



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 17th February 2019 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Special Intention - Veronica Lynch
 11am Mass - Special Intention - Harry Stalley
 12.30pm Baptism - Finley David Clarke
 6pm Mass - People of the Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass - Mike Murphy RIP

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

Monday 18th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Gerard Mc Donald RIP

Tuesday 19th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Joe Mc Donagh RIP

Wednesday 20th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - The Taylor Family Intention

Thursday 21st February - St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Ebrahim Tahamtani RIP

Friday 22nd February - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Saturday 23rd February - St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs
 5pm - 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Special Intention - Sheila O'Regan



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.

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. **RCIA TALKS** with Fr Carlos will take place starting on Monday 18 February on the Sacrament of Confirmation and will continue until the beginning of July at 8pm in the Margaret Clitherow Room at the Windhill Churches Centre. Everyone is invited.

VACANCY - PART-TIME EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER / OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED - The small charity 'Across' require an experienced bookkeeper, working in the London/ Stansted vicinity. £23,400 pro-rata (20-22.5 hours) flexible. For further information and Job description, please email Lisa O'Connor, Company Secretary at lisa@across.org.uk Closing date Friday 1st March.

FULL SUNG LATIN MASS with Gregorian Chant on **Sunday 24th February at 3 p.m.** at Epping Catholic Church, 11, Church Hill, CM16 4RA. Come, pray and sing the Mass of our Church since earliest times as we warmly welcome our new Latin Mass celebrant, Mgr. Gordon Read. All Very Welcome!

HERTFORDSHIRE CAFOD Networking Meeting - invite you to attend a Volunteering meeting on **Saturday 23 February 12-4pm**. The meeting will include a talk by CAFOD's Tony Gilbert who will give a first-hand account of our work in Zambia and South Sudan and will take place at: Holy Family, 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 7RQ. Please bring packed lunch. All are welcome. For further details contact Ann Milner ann.milner@cafod.org.uk

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 - we now have 60 pairs and will run for one more week. We hope to do this again in the future with your help.

FR CARLOS - Please keep Fr Carlos in your prayers as he will be away from the parish this coming week on a retreat from 21st February until 1st March and also Fr Peter who will therefore be extra busy!

PARISH OFFICE - The Office will be closed on Tuesday 19th February as Debbie will be on a training day at the Diocese. If you have any urgent requests before then please call the office or leave a message on the answerphone/ send an email and she will deal ASAP. Thank you.

'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'

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2019 are on sale for £4.50 each - we have a limited supply left. Please contact the office should you wish to buy one. **BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT** - Saturday 30 March 7.30pm at the Methodist Church. Tickets are available from the Tourist Info Centre 715001. There will be collection for the Holy Trinity Night Shelter



'Happy the man who has placed his trust in the 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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Collections 9/10 February 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

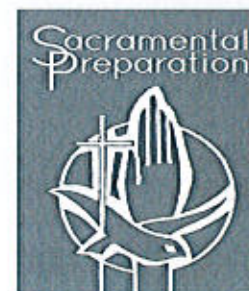
Collection: £1319.33 January S/ Order £7361.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £77.70 January S/Order £1205.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £155.88 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.*

17 FEBRUARY 2019 Sunday Message

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C • Psalter Week 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

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

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your
grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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 Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
The Lord says this:

"A curse on the man who puts his trust in
man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

"A blessing on the man who puts his trust
in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

Response:
Happy the man who has placed
his trust in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.
(R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.
(R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has
been preached, how can some of you be
saying that there is no resurrection of the
dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ
has not been raised, and if Christ has not
been raised, you are still in your sins. And
what is more serious, all who have died in
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ
has been for this life only, we are the most
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and
stopped at a piece of level ground where
there was a large gathering of his disciples
with a great crowd of people from all parts
of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the
coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had
come to hear him and to be cured of their
diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:
"How happy are you who are poor: yours is
the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall
be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

"Happy are you when people hate you, drive
you out, abuse you, denounce your name
as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice when that day comes and dance for
joy, for then your reward will be great in
heaven. This was the way their ancestors
treated the prophets.

"But alas for you who are rich: you are
having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you
shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall
mourn and weep.

"Alas for you when the world speaks well of
you! This was the way their ancestors treated
the false prophets."

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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they
craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Jesus has been praying on the mountain, after which he selects
his twelve close disciples.

Then, like Moses the prophet, he comes down and teaches the people, who have come
from far and wide, even from Gentile territory, to hear him. Luke's version of this scene
is sometimes called the Sermon on the Plain, as his setting and account are different to
that of Matthew. Luke has four Beatitudes and four Woes. His description of those who
are poor is not spiritualised, but Jesus speaks to those whose actual material condition
puts them at a disadvantage in society. The term "poor" includes all those who are
marginalised in any way, who are pushed to the edge of civil and religious society. When
Jesus tells them that "yours is the kingdom of heaven", he is saying that God accepts
them as members of the restored people, not because they are especially pious or devout,
but simply because they are poor. This is Jesus putting into practice the mission statement
from Isaiah about bringing "good news to the poor".

But in Luke's thought, salvation means the reversing of the social order. It is not just a
matter of attending to the needs of poor people, but of overturning those who are secure
and powerful and so responsible in some ways for others being in need or neglected.
This he has outlined in the song of Mary, the Magnificat. He tells us that God is at work in
the ministry of the prophet, challenging people's values and preconceptions, not for the
sake simply of criticising, but of transforming society, so that we respect people first and
foremost as human beings, not because of their wealth or social status. For Luke, salvation
is a force at work in our world in the here and now, not some future ideal state of being. ■

REFLECT

One of the criticisms people make of
Christianity is that it can breed an
attitude of fatalism and resignation
in those whose lives take an unfortunate
turn, or who find themselves in situations
which others would describe as tragic.
The extreme form of this outlook is that
the worse life is in this world, the better
it will be in the next; God will reward
you in heaven for all the suffering and
deprivation you experienced on earth.
This is not the view of the biblical
prophets, and Luke is presenting Jesus

as a prophet. The biblical answer to the
plight of any disadvantaged person is not
charity but justice. It may be necessary to
meet someone's immediate needs, but the
real problem is the reason why the person
is in such straits to begin with. Archbishop
Hélder Câmara said once, "When I give
food to the poor, they call me a saint;
when I ask why the poor have no food,
they call me a communist!" The word of
God is tough on poverty and tough on the
causes of poverty. ■

SAY

Our Lord is the God
of justice.

LEARN

For the prophets, the situation of poor
people was an indictment of the society.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, and therefore God,
is particularly concerned with the weak and
vulnerable members of the community.

Luke has four Beatitudes; Matthew has nine.

In the Bible, salvation involves the
overturning of the social order: this is the
Great (or Divine) Reversal.

DO

See how you can support the work of the
likes of the St Vincent de Paul Society. What
could you do to influence social policy in
your area or beyond?

