, his passion and death  
on the cross, which result in his exaltation  
(his being lifted up) in glory.

The fourth evangelist never refers to the  
mother of Jesus and "the disciple Jesus  
loved" by name.

**DO**

Look at any sign. Its purpose is to give  
information about something beyond itself.  
This is the point of the miracle stories in the  
Gospel. Ask yourself if you look beyond the  
signs to the deeper (and intended) meaning.

**SAY**

Do whatever he tells you.