



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*

9am Mass - Arminda Di Giovanni RIP  
 11am Mass - Private Intention  
 12.30pm Baptism - Joshua Campos  
 Jack Patrick McAuliffe  
 6pm Mass - John Kujacz RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):  
 9.00am Mass - Jess Wallace RIP

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February - feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - Angela Sammut RIP  
 4.30pm Vigil Reception - Bill Jack RIP

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 11am Requiem Mass - William Monahan Jack RIP

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - David Hussey RIP

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February - feria

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - Betty Forde RIP

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - St Josephine Bakhita

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs:*  
 9.30am Mass - John Glanville RIP

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

*St Joseph and the English Martyrs*

5pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Joseph and Dorothy Flannery 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.

## 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.

**CLEANER VACANCY** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is 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.

**TABLE TENNIS** - Sunday 3/2, 17/2/ 3/3/ 24/3 7/4 7pm-8.30pm in the WCC- All welcome

**PALMS** - Fr Carlos is requesting for parishioners to bring their palms they received from Palm Sunday in order to burn them in preparation for Ash Wednesday. If you wish to do so, please bring your palms to Fr. Carlos after Mass. There will also be a red bucket to leave your palms behind in the back of the Church.

**APOLOGIES** - but there will be **NO** refreshments after the 11am Mass this Sunday due to a booking in the WCC.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD VINEYARD** is presenting the CAP money course on Wednesday 13, 20 and 27 February at St Michaels School, Apton Road, CM23 3SN at 7.30pm. The CAP Money Course is a free course that will teach you budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. In just a few weeks, you will get to grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. To register please go to: <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/find-your-local-course>.

Thank you

Collections 26/27 January 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

*St Josephs and the English Martyrs:*

Collection: £1262.50 December S/Order £7583.84

*Holy Cross*

Collection: £42.40 December S/Order £935.00

*Most Holy Redeemer:*

Collection: £202.46 December S/Order £917.33



## CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2019 at 3PM

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019.

If you are celebrating an anniversary please contact the Parish Office with the following details; husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March please.**



**MEN'S SHOES WANTED** -St Joseph's SVP has joined a regional project to provide wearable shoes for men in need. If you have any pairs of wearable men's shoes which you no longer need and are willing to donate them, please leave them tied together in the box at the back of the church on the right hand side. We will be most grateful for your generosity.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is the largest pro-marriage organisation in the world and promotes weekend experiences for Married Couples who want to make their good marriage even better. It also provides weekends for Engaged Couples who want to have the best possible start for their Marriage. The next weekend being held for interested couples for the Marriage Encounter Course is at Dover 9-10 March and the Engaged couples course at St Aloysius, Euston, London 9-10 and St Joseph's, Hendon, London 27-28 April. Full details on [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact Patrick & Pauline Haynes on 01279 652411 for more information.

## LETTER RECEIVED FROM SR ANGELA OF THE ST LAWRENCE COMMUNITY, ZAMBIA FOLLOWING OUR LAST DONATION TO THE SCHOOL

Dear People of God

Re: Funds

Thank you greatly, the money you sent has finally been received amounting to ZK 14,880.70 - USA dollar 1,245.25. Please accept our appreciation.

We are on our knees thanking God for you people. I am asking for permission to keep the money in the bank account until the dry season. Now the water table has risen due to the rains. It does not mean that we do not have other needs, but we keep it for the water borehole.

Greetings to all

Sr Angela

**ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT - Open Day - Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm - more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

**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 who are sick, disabled, and 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

**HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019-** The Holiday Bible week web site will go live on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. So please sign-up ASAP to guarantee a place for your Child. The Children's registration closes on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Adult Volunteers are needed so that places can be offered to as many children as possible (usually about 500). A DBS check will need to be done for those volunteers who don't have one for HBW but that is a straightforward process! [www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk) The launch date night for Adult Volunteers will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Check the web site for more information.

'My lips will tell of your help'



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Safeguarding enquiries only

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**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**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**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, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart... Amen.

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord  
was addressed to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew  
you;  
Before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the  
nations.

So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you  
dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priest and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
For I am with you to deliver you –  
It is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** Psalm 70

Response: **My lips will tell of your help.**

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been  
my help. (R.)

4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my  
youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

(For shorter version read between > <)

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am  
going to show you a way that is better than  
any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of  
angels, but speak without love, I am simply a  
gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have  
the gift of prophecy, understanding all the  
mysteries there are, and knowing everything,  
and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move  
mountains, but without love, then I am  
nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess,  
piece by piece, and if I even let them take my  
body to burn it, but am without love, it will do  
me no good whatever.

>Love is always patient and kind: it is never  
jealous; love is never boastful or conceited;  
it is never rude or selfish; it does not take  
offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no  
pleasure in other people's sins but delights  
in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to  
trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there  
are gifts of prophecy, the time will come  
when they must fail; or the gift of languages,  
it will not continue for ever; and knowledge  
– for this, too, the time will come when it  
must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect  
and our prophesying is imperfect; but once  
perfection comes, all imperfect things will  
disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk  
like a child, and think like a child, and argue  
like a child, but now I am a man, all childish  
ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing  
a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall  
be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I  
have now is imperfect; but then I shall know  
as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last:  
faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these  
is love.

The word of the Lord.<

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the  
Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except  
through me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue,  
"This text is being fulfilled today even as you  
listen." And he won the approval of all, and  
they were astonished by the gracious words  
that came from his lips.

They said, "This is Joseph's son, surely?"  
But he replied, "No doubt you will quote me  
the saying, 'Physician, heal yourself' and  
tell me, 'We have heard all that happened in  
Capernaum, do the same here in your own  
countryside.'" And he went on, "I tell you  
solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his  
own country.

"There were many widows in Israel, I can  
assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven  
remained shut for three years and six months

and a great famine raged throughout the  
land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of  
these; he was sent to a widow at Zarephath,  
a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's  
time there were many lepers in Israel, but  
none of these was cured, except the Syrian,  
Naaman."

When they heard this everyone in the  
synagogue was enraged. They sprang to  
their feet and hustled him out of the town;  
and they took him up to the brow of the hill  
their town was built on, intending to throw  
him down the cliff, but he slipped through the  
crowd and walked away.

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**

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service:  
be pleased to receive them, we pray,  
and transform them  
into the Sacrament of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I  
call on you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.... Amen.

# Sunday Message

3 FEBRUARY 2019

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE WORD**

Year C • Psalter Week 4

## WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?

(LUKE 4:21-30)



Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, a figure familiar in the history of Israel. In the episode which occurs in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus sets his ministry in the line of that of Elijah, the chief representative of the prophetic tradition, and that of Elijah's disciple and successor, Elisha.

We are told that his ministry in the synagogues in Galilee had won him approval, but his appearance in that of his home town results in an enraged crowd attempting to throw him off a cliff.

What sparked off this attempted lynching was Jesus' reminding his audience that the people to whom Elijah and Elisha directed their preaching and their care through miracles included Gentiles. This idea that God's message could be meant also for people beyond the geographical and spiritual boundaries of Israel touched a raw nerve and caused great offence. There is little, if any, evidence, that the preaching of the biblical prophets was accepted or acted upon, so, at Nazareth, Jesus suffered the fate of his predecessors. The accepting or rejecting of the word of Jesus will be a theme running through Luke's version of the Gospel narrative.

Two of the issues which occur in this section form part of the message of Simeon when that holy person tells Mary and Joseph that Jesus will be "a light to enlighten the Gentiles" and "a sign destined to be rejected". The universal message of God's salvation being for people who are poor and oppressed, irrespective of nation or religion, is what the citizens of Nazareth and others throughout the Gospel cannot stomach, and so they kick out the messenger. The division between those who accept and those who reject Jesus has begun. ■

**REFLECT**

Prophets are uncomfortable people. They point out what is wrong in society and the Church. The rest of us are then asked to make a decision: whether or not to accept what they say and then to do something about the situation. This can be on a grand or national scale, where the prophet is speaking truth to power, or the person

can be involved in a more local and personal setting, such as the local parish or community. Here it is easy to dismiss such a person in much the same way as the inhabitants of Nazareth seem inclined to do to Jesus, thinking that they fully know him as (only) the son of Joseph. If we are in a position of authority, we may be inclined to say, "Well, if only she or

**SAY**

I am with you to deliver you.

**LEARN**

The biblical prophet is one who speaks the word of the Lord.

The link between social justice and proper worship is clear from the prophets' teaching.

Elijah is the figure who personifies the prophetic tradition in the Bible.

Joseph is the "legal" father of Jesus.

**DO**

Look at the different places of worship in your area. How do you think the Lord is present in them? Does this make you glad or uncomfortable?

he knew the full facts..." and so reassure ourselves that we need not listen to the truth of what the person is saying.

There also used to be a certain attitude that outside the Church there is no salvation. We might remember that Jesus' words apply just as much to Christians today as to the people of his time. ■