



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 5th May 2019 - Third Sunday of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Aidan Leacy RIP

11am Mass - Noel Brady RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Farrah Grace Monk

6pm Mass - Kay Lewis RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9am Mass - Private Intention

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

11.15am Mass - Nicholas John Fitzherbert RIP

Monday 6th May - THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (Transferred)

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Brendan Flannery RIP

Tuesday 7th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Aidan Leacy RIP

Wednesday 8th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Sacred heart of Jesus and abandoned souls

Thursday 9th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Private Intention

10.45am Funeral service- George Joseph O'Neill RIP

Friday 10th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - John Kelly Intention

Saturday 11th May - Easter feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - James Green 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.



WELCOME BACK FATHER PETER!!

We are very pleased indeed to have Fr Peter back with us to celebrate Mass this Sunday. As Father is still recuperating after his heart attack, it may be some time before he takes on all of his extra commitments and responsibilities as before and therefore we thank you for your continued understanding and patience. He has promised (!) that he will be taking things very gently to start with...

PARISH MAGAZINE- Deadline for the next edition of the Magazine is **Friday 24th May**. Plenty of time for news & views please! Items for inclusion may be e-mailed to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or left in the Parish Office.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL, 31 MAY & 1 JUNE 2019. Theme 'Life to the Full'. Catholic Faith Festival celebrating and witnessing faith in London's Leicester Square. Starts Friday evening from 7pm in Notre Dame de France Church. Saturday all day in the Square gardens. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, all day Adoration, Confessions, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. Come be refreshed and renewed in your faith. For more information, contact Allegra, info@spiritinthecity.org or call 0791 5537125.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a weekend on 7th - 9th June 2019 in Welwyn Garden City. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE HEALTH WALKS 4TH ANNUAL MASS HEALTH WALK - Monday May 13th Try out a Walk, either 9.45am for 10am depart from St James the Great, Thorley - Church Car Park Grade 3 walk, ~60 mins, more energetic, may be a stile OR 11am CASTLE GARDENS Causeway Entrance to Park by Castle Mound Grade 1 walk, ~30-45 mins, gentle, on the flat within the Castle Gardens/Sworders Field boundary

MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6th May at St Joseph's will be at 9.30am and not 10am

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - The next course for parents wishing to baptise their Child will be on Thursday 23rd May, followed by 11th July in the WCC with Fr Carlos. Please contact the office to register. The course will consist of a one-hour session and will start at 7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Thank you to everyone who attended the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and to those Eucharistic Ministers who renewed their commitment to serve. If you were unable to attend the service or add your name to the 'Eucharistic Minister Renewal sheet' at the time please do let the office know so that we can update our records. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE FOR MHR 2019 WINE TASTING 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 -

johnshanley@hotmail.com

TABLE TENNIS CLUB - Future dates for the club are 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.

CAFOD wants to recruit volunteers in the Westminster Diocese to promote its work for justice and development. We are looking for volunteers with public speaking skills and the ability to work with, and co-ordinate, small teams of volunteers locally. To find out more, why not book a place on our volunteer day on Saturday 11th May? The meeting will be held in our office near Lambeth North tube station. Contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or tsheen@cafod.org.uk for further details.

VOLUNTEER YEAR AT SPEC, THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE SPEC, the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/ or contact spec@rcdow.org.uk



'I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me!'

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th-18th May 2019



Raising funds to make childbirth safe for mothers & babies in Sierra Leone. More information at the back of St Joseph's Church together with a list of roads which our Church has been allocated. Please consider joining the ecumenical effort in Bishop's Stortford and become a collector. We need to cover some 30 roads. Many thanks! Enquiries: BS 652060

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY / THY KINGDOM COME

May 20th-24th, 12noon to 2pm & 7-9pm,

Vestry Prayer Room United Reformed Church

'So much to give thanks for, so much to pray for and just 10 sessions to join together to do it'. There will be prayer pointers, leaflets, books, maps & newspapers, a prayer tree, spaces to write, etc. Please make a commitment to come and join us at any session, for however long you can manage, to give time to God, to pray with others, and to make a difference.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY - CARITAS REPS - Are you interested in social outreach? Caritas Westminster, the Diocesan social action agency, is looking for Caritas Representatives to help record local poverty and social exclusion projects across different areas of the Diocese. They would also work closely with the Caritas development workers to help respond to those in need in the local area. If you are interested, please contact Caritas Westminster at caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk to register interest.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER FAIR - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE - The Caritas Volunteer Service will be holding its annual Volunteers' Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Those attending will have the chance to chat with different charities and find out more about their work and the roles available and hear talks and testimonials from different organisations. The event will be on **Saturday 8th June, from 1:00-3:00pm, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA**. To get your free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite



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Safeguarding enquiries only

bishopsstortfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



Collections 28/29 April 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose - £764.89 Envelopes - £560.20

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose £42.60 Envelopes - £15.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose £79.65 Envelopes - £87.50 £111 Vigil



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.

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection...
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The high priest demanded an explanation
of the apostles. "We gave you a formal
warning," he said "not to preach in this
name, and what have you done? You have
filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and
seem determined to fix the guilt of this
man's death on us." In reply Peter and the
apostles said, "Obedience to God comes
before obedience to men; it was the God of
our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it
was you who had him executed by hanging
on a tree. By his own right hand God has
now raised him up to be leader and saviour,
to give repentance and forgiveness of sins
through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all
this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has
given to those who obey him." They warned
the apostles not to speak in the name of
Jesus and released them. And so they left the
presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had
the honour of suffering humiliation for the
sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 29

Response:
I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me,
or
Alleluia!

- I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued
me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over
me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the
dead,

restored me to life from those who sink
into the grave. (R.)

- Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love
him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes
with dawn. (R.)
- The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.
(R.)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.
In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an
immense number of angels gathered round
the throne and the animals and the elders;
there were ten thousand times ten thousand
of them and thousands upon thousands,
shouting, "The Lamb that was sacrificed is
worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom,
strength, honour, glory and blessing." Then
I heard all the living things in creation –
everything that lives in the air and on the
ground, and under the ground, and in the
sea, crying, "To the One who is sitting on the
throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour,
glory and power, for ever and ever." And the
four animals said, "Amen"; and the elders
prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk
to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 21:1-19

(For shorter form, read between > <)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

>Jesus showed himself again to the disciples.
It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened
like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the
Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee,
the sons of Zebedee and two more of his
disciples were together. Simon Peter said,
"I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll
come with you." They went out and got into
the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus
on the shore, though the disciples did not
realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out,
"Have you caught anything, friends?" And
when they answered, "No", he said, "Throw
the net out to starboard and you'll find
something." So they dropped the net, and
there were so many fish that they could not
haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to
Peter, "It is the Lord." At these words "It is
the Lord", Simon Peter, who had practically
nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and
jumped into the water. The other disciples
came on in the boat, towing the net and the
fish; they were only about a hundred yards
from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that
there was some bread there, and a charcoal
fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring
some of the fish you have just caught."

Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the
net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred
and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there
being so many the net was not broken. Jesus
said to them, "Come and have breakfast."
None of the disciples were bold enough to
ask, "Who are you?"; they knew quite well it
was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward,
took the bread and gave it to them, and the
same with the fish. This was the third time
that Jesus showed himself to the disciples
after rising from the dead.<

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon son of John, do you love me more
than these others do?" He answered, "Yes
Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to
him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he
said to him, "Simon son of John, do you
love me?" He replied "Yes, Lord, you know
I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after
my sheep." Then he said to him a third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Peter was upset that he asked him the third
time, "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord,
you know everything; you know I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

"I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not
go."

In these words he indicated the kind of
death by which Peter would give glory to
God. After this he said, "Follow me."

>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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them,
alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by
eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TURNING POINT

(JOHN 21:1-19)

The full Gospel passage for today falls into two main sections: the
appearance of Jesus to seven disciples in Galilee with the miraculous catch
of fish and the meal, then the reconciliation with Peter after his denials.

This material has been added by the final editor of the Gospel, and we may find it
puzzling that the attitude of Peter and the other disciples suggests that they are unaware
that Jesus is risen and have returned to their old haunts and occupation. It is the
overwhelming size of the catch at the word of Jesus, after a night of fruitless toil, which
leads the beloved disciple to realise that "It is the Lord". The impulsive Peter leaps out of
the boat to reach Jesus, just as he had raced to the tomb on hearing that it was empty.
The fourth evangelist gives Peter a certain priority as the leader of the disciples, but it
is the disciple whom Jesus loved who is the more perceptive because of his intimate
relationship with the Lord. The catch of fish may well symbolise the bringing of people to
Jesus, just as he would draw all women and men to himself on the cross. The net which
is not torn is often regarded as a symbol of the Church, which can contain all sorts of
individuals without being torn apart: this recalls Jesus' robe not being divided at Calvary.

The mention of Jesus taking and giving bread to the disciples suggests his ongoing
presence in the Eucharist: that he continues to be *the bread of life* for them and for
ourselves. This is one of the ways in which he sustains his disciples until he comes
again. ■

REFLECT

In some churches, on 29 June, the feast
of Peter and Paul, the statue of St Peter
is decorated with a red cope and a
papal tiara. However, we might reflect
that the scene in today's Gospel shows
Simon Peter at his rock bottom. He has
failed the crucial test and his life is in
ruins. His decision to go fishing has all
the hallmarks of someone who is trying
to fill in their time, to do anything to take
their mind off their plight for which they
are mainly responsible. But this situation
of hopelessness and shame after his
denying three times that he even knew
Jesus is the very turning point for

Peter. Whatever his past regrets and
self-reproaches, the exclamation of his
companion that "It is the Lord" causes
him to jump out of the boat in his haste
to reach his friend and master.

This encounter with the risen Lord
puts everything into perspective and
allows Peter to move on with his life
and mission. It is only when he stands
before Jesus, not in any robes of office
but only in his fishing smock, and faces
up to who he really is that he becomes a
worthy leader of the disciples. In this, he
is a lesson for us all. ■

SAY

Lord, teach me your ways.

LEARN

Today's Gospel passage is known as *the
Johannine Appendix*: it is a very early
addition to the original narrative.

The *charcoal fire* recalls the scene in which
Peter denies that he knows Jesus.

Peter's threefold profession of love for Jesus
cancels out his earlier threefold denial.

DO

Notice how many people there are in
your area whose lives have fallen apart
like Peter's. See how you might help by
contributing to a food bank or other centre:
better still, ask if you can do something,
because what many people really need is
someone to listen to them.

