



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 24th February 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Jaime Luiz Dalpiaz RIP
 11am Mass - James Strang RIP
 12.30pm Baptism - Francesco Alexander Iovino Casson
 Ava Rose Jenkins
 6pm Mass - Doris Ireland RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass - Kathleen Cowan RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 25th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Jane and Sid Hockett RIP

Tuesday 26th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Bill Jack RIP

Wednesday 27th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - June Purcell RIP

Thursday 28th February - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Mark Goodfield RIP
 2pm Requiem Mass - Aidan Alphonsus Joseph Leacy RIP

Friday 1st March - St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Sofia Olivera RIP

Saturday 2nd March - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs

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

6pm Mass - Special Intention - Margaret Whiffen



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.

DADS' GROUP - meeting this Wednesday, 27 February, at 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. Robert Purcell will lead a discussion on the importance of positive role models in our lives - and the lives of our children. All Dads in the Parish welcome!

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.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT runs from 25th Feb-10th March. St Joseph's is a Fair Trade parish; reminding us that all groups should be using fair trade products at their meetings. During the coming 2 weeks, look out for Fair Trade goods in your local supermarket and aim to 'Go Fair Trade' at home as well. Thank you!

ZAMKNIT AND CHAT - Tuesday 26th February at 2pm in MHR extension, Sayesbury Rd, Sawbridgeworth. All are welcome
TABLE TENNIS - Sunday 3/3, 24/3, 7/4, 7pm-8.30pm in the WCC. All welcome

RCIA/CONFIRMATION TALKS with Fr Carlos will continue on Monday 4 March until the beginning of July at 8pm in the St Margaret Clitherow Room at the Windhill Churches Centre. Everyone is invited.

FREE TO GOOD HOME - A Mamas and Papas slim line cot with mattress. Please contact 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 - St Joseph's SVP thank you all who have generously contributed towards their shoe project which has now ended - we collected approx. 100 pairs and hope to do this again in the future.

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

'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
HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK- 5th - 9th August 2019 - The Holiday Bible week web site is now live, 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.



'The Lord is compassion and love'

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 Service held at Most Holy Redeemer starting at 10am followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome
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

BISHOP'S STORTFORD STREET PASTORS have a vacancy for a coordinator. The role offers flexible working, hours on average 10 hours per week, paid monthly with 8 weeks paid holiday. This is a key role. We need the post holder to be fully supportive of the Street Pastors' vision and Mission and a Committed Christian in regular attendance at a local Church. You must demonstrate strong team working & possess good Communication, organisational and admin skills. You are likely to have had previous experience of volunteering within a Church or charity. If you are considering applying for the role, please contact Corinne Lewis (Street Pastors Trustee) by email corinne.mcclewis@ntlworld.com to request the Job description (including 'Key Requirements') and payment details or have an informal chat. To apply please submit your CV with a covering letter to the above email address detailing how you meet the key requirements by the end of Sunday 10 March 2019. The interviews are planned for March 19th.

STORTFORD INTERFAITH GROUP will be hosting a talk on Taoism and Tai Chi with a guest speaker SHI XING FA in the WCC on Thursday 14 March at 7pm

Parish Administrator - Debbie Jackson

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding enquiries only
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Collections 16/17 February 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1298.39 January S/ Order £7361.34

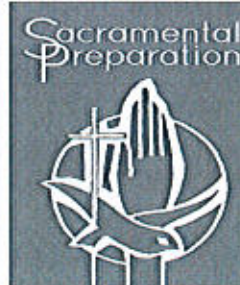
Holy Cross

Collection: £46.36 January S/Order £1205.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £151.87 January S/Order £633.33

Thank you



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.*

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

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, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is 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 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men
chosen from Israel to search for David in the
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made
their way towards the force, where they
found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear
stuck in the ground beside his head, with
Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, "Today God
has put your enemy in your power; so now
let me pin him to the ground with his own
spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike
him twice." David answered Abishai, "Do not
kill him, for who can lift his hand against the
Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David
took the spear and the pitcher of water from
beside Saul's head, and they made off. No
one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they
were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the
Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted
on the top of the mountain a long way off;
there was a wide space between them. David
then called out, "Here is the king's spear. Let
one of the soldiers come across and take it.
The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness
and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my
power, but I would not raise my hand against
the Lord's anointed."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 102

Response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.
(R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last Adam has
become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the
one with the soul, not the spirit, and after
that, the one with the spirit. The first man,
being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the
second man is from heaven. As this earthly
man was, so are we on earth; and as the
heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And
we, who have been modelled on the earthly
man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say this to you
who are listening: Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who treat you
badly. To the man who slaps you on one
cheek, present the other cheek too; to the
man who takes your cloak from you, do not
refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks
you, and do not ask for your property back
from the man who robs you. Treat others
as you would like them to treat you. If you
love those who love you, what thanks can
you expect? Even sinners love those who
love them. And if you do good to those
who do good to you, what thanks can you
expect? For even sinners do that much. And
if you lend to those from whom you hope to
receive, what thanks can you expect? Even
sinners lend to sinners to get back the same
amount. Instead, love your enemies and do
good, and lend without any hope of return.
You will have a great reward, and you will be
sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind
to the ungrateful and the wicked."

"Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate. Do not judge, and you will
not be judged yourselves; do not condemn,
and you will not be condemned yourselves;
grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.
Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full
measure, pressed down, shaken together,
and running over, will be poured into your
lap; because the amount you measure out is
the amount you will be given back."

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 celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honour of your
majesty
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the
salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



At the end of his version of the Beatitudes, Luke spoke about how
the disciples should be glad when other people abuse them; in
today's Gospel passage he shows Jesus telling them how to react
in such cases.

The law of love is to be the bedrock of the disciples' moral code. This standard goes way
beyond what might be expected; it is in fact rooted in the love of God towards human
beings, the Lord who is "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked". It is not a case of virtue
being its own reward; the disciples' reward will lie in thus being truly children of the Most
High, who reflect in their own lives, attitude and behaviour what the God in whom they
believe is like.

Jesus tells his listeners to be "compassionate as your Father is compassionate". If they
do not judge others, then God will not judge them. So it is we who set the standard for
God's treatment of ourselves. If we are compassionate, if we feel involved in some way
in the other person's situation and treat them accordingly, then God will be astonishingly
generous towards us. What shopkeeper or merchant would force an overflowing amount
of their stock on a bewildered customer? Yet that is the image Jesus gives of God's
reaction to the person who forgives and refuses to judge or condemn others. The way the
disciple treats others is the measure by which God will treat him or her. ■

REFLECT

Not many people will find today's Gospel reading comfortable. The usual
standard, known as the "Golden Rule" – "Treat others as you would like them
to treat you" – which we find in this extract, appears rather easier and more
palatable than the demanding teaching of Jesus about loving enemies and doing good
to those who hate you. Humanly speaking, that seems unreasonable.

But God and God's attitude are the norms by which we should gauge our own attitude
and treatment of people. This is part of the covenant relationship which is summed up
in the expression, "You will be my people and I will be your God." This relationship is
not something abstract, it has to be lived out. The reason for the prophets' denouncing
of the people's immoral behaviour was that it brought the Lord into disrepute among
the heathen nations round about. The non-Israelite population would think, "If this
is how the people of Israel behave, what sort of God can they believe in?" It is the
familiar problem about disciples not showing by their own lives the kind of Master they
claim to follow. If we believe in an over-generous, loving and forgiving God, then that
is the benchmark by which we should measure ourselves. The motive for living a moral
life, then, would be gratitude for what God has done for us in history, on God's own
initiative, in the person of Jesus, and which we celebrate in the Eucharist. ■

SAY

The Lord is compassion
and love.

LEARN

The expression "Do not judge and you will
not be judged" actually means "Do not
judge and God will not judge you."

The idea of our setting the standard for
God to judge us is found in the Our Father:
"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us" means
"Forgive us to the same extent as we forgive
others."

The teaching about loving enemies is shown
in action by Jesus' praying on the cross for
forgiveness for his executioners.

DO

Look at the news: how much of the trouble
and strife is due to people being unwilling
to forgive? Ask the Lord to help you not
to add to the sum total of the negative
atmosphere in the world and to contribute
to the positive aspects of life.

