



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 March 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - People of the Parish

11am Mass - Thanksgiving- Michael Roy

6pm Mass - Loretta Conlon RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass- Ann Finlay RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 11th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Kevin Grogan RIP

Tuesday 12th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Cornelius O'Keefe RIP

2pm Requiem Mass - Noel Henry Brady RIP

Wednesday 13th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

6.30am SPECIAL LENT Mass - People of the Parish

9.30am Mass - Special Intention - Harry Stalley

Thursday 14th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Private Intention

Friday 15th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Fr Tom Breslin RIP

Saturday 16th March - Lent feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs

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

6pm Mass - Fr Carlos Intention



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.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Food supplies are getting low in the local Foodbank. St Joseph's will be collecting donations from now until Easter. Please leave donations in the tub at the back of the church where there is a list of items required e.g. tins of meat, fish, tomatoes, long life milk and juices, tea and sugar. Toiletries also needed. A full list is on the Parish website. It would be helpful if seasonal items could be donated in good time to be distributed before Easter. Please ensure items are well within use-by dates.

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.

AWAKE LONDON A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 16th March from 2 pm to 6 pm Led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald and Sehion Ministry at St Anne's Catholic High School, 6 Oakthorpe Road, Palmers Green, London, N13 5TY. This spiritual event includes; Holy Mass, Preaching the Word of God, Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayers and separate sessions for children. There will confession and spiritual sharing. All are welcome.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS - with love and best wishes to Father Carlos who celebrates his birthday next Saturday.



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.

RCIA/CONFIRMATION TALKS with Fr Carlos will continue on Monday until the beginning of July at 8pm in the St Margaret Clitherow Room at the WCC **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 **FREE TO GOOD HOME** - A dark brown 2 seater leather settee situated in Sawbridgeworth. Please contact the office for details

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 2019. 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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 15 March - Have a simple meal and give whatever you can to help to save lives. Collection envelopes are available at the back of each Church.



Be with me, O Lord, in my distress'

Sacramental Preparation



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email

RCIA: Applications open

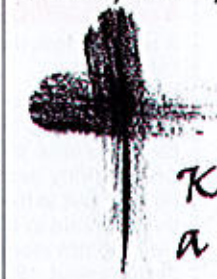
First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
 Applications closed for 2019

Confirmation: Applications closed for 2019

WELCOME to FATHER AUGUSTIN SAWADOGO

from the 'The White Fathers' who joins us at St Joseph's this weekend for the Annual Diocesan Missionary appeal, explaining the work of the Missionaries of Africa.

Next weekend 17/3 Fr Michael Heap from the White Fathers will be at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross for the same Appeal. There will be a Retiring collection and Mission Appeal cheques can be made payable to 'Missionaries of Africa'. Thank you for your support for the mission.



*Keeping
 a Holy Lent*

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.

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 PENITENTIAL SERVICE - will be on Friday 12th April at 7.30pm at St Josephs

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. Please take a look!



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Safeguarding enquiries **only**

bishopsstortfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Thank you

Collections 2/3 March 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: £1415.87 January S/ Order £7361.34

Holy Cross

Collection: £35.70 January S/Order £1205.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £212.40 January S/Order £633.33

*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 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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 Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: "The priest shall
take the panner from your hand and lay it
before the altar of the Lord your God. Then,
in the sight of the Lord your God, you must
make this pronouncement:
'My father was a wandering Aramaean.
He went down into Egypt to find refuge
there, few in numbers; but there he became
a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The
Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no
peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us.
But we called on the Lord, the God of our
fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw
our misery, our toil and our oppression; and
the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty
hand and outstretched arm, with great terror,
and with signs and wonders. He brought
us here and gave us this land, a land where
milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the
first-fruits of the produce of the soil that
you, Lord, have given me.' You must then
lay them before the Lord your God, and bow
down in the sight of the Lord your God."
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 90

Response:
Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"
(R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the
dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue
him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: "I am with
you."
I will save him in distress and give him
glory. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we
proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your
lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that
Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, then you
will be saved. By believing from the heart
you are made righteous; by confessing with
your lips you are saved. When scripture says:
those who believe in him will have no cause
for shame, it makes no distinction between
Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord
who is rich enough, however many ask for
his help, for everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the
Jordan and was led by the Spirit through
the wilderness, being tempted there by the
devil for forty days. During that time he ate
nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then
the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of
God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But
Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not
live on bread alone."
Then leading him to a height, the devil
showed him in a moment of time all the
kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I
will give you all this power and the glory of
these kingdoms, for it has been committed to
me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship
me, then, and it shall all be yours." But Jesus
answered him, "Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone."
Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him
stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you
are the Son of God," he said to him "throw
yourself down from here, for scripture says:
He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,
and again:
They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone."
But Jesus answered him, "It has been said:
You must not put the Lord your God to the
test."
Having exhausted all these ways of tempting
him, the devil left him, to return at the
appointed time.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

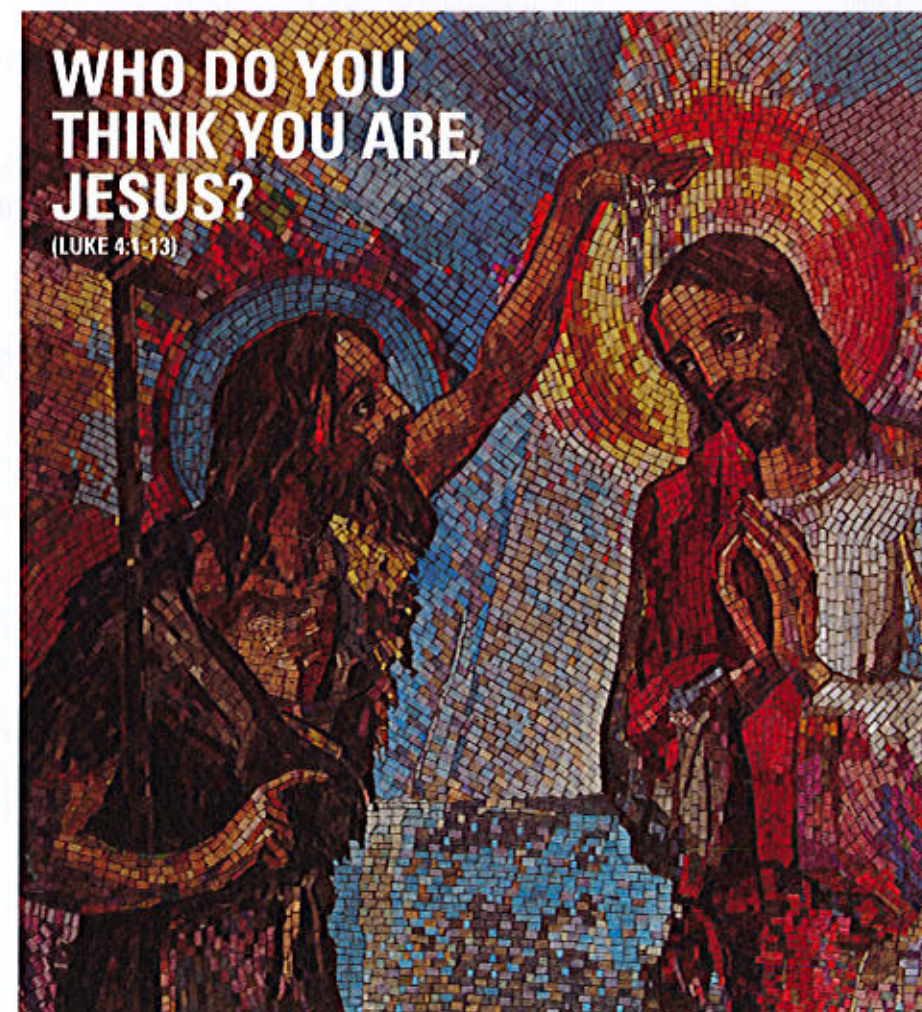
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Mosaic of the first Luminous Mystery, the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

At his baptism, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son. In this next scene, following the list of Jesus' ancestors back to "Adam, son of God", we find him being tested as to how he understands what it means to be God's Son.

The idea that Jesus was put to the test in some way is strong in the New Testament tradition. The mention of "wilderness" and "forty days" suggests that the backdrop to this incident is the Exodus experience of Israel, where the Lord put the people to the test and the people did the same to the Lord.

Luke presents Jesus as caught up in the struggle between two kingdoms and having to make a choice for one or the other. On the one hand, there is the kingdom of God, which represents deliverance and freedom from all kinds of slavery; on the other, there is the kingdom of evil, represented by the devil, which seeks to dominate human beings through all sorts of harmful devices. Jesus is weak from hunger, and so in a vulnerable state. The devil offers him three ways, which are in effect shortcuts, to use his position as God's Son for his own advantage and to advance his mission as the Messiah. Jesus reveals his understanding of himself as the obedient Son of God who trusts in the word of the Law, as we see from his quotations from the book of Deuteronomy.

These are real tests: they centre on physical need, hunger in this instance; political authority to advance the kingdom of God; and forcing God to respond to an act of blind faith. The power of evil is real. In his ministry, Jesus will confront it in the form of demons, sickness, death and injustice. In this dramatic episode, the Gospel presents Jesus as making his fundamental decision to be the obedient Son of God, the Messiah whom God intends him to be. ■

REFLECT

The author C.S. Lewis remarked that the devil's most successful strategy is to convince people that he does not exist. Even if we find it hard to believe in the traditional Hallowe'en-type figure, there is no denying the existence of evil. There are forces in our world whose aims and values are clearly opposed to those of the kingdom of God. Some of these invisible powers are at work in the structures of our modern society, for instance in the way some people become ever richer while many others find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. We are often inclined to see such situations as natural; we seldom hear them described in moral terms such as "evil" or "sinful", but if we consider the human tragedies which often result, words such as "unfortunate" or "inevitable" seem insultingly inadequate.

We see that Jesus refuses power from any other source than God, and he will be the servant-prophet of the Lord. This obedience will lead him to the final test, the cross. The challenge in today's reading will be repeated in Gethsemane. ■

LEARN

The term "the temptations of Jesus" is better understood as the testing of Jesus.

Luke places the test at the Temple as the last of the three: this reflects his interest in Jerusalem as the focal point of Jesus' journey and ministry.

The "appointed time" for the devil's return is at the Last Supper, the beginning of the Passion.

"Lead us not into temptation" really means "Do not put us to the test:" because we might not pass the test.

DO

The purpose of our Lenten penance is to help us root out anything which stops us giving a wholehearted, positive response to God's grace in our daily life. Think what this might be in your life and decide to do something about it.

SAY

Do not put me to the test.