



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 10th February 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Andy Moloney & Joseph Stehl RIP
 11am Mass - Jane and Sid Hockett RIP
 6pm Mass - Special Intention Richard & David Morris

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass- Kathleen Cowan RIP
 Baptism - Rory David Henry Smith

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

11.15am Mass - Special Intention- Gabriel Carn and his family

Monday 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Becky Jones RIP

Tuesday 12th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Janet McLuskie RIP

Wednesday 13th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Monica Frost RIP

Thursday 14th February - St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop,

Patrons of Europe

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Special Intention- John and Frances

Friday 15th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Special Intention Fr Peter

Saturday 16th 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 - Livio Renato Darfi 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.

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 4th February 2019 and closes on Friday 15th March 2019. Application forms will be available on 4th February from the school office or can be downloaded from 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 1st 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.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS - with Love and best wishes to Fr Peter, who celebrates his Birthday this week.

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 St Joseph's Church.

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>.

CHRISTIAN AID - Volunteers are needed next Saturday, 16 Feb at Tesco's, Bishop's Park to help raise funds for Christian Aid's overseas projects. One person is required to collect 1.30-2.30pm & 2 people to collect from 2.30-3.30pm. The rest of the day will be covered by other BS churches. If you are able to help, please contact BS 652060. Many thanks!

PARISH MAGAZINE - Deadline for the next edition of the Magazine is Friday 22nd February. Please e-mail items for inclusion to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave with Debbie in the Office.

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 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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 18th 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. Thank you to all who have generously contributed. **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.wmme.org.uk or contact Patrick & Pauline Haynes on 01279 652411 for more information.

ENCOUNTER - meet next Fri. 15 February at St Theresa's, Stansted. 'A Journey of Faith' led by David Morson. Discussion based on David's personal reflections on the Church from the age of 3 to 72 years. 9.30am Mass in St Theresa's 10.00 coffee 10.30 meeting opens 12.30 lunch; please bring food to share 2pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 814865 or 652060

'EMBRACED' - Saturday 2nd March - 2pm-4:30pm - Caritas Westminster invites you to an afternoon highlighting opportunities for volunteering and befriending in a variety of ways. We have brought together some of the things that happen around the Diocese with and for people with learning disabilities. The day will have testimonies, showcases of work already being done and a chance to learn more about learning disabilities and catechesis. The event will take place on **Saturday 2nd March, from 2pm-4.30pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 373 Bowes Road, London, N11 1AA**. Refreshments will be available from 2pm. Please RSVP to 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 'Embraced'.

NO NOVENA - Apologies but there will be no Novena this coming week.

'Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord'

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019

10.30am at the Baptist Centre, Twyford Road BS CM23 3LJ presented by Churches Together Bishop's Stortford. This year the focus is on Slovenia, its customs and cultures. We pray for world peace & harmony. All welcome. Parking is available & refreshments will be served. There will also be a Prayer event held at Most Holy Redeemer starting at 10am. **FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT** - 2nd 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.

PARISH CHARITY GOLF DAY - on Friday 26th 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 or wilkinsondavid@mac.com.

ACROSS - Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance - After the successful parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last year we are off again on Thursday 26th September - Saturday 5th 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 info contact either John Wright on 07739 789169 or Debbie Hourihan on 07584-623472

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK- 5th - 9th August 2019 - The Holiday Bible week web site will go live this **Sunday 10th February**. So please sign-up ASAP to guarantee a place for your Child. The Children's registration closes on 30th 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 The launch date night for Adult Volunteers will be Thursday 6th June 2019. Check the web site for more information.

TABLE TENNIS - Sunday 17/2/ 3/3/ 24/3 7/4 7pm-8.30pm in The WCC. All welcome.



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Safeguarding enquiries **only**

bishopsstortfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



Collections 2/3 February 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

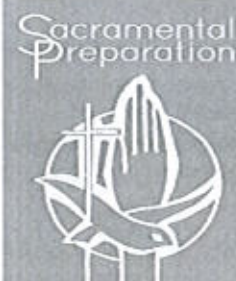
Collection: £1249.38 January S/ Order £7361.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £63.47 January S/Order £1205.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £213.81 January S/Order £633.33



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, O Queen of Heaven enthroned.
 Hail, by angels mistress owned.
 Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn
 Whence the world's true light was born:
 Glorious Virgin, Joy to thee,
 Loveliest whom in heaven they see;
 Fairest thou, where all are fair,
 Plead with Christ our souls to spare.*

10 FEBRUARY 2019 Sunday Message

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C • Psalter Week 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing
care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly
grace,
they may be defended always by your
protection... Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the
Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled
the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each
one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this
way,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth."

The foundations of the threshold shook with
the voice of the one who cried out, and the
Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

"What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts."

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding
in his hand a live coal which he had taken
from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this
he touched my mouth and said:

"See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

"Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?"

I answered, "Here I am, send me."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 137

Response:

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!" (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(For shorter form, read between > <)

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I
preached to you, the gospel that you received
and in which you are firmly established;
because the gospel will save you only if you
keep believing exactly what I preached to
you – believing anything else will not lead to
anything.

Well then, >in the first place, I taught you
what I had been taught myself, namely
that Christ died for our sins, in accordance
with the scriptures; that he was buried; and
that he was raised to life on the third day,
in accordance with the scriptures; that he
appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the
Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five
hundred of the brothers at the same time,
most of whom are still alive, though some
have died; then he appeared to James, and
then to all the apostles; and last of all he
appeared to me too; it was as though I was
born when no one expected it.<

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since
I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly
deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace
that is what I am, and the grace that he gave
me has not been fruitless. On the contrary,
I, or rather the grace of God that is with me,
have worked harder than any of the others;
>but what matters is that I preach what they
preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.<

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of
Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round
him listening to the word of God, when he
caught sight of two boats close to the bank.
The fishermen had gone out of them and
were washing their nets. He got into one of
the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him
to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat
down and taught the crowds from the boats.

When he had finished speaking he said
to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay
out your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon
replied "we worked hard all night long and
caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay
out the nets." And when they had done this

they netted such a huge number of fish that
their nets began to tear so they signalled to
their companions in the other boat to come
and help them; when these came, they filled
two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the
knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am
a sinful man." For he and all his companions
were completely overcome by the catch they
had made; so also were James and John,
sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners.
But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on it is men you will catch." Then,
bringing their boats back to land, they left
everything and followed 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

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,

grant, we pray,

that they may become for us now

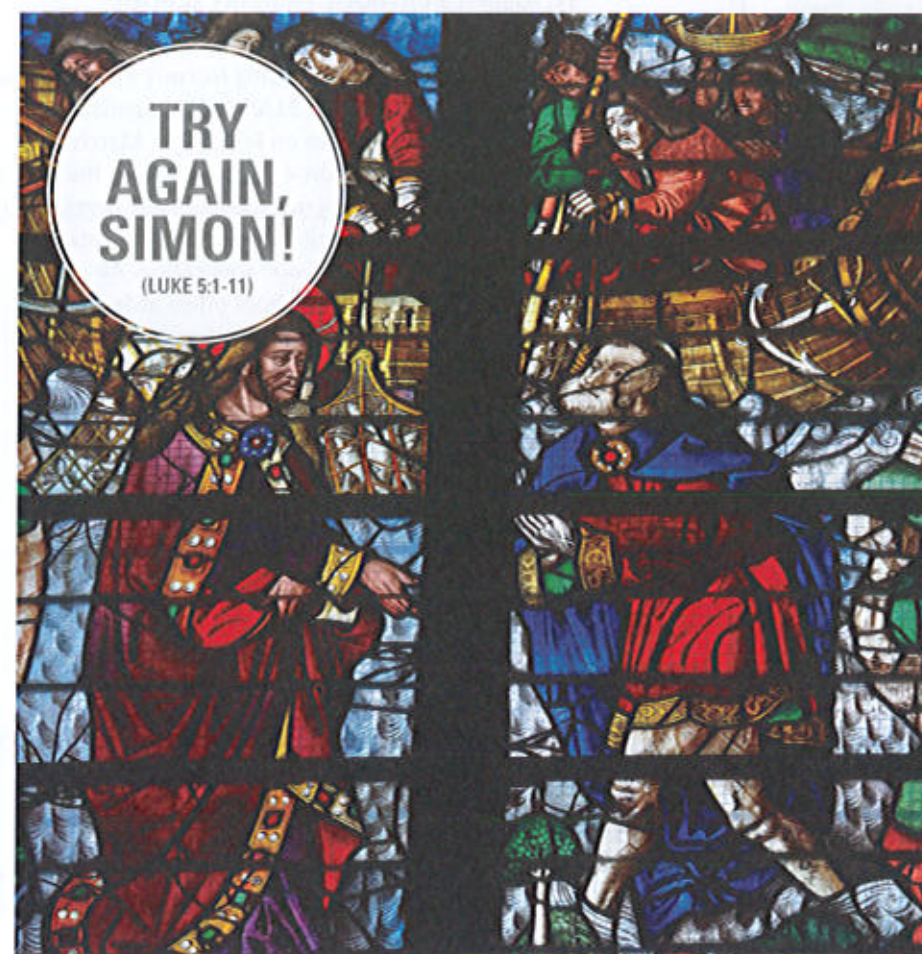
the Sacrament of eternal life... Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world... Amen.

THE WORD

Stained glass window in the Cathedral of Rouen, France, depicting Jesus calling Simon Peter to become a "fisher of men"

Today we meet Simon Peter for the first time in Luke's narrative. Jesus has already healed Simon's mother-in-law, but this is the earliest personal encounter of the two which Luke records.

Instead of the abrupt command in the versions of Mark and Matthew, Luke's version sets the recruiting of the first three disciples in the context of an astonishing catch of fish after a night of futile human effort. The evangelist emphasises Peter's faith in the word of Jesus the prophet. Peter initially objects to Jesus' command, but then obeys, echoing the idea that "nothing is impossible to God". Peter's perception of Jesus changes as a result of his experience; at the beginning of the story, he refers to Jesus as "Master" and at the end as "Lord".

Peter's reaction when he discovers himself in the presence, not of a simple teacher who taught the crowds from a boat, but of a divine figure, is to worship Jesus. He then describes himself as "a sinful man"; this does not mean that he is morally wicked, but rather that he is accepting his human condition when confronted by the Holy One, just as Isaiah did during his vision of the Almighty in the Temple. It is this realistic view of himself that allows Peter to accept Jesus and the salvation he offers. The human reaction to the divine presence is often described in terms of fear or awe: Luke describes it more in terms of being fascinated, being drawn, rather like Moses and the burning bush. The person is attracted to Jesus not just by his word but by his whole person. Although Peter's original request is for Jesus to withdraw his presence, Peter ends up following him. Peter here represents the converted sinner who becomes a disciple. He will now share in the mission of Jesus and will catch human beings instead of fish. He will snare them alive in the net of the Gospel. ■

REFLECT

Follow me, follow me, leave
your home and family... – so
goes the tuneful and popular
hymn, often sung with great gusto
by people who have no intention
of taking the words seriously. Or
perhaps it would be better to say that
most people have no possibility of
putting the call literally into practice.
Maybe we need to consider what the
term "following" means to us. In the
Gospel, when we come across the
word "follow", we might substitute
the phrase "be a disciple". So when
Jesus says, "Follow me!" he is simply
saying "Be my disciple!" This is an
invitation, not a command; we will
encounter individuals in the Gospel
narrative who cannot accept Jesus' invitation. His invitation is to all of us,
whoever we may be. No state of life
is higher than another in the Christian
community. As long as being a
committed disciple of Jesus is the
most important aspect of our life, then
we will see our other responsibilities
in their proper light. ■

LEARN

The way in which people speak to Jesus
reveals their understanding of who he is.

Titles such as "Teacher" or "Master" indicate
that the person understands Jesus simply as
a human being.

The terms "Lord" or "Christ" really refer to
the risen and glorified Jesus.

The verb "to follow" is a technical term for
"to become" (or "to be") a disciple of Jesus.

DO

Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water.
Your baptism was the outward sign of
your accepting the invitation to become
a disciple of Jesus. The way you live out
your baptismal calling is just as valid and
significant as any other.

