

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 3rd March 2019 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Mary Ashton RIP
 11am Mass - Bill Jack RIP
 12.30pm Baptism - Emily Asan
 Olivia Maria Sims & Freddie Mark Sims
 6pm Mass - Loretta Conlon RIP
 Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
 9.00am Mass - Frank Fahy RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 4th March - St Casimir

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Njenga Family Thanksgiving
 4.30pm - Vigil & Reception of Body - June Purcell RIP

Tuesday 5th March - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am Requiem Mass & Burial - June Purcell RIP

Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

6.30am Mass & Ashes - People of the Parish
 9.30am Mass & Ashes - People of the Parish
 7.30pm Mass & Ashes - People of the Parish

Thursday 7th March - St Perpetua & St Felicity, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Joseph Czappek RIP

Friday 8th March - St John of God, Religious

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Donald and Muriel Barrett RIP

Saturday 9th March - St Frances of Rome, Religious

St Joseph and the English Martyrs

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

6pm Mass - James Calderwood 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 any 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.

APOLOGIES but there will be **NO** refreshments at St Joseph's this weekend after Mass due to a booking in the hall from 9am - 7pm. **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!

TABLE TENNIS - Sunday 3/3, 24/3, 7/4, 7pm-8.30pm in the WCC. **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.

VACANCY- The Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for an enthusiastic and caring SEN Teaching Assistant to work with individual pupils with additional needs on a part-time basis from April 2019, term time only. For more information about the post, please contact the school office on 01279 652576 or visit www.teachinherts.com.

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

CARITAS has a service to support and develop volunteering in the diocese. The aim is to make volunteering as easy as possible for everyone. Please visit the website www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer where you can find a role for you

WELCOME BACK to FATHER CARLOS who has returned to the parish from the Holy Land.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH



There will be weekly events including a Wednesday 6.30am workers Mass at St Joseph's, and also, as in past years, copies of the little "WALK WITH ME" Lent booklets. They cost £1 each and are available from this weekend so that you can have them ready for Ash Wednesday! Do take one from the back of the church and if you don't have a £1 with you this week, bring it next week to leave in the basket next to the booklets. They really are a wonderful personal resource for each of us to have and we do recommend them to you. Please also take the special Lent and Holy Week information sheets at the back of the Church

LENT EXTRA - copies of this popular magazine for Lenten reading/daily praying are at back of church @ £2.25 per copy. Money can be left in the repository 'wall' box. The Repository has a number of Lent & Easter books and pamphlets for sale for both children & adults. Please take a look!

THANK YOU to Duncan, Ann Wojcik and the members of our Choir along with Christopher Deane-Bowers who regularly very kindly support the parish with their time and talents, not only at the weekend but recently with the many Requiem Masses which take place during the week at St Joseph's. It is very much appreciated by all and especially by those families who have been bereaved.

WHITE FATHERS MISSION APPEAL - Next weekend 9/10 March at St Joseph's, Fr Augustin Sawadogo will join us to explain the work of the Missionaries of Africa. The following weekend 17/3 Fr Michael Heap will be at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross. Mission Appeal cheques can be made payable to 'Missionaries of Africa' should you wish to donate.

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.**

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. Interviews planned for 19/3/19

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

MEN'S SHOES - St Joseph's SVP thank all who have generously contributed towards their shoe project which has now ended - we collected 174 pairs in total and hope to do this again in the future.

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE - On sale at only 30p. Thank you to Astrid and all who contributed.



Parish Administrator - Debbie Jackson

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Collections 23/24 February 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

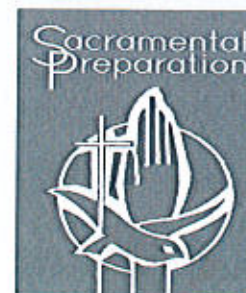
Collection: £ 1325.10 January S/ Order £7361.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £ 29.50 January S/Order £1205.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £93.69 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.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in 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 us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of your world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
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 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 91

Response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most
High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature
has put on immortality, then the words of
scripture will come true: Death is swallowed
up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of
death is sin, and sin gets its power from the
Law. So let us thank God for giving us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you
cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleuia, alleuia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleuia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, "Can
one blind man guide another? Surely both
will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior
to his teacher; the fully trained disciple
will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and
never notice the plank in your own? How can
you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take
out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you
cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite!
Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out
the splinter that is in your brother's eye."
"There is no sound tree that produces
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that
produces sound fruit. For every tree can
be told by its own fruit; people do not pick
figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from
brambles. A good man draws what is good
from the store of goodness in his heart; a
bad man draws what is bad from the store of
badness. For a man's words flow out of what
fills his heart."

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 God, who provide gifts to be offered to your
name
and count our oblations as signs
of our desire to serve you with devotion,
we ask of your mercy
that what you grant as the source of merit
may also help us to attain merit's reward.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most
High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

KNOW YOURSELF

(LUKE 6:39-45)

Today we continue (and conclude)
our listening to Jesus' Sermon on
the Plain (Luke 6:17-49).

In this extract, which on one level seems
to be simply a set of common-sense
proverbs, Jesus urges his audience to take
a good look at themselves before they
presume to give advice to others. But in
the Gospel, there is another and deeper
guide to a person's moral behaviour. In
the previous section, Jesus told us to
"Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate". In Luke's Gospel, this is
a constant theme of Jesus' teaching and
actions. Disciples who are taking their
training seriously will show in their own
lives the attitude of the Master whom they
claim to follow.

The sayings about the blind leading the
blind and the splinter and plank in the
eye suggest someone who is unaware of
their own shortcomings. The section ends
with the image of the tree and its fruit: a
person's deeds and behaviour reveal what
they are like inside, what is in their heart. ■

**REFLECT**

In recent times, there have been great advances in the understanding of the human
psyche and the forces which shape a person's character. But very often, modern
scientific "discoveries" are another, more contemporary, version of presenting
aspects of human nature which people have always realised existed. They expressed
their intuition in ways they could understand, ways appropriate to their culture: this
may take the form of myth, proverb or other literary forms. In the Bible, this kind of
writing is known as *wisdom*, and its message is appropriate to people simply as human
beings, irrespective of their nationality, religion or culture. One of the best-known
mottos from the ancient world is "Know yourself," and this may well be the thought
underlying the examples used here by Jesus.

One of the challenges which Jesus puts before us throughout the Gospel is to be
honest about ourselves. It is a sobering thought that the faults we are most critical of
in other people usually reveal our own shortcomings: *If you spot it, you've got it!* The
celibate priest who preaches about sexual matters to an unhealthy degree may be
trying to cope with difficulties of his own. Gossip is the most common way by which
many people deflect criticism away from themselves and onto other individuals.

But it does not have to be like this. Jesus (like modern psychology) tells us that we can
be the person we would like to be, but only if we face up to the person we actually are.
This is known in religious language as conversion. But we can only accept conversion
if we admit that we need it. "To admit oneself sick is half the cure," as the saying goes.
We do not have to go on playing a part, pretending to be better than we are; we can
bear genuinely good fruit, provided that deep down, in our heart, we are trying to
become like our Teacher, like Jesus. ■

LEARN

The word "hypocrite" means "actor", one
who plays a part.

Wisdom writing is often concerned with
what is common to all people as human
beings irrespective of race or religion.

The saying about the splinter and the plank
is a form of exaggerated comparison,
common in Eastern speech: it is supposed to
sound ridiculous.

The "heart" refers to the seat of the person's
emotions: the person's behaviour reveals
their true character.

DO

Take a good look at yourself in the mirror.
What would you like to change about
yourself? Remember that Lent begins
next Wednesday: now is the time to do
something about it.

SAY

Be compassionate.