

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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Sunday 14th April 2019 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Nuala Hegarty RIP
 11am Mass - Christina Njenga Thanksgiving
 5.15pm - Stations of the Cross
 6pm Mass - Candidates for the Sacraments

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9.00am Mass - Private Intention

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 15th April - Monday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Special Intention Ruth Smithers

Tuesday 16th April - Tuesday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - George Keller RIP

12 Noon - Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral

5pm Vigil and Reception - Eamon Noel Hurley RIP

Wednesday 17th April - Wednesday of Holy Week

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

6.30am SPECIAL LENT WORKERS MASS - People of the Parish

11am Requiem Mass - Eamon Noel Hurley RIP

The Dates and times of Liturgies continue on the right-hand side of the newsletter.

THANK YOU & WELCOME BACK

to Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan and Mgr Harry Turner who join us to celebrate Mass this weekend in Fr Peter's absence.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our Parish Priests and all members of our Clergy

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE A LEAFLET CONCERNING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES WITH YOU AS DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES SUDDEN CHANGES HAVE HAD TO BE MADE. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE OR DISAPPOINTMENT CAUSED BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

THANK YOU - to our wonderful Missio Organisers and Collectors.

An amazing £3429.57 was donated via the red Missio boxes during 2018 at St Joseph's

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - St Joseph's will be collecting donations

from now until Easter only. 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 & juices, tea and sugar.

Toiletries also needed. It would be helpful if seasonal items could be donated in good time for distribution before Easter. Please ensure items are well within use-by dates. Thank you.

THE WESTMINSTER MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY is organising a Marriage Enrichment Day (11:30 - 15:30) at Westminster Cathedral (Vaughan House) on Saturday, 11 May 2019. Attendance is free, lunch provided and open to all. To book a place please email family@rcdow.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY - A Service in honour of the Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday 28th April from 3-4pm at St Thérèse of Lisieux, Stansted. Fr Paul Arnold will be officiating.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT - St Mary's is looking for practising Catholics to join the Board of Governors as a Foundation Governor. It would be an advantage (but not essential) if you have skills in any of the following areas; facilities management, construction, communication or health & safety. The role is 4 year tenure and requires attendance at 2 - 4 meetings per term plus occasional visits to school to meet with classes and subject teachers as well as attending training courses as required. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to this Outstanding School, please contact the Clerk to the Governors at headspa@stmarys.net



THE PARISH OFFICE - will be open as usual but closed on Good Friday, and Easter Monday only.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Please ensure that you return the form regarding your chosen 'Confirmation name' and 'Sponsor' before 15th April as requested - we have only received one response to date! Thank you.



THANK YOU to our fabulous team of Ladies, Monica, Shelagh, Malgorzata, Tessa, Christina, Maria, Susan, Marie, Giovanna, Bridget and Ewa who worked so hard and tirelessly cleaned every inch of St Joseph's Church last week. You did a sterling job and it was very much appreciated.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - this will take place on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Josephs at 7.30pm. Please do try to attend

PILGRIMAGE HOLIDAY TO LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE - PLACES GOING

FAST - Travelling on Thursday 26th September - Saturday 5th October 19.

Currently we need 4 helpers, it would be beneficial to have another medic and we have 3 spaces for VIP's (those that are sick, disabled or terminally ill) 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 information contact either John Wright on 07739 789169 or Debbie Hourihan on 07584-623472

ABSAILING FOR ACROSS - Jassen Sathan will be abseiling down Harlow water tower on 4th May to raise funds for Across. If you would like to sponsor him please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jassen-sathan>

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - The next course for parents wishing to baptise their Child will be on Thursday 23rd and 30th May, followed by 11th and 18th July respectively in the WCC with Fr Carlos. Please contact the office to register. The course consists of two sessions.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is looking for a KS2 Class Teacher to commence employment in September 2019. For further information on how to apply please follow the link https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/class-teacher-key-stage-2_53247.htm or contact Mrs Branch on 01992 463549, email cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

COME ALONG on Wednesday 8th May at Bishop's Stortford library at 10.30-12.00. Sessions are aimed to bring together people who may not go out very much and want to chat and perhaps learn and share ideas. Our first session we will be a trip down Memory Lane, including looking at some old photos of Bishop's Stortford and sharing a story or two along the way. We will offer tea and coffee and sometimes cake and biscuits! Future sessions could include Travellers' Tales, Crafty Corner, Quizzes and Games, but we would love to hear your ideas too. Drop in when you can, a warm welcome awaits. **SAVE THE DATE FOR MHR 2019 WINETASTING QUIZ** on Saturday 22nd June 19:00 at 4 Roseacres, Sawbridgeworth. Tickets £12.50. Proceeds to St Lawrence community Zambia. Contact John Shanley 01279 726301 - johnjoshanley@hotmail.com

Father, into your hands I commend myself

LITURGIES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 18th April - Holy Thursday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am - Office of Readings

9.30-10am Confessions

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching and Night Prayer

Renewal of commitment for all Eucharistic Ministers

Friday 19th April - Good Friday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am - Office of Readings

9.30-10am Confessions

10am United Service

11am Town Walk of Witness

12 Noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm Solemn celebration of the Passion

HOLY CROSS - 12noon Procession of Witness

1pm Joint service at St Andrew's and renewal of commitment to Sharing

Saturday 20th April - Easter Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.15am Office of Readings

10am Blessing of the Easter Food

No 6pm Mass

7:30-8pm Confessions

8.30pm Great Vigil of Easter

MOST HOLY REDEEMER - 8.30pm Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday



ST JOSEPH'S 9am & 11am Mass (NO 6pm MASS)

EASTER MONDAY - NO MASS

NO MASSES on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

St Joseph's Church will be closed until Saturday Evening



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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding enquiries only

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Collections 6/7 April 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

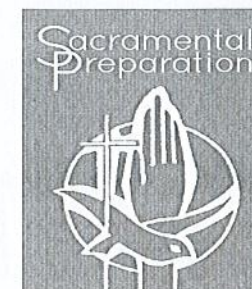
Collection: £ 1453.32

Holy Cross

Collection: £87.34

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: £112.36



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.*

1. THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

Hosanna in the highest.

As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life.

Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him.

Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

2. THE SIMPLE ENTRANCE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,

the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied

he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be ashamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 21

Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

"He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend."

(R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

"You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons." (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

His state was divine,

yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the

underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet,

even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name which is above all

names.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten

Son, O Lord,

may our reconciliation with you be near at

hand,

so that, though we do not merit it by our own

deeds,

yet by this sacrifice made once for all,

we may feel already the effects of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my

drinking it,

your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,

we humbly beseech you, O Lord,

that, just as through the death of your Son

you have brought us to hope for what we

believe,

so by his Resurrection

you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,

for whom our Lord Jesus Christ

did not hesitate to be delivered into the

hands of the wicked

and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

14 APRIL 2019

Sunday Message

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 2

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

(LUKE 22:14 – 23:56)

Throughout the account of the passion of Jesus, which takes us from the Last Supper to his burial, we find that many of the themes which characterise Luke's Gospel narrative recur.

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives while he is tested as to whether he will be obedient to his mission from the Father and finds it a struggle, which the sweat falling "like great drops of blood" indicates. He heals the wound inflicted on the servant of the high priest by one of his disciples, and curtails the use of violence. Herod and Pilate are reconciled after their separate examinations of Jesus. Women have played an important part in Luke's version of the story, and Jesus takes time to speak to the "Daughters of Jerusalem" as he makes his way to Calvary. He prays for forgiveness for those who are crucifying him out of ignorance. He promises a place in paradise to the criminal on the cross who appeals to him. His final words are a prayer of confidence in the Father. His death results in the conversion of those who witnessed it and return to the city "beating their breasts", both of these verbs suggesting conversion. Luke omits the mention of the crown of thorns, which is an instrument of ridicule rather than torture. Finally, we have the women as witnesses to the place of Jesus' burial, thus setting the scene for the events of Easter day. ■

SAY

Father, into your hands I commend myself.

LEARN

Crucifixion was a vindictive punishment: it was not intended to reform the person.

It was also a deterrent to anyone who might be contemplating a similar crime.

Calvary was a mound just outside the city walls, not far from a main road, so that the warning would be most effective.

The upright bar of the cross may have been the trunk of an olive tree still rooted in the ground.

REFLECT

As we read or listen to Luke's account of the passion of Jesus, we might be aware of a certain note of serenity about it. Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching by word and example continues. His death is of a piece with his life. His final words are a prayer of confidence in the care of the Father, not the cry of despair about being abandoned which we find in Mark. Jesus is very much in charge of himself and what happens to him. There is often a tendency to treat the Gospel accounts of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus as simply different versions of the same event, in the way that witnesses to a traffic accident might give wildly differing accounts of the one incident. But the differences are due to the individual evangelists' understanding of who Jesus is. At the heart of our redemption is Jesus' willingness to accept the will of the Father, an acceptance which finds its clearest and most dreadful expression on the cross. During Holy Week, we are given the opportunity to contemplate the human cost to God and to Jesus of God's reaching out to human beings to invite us into a covenant relationship of life and love: this we do as we celebrate in the liturgy the events at the climax of Jesus' life and ministry. As a result, may we respond positively to God's initiative at the Easter Vigil ceremonies. And the reason for our positive response, hopefully, will be that we are overcome with wonder and gratitude. ■