



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**

9am Mass - Mary Matthews RIP  
 11am Mass - Gerald and Kathleen Deane-Bowers RIP  
 NO 6pm MASS - Please pray for Alice Garrett RIP

**Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):**  
 NO MASS - Please pray for Irene Wall RIP

**Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):**  
 NO MASS

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 NO MASS

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 NO MASS

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 NO MASS

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 NO MASS

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**  
 NO MASS

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
**St Joseph and the English Martyrs:**

5pm- 5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass - William Neil Jessop RIP

We sincerely apologise for any upset or disappointment caused to those who have requested Mass intentions for their loved ones on a particular date which has regrettably been cancelled. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers and will do our very best to rearrange another Mass for you but thank you for your understanding at this time.



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

**UPDATE ON FATHER PETER** - Thank you all very much for your good wishes, gifts and prayers for Fr Peter. He is now out of hospital having had a stent fitted and is recuperating away from the parish. We anticipate that he will not be back for a few weeks. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding at this time especially where Mass has had to be cancelled due to unavailability of Priests. We will keep you posted as to Father Peter's progress. Please do also keep Father Carlos in your prayers

**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

**J&P GROUP FOODBANK LENT APPEAL** - This has now ended at St Joseph's. Many thanks to all those who responded with lots of thoughtful donations of food, toiletries and chocolate, of all kinds. The local Foodbank team adds its sincere thanks and appreciation for your generosity

**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](mailto: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](mailto:headspa@stmarys.net)

**ENCOUNTER** meeting for Fri 26 April with Fr David Clemens has been postponed to Fri 17 May, due to unforeseen circumstances. Enquiries 652060. Details for this meeting will be advertised nearer the time when all are welcome for all or part of the day.



**THE PARISH OFFICE** - will be open as usual this week apart from Easter Monday

**CANCELLATION OF REFRESHMENTS NEXT WEEKEND** - Apologies for any disappointment caused but there will be no refreshments served after Mass next weekend 28<sup>th</sup> April due to a large event at the Windhill Churches Centre

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by 11<sup>th</sup> July in the WCC with Fr Carlos. Please contact the office to register. The course will consist of a one-hour session.

**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](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](mailto:cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk)

**COME ALONG** on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Tea and coffee provided.. 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 - [johnjshanley@hotmail.com](mailto:johnjshanley@hotmail.com)

**TABLE TENNIS CLUB** - There will be no Table Tennis Club this Sunday. Future dates for the club are 28/04, 12/05, 26/05. Please note that all children attending the club will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Adults are welcome to play or just watch. We have players of all ages from 7 to 70. Please do not park in the car park as this is only available for use at Sunday Mass times. The cost is £2 per person (£5 for families) which goes to cover the cost of using the hall and for the purchase of new equipment. For further details telephone Chris or Anne Brolly 01279 324231.

*'The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!'*

*We wish everyone  
 a  
 Blessed and Joyous Easter*

*Alleluia  
 He is  
 Risen*



*Thank you very much!!*

*Fr Peter and Fr Carlos, send their sincere thanks to 'everyone' who has generously given their time and helped over this Easter period. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers in our parish from those who clean the Churches, read, sing, play music, serve, create beautiful flower arrangements, teach others, run groups, organise, visit the sick, look after the repositories, make tea, hand out hymn books, sit on committees, collect money and count money, the list is endless...!*



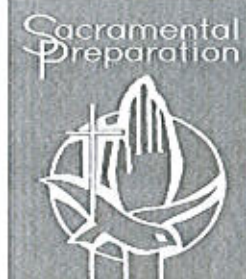
**ST JOSEPH AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH** will be closed until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019



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Collections 13/14 April 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes  
**St Josephs and the English Martyrs:**  
 Collection: £ 1352.74  
**Holy Cross**  
 Collection: £41.48  
**Most Holy Redeemer:**  
 Collection: £248.61



**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

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:  
 For he whom you merited to bear, alleluia.  
 Has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
 Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

*Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
 For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

**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 on this day, through your Only  
Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your  
Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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** Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:  
"You must have heard about the recent  
happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of  
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after  
John had been preaching baptism. God had  
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with  
power, and because God was with him, Jesus  
went about doing good and curing all who  
had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I,  
and those with me, can witness to everything  
he did throughout the countryside of Judaea  
and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact  
that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,  
yet three days afterwards God raised him to  
life and allowed him to be seen, not by the  
whole people but only by certain witnesses  
God had chosen beforehand. Now we are  
those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk  
with him after his resurrection from the  
dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim  
this to his people and to tell them that God  
has appointed him to judge everyone, alive  
or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear  
this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will  
have their sins forgiven through his name."  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 117

Response:

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

or  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true  
life with Christ, you must look for the things  
that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at  
God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on  
heavenly things, not on the things that are on  
the earth, because you have died, and now  
the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.  
But when Christ is revealed – and he is your  
life – you too will be revealed in all your glory  
with him.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely  
ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon  
the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting,  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before  
you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we  
know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

It was very early on the first day of the week  
and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came  
to the tomb. She saw that the stone had  
been moved away from the tomb and came  
running to Simon Peter and the other disciple,  
the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the  
Lord out of the tomb" she said "and we don't  
know where they have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciple to  
go to the tomb. They ran together, but the  
other disciple, running faster than Peter,  
reached the tomb first; he bent down and  
saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but  
did not go in. Simon Peter who was following  
now came up, went right into the tomb, saw  
the linen cloths on the ground, and also the  
cloth that had been over his head; this was  
not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a  
place by itself. Then the other disciple who  
had reached the tomb first also went in; he  
saw and he believed. Till this moment they  
had failed to understand the teaching of  
scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through  
the Paschal Mystery we have been buried  
with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk  
with him in newness of life. And so, now that  
our Lenten observance is concluded, let us  
renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which  
we once renounced Satan and his works and  
promised to serve God in the holy Catholic  
Church.

And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his works?

All: I do.

Priest: And all his empty show?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose  
again from the dead and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you 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?

All: I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

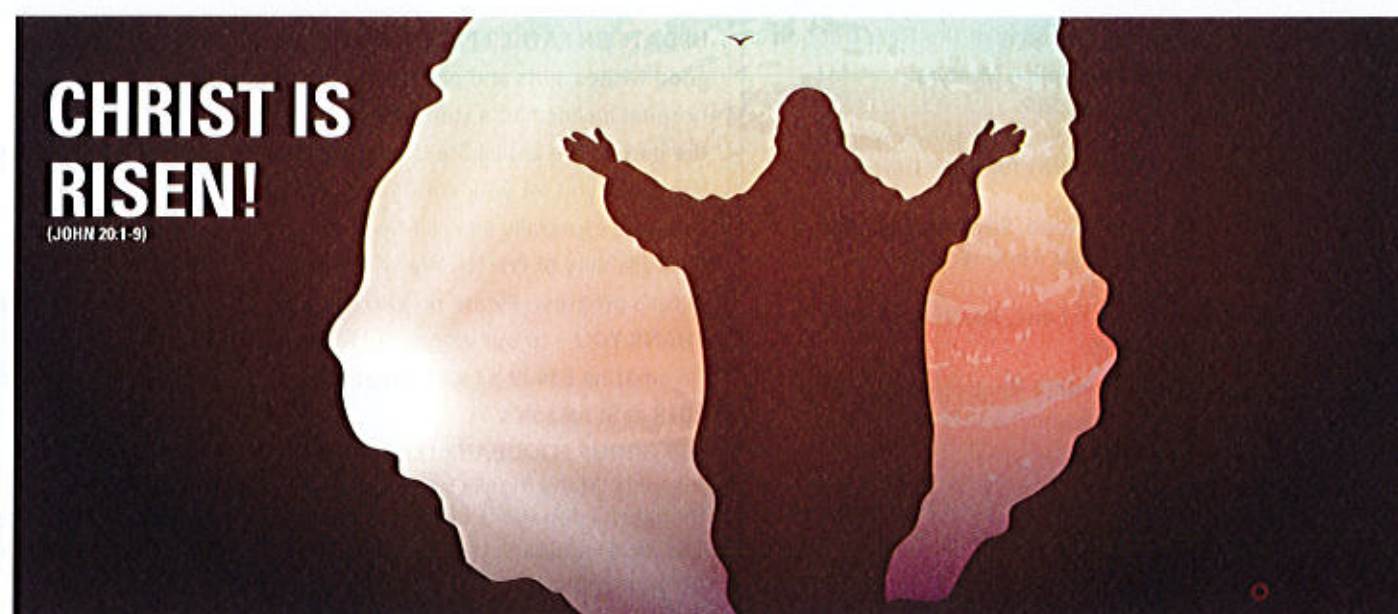
Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the  
resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

21 APRIL 2019

# Sunday Message

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**THE WORD**

Year C • Psalter Week 1



The Gospel passages for both the Vigil Mass and the Day Mass consider the discovery by at least one of the women followers of Jesus that his body, which they had witnessed being placed in the tomb, was no longer there. No one saw Jesus rise from the dead: despite many artistic presentations to the contrary, our Christian faith centres on an event at which no one was present.

The fact that the tomb is empty is no proof of the resurrection. The empty tomb may well be a consequence of the resurrection, but it can only say, "He is not here". Mary Magdalene voices the common assumption that someone has removed the body, an explanation which she will put to the risen Jesus himself later in the story.

In Luke's account, the women have an experience similar to that of Peter, James and John at the transfiguration of Jesus. Two male figures in brilliantly shining clothes suddenly appear beside them. These persons are presumably angels, and they can supply the real reason for the absence of Jesus' body: they describe him as being alive, but not in the sense of not being dead when his body was placed in the tomb, rather being truly alive with God. This explanation can only come from God: it originates from the divine source; it is not something which human beings can deduce for themselves. Peter runs to the tomb but does not come to faith. The only person who does believe without an appearance experience is the disciple whom Jesus loved. None of the first witnesses to the resurrection believe simply on the word of another person: to be an authentic witness they have to receive the word from God, either by way of an angelic encounter, or by experiencing the risen Jesus for themselves. ■

**REFLECT**

In the Prologue to the Gospel, Luke tells his patron, Theophilus, that he has researched the traditions which go back to those who were "eyewitnesses" and became "ministers of the word". Not even the women come to believe in the resurrection simply because Jesus' body is missing: they too need the word of revelation. Thus the basis of the Christian proclamation is a direct experience of the risen Lord. Later generations will have to form their own decision as to whether or not to accept

Jesus and his message on the testimony of those who have received the witness of others.

The empty tomb as a symbol provides one aspect of the meaning of the resurrection. Once we accept the message of revelation that "he has risen", it tells us that the person who was crucified and buried is the same person who has risen; but not to the life he surrendered on the cross. That is the message of the appearance stories. ■

**SAY**

The Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!

**DO**

Make the sign of the cross with holy water.  
Thank the Lord for all those people who  
helped you in any way to believe in the  
resurrection of Jesus.

**LEARN**

John the evangelist deliberately contrasts the raising of Lazarus to the circumstances surrounding the resurrection of Jesus.

The fact that the male disciples do not believe the women's news is not simply male prejudice: to be true ministers of the word, they need to experience the risen Jesus for themselves.

There are no witnesses of the resurrection, only witnesses to the resurrection.