



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 19th May 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9am Mass - Kit McNally RIP
11am Mass - Noel Henry Brady RIP
6pm Mass - People of the Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):
9am Mass - Alfred Garneys RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
11.15am Mass - Brian Easter RIP
12.45pm Baptism - Noah Zander Luke Soares
Emmy May Florence Tyson

Monday 20th May - St Bernadine of Sienna, Priest
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Young People of our Parish
12.30pm Mass - St Mary's Year 11 Leavers

Tuesday 21st May - St Christopher Magallanes, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Gerry Ball RIP

Wednesday 22nd May - St Rita of Cascia
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Joan Carroll RIP

Thursday 23rd May - Easter feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Frank Kelly RIP

Friday 24th May - Easter feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Frank Murphy RIP

Saturday 25th May - St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
12 Noon Marriage - Rebecca Foulser and Samuel Hellmers
5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass - James and Mae O'Connor 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.

NO 11AM REFRESHMENTS THIS WEEKEND - Apologies for any
disappointment caused but unfortunately due to the May Games
taking place on the Monastery gardens this weekend and a large
number of people expected, it has been decided to cancel the
refreshments after the 11am Mass. Refreshments after the 9am
Mass will continue as usual.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - Retrouvaille is a program for
married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry
in their marriage. 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
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.

PLANT SALE - The Justice & Peace Group is holding a plant sale on
Sunday 9th June, outside St Joseph's Church after/between 9am
and 11am Masses. Good choice of summer plants available
EVENING PRAYER AT HOLY CROSS - Between Ascension and
Pentecost we will be meeting for evening prayer in the church on
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday [3, 4 and 5 June] at 6pm and
holding a Taizé service on Thursday, 6th June, also at 6pm. If you
are able, please join us to pray for 'Thy kingdom come'.

HOLY CROSS EASTER GARDEN - Please be sure to take a look at
the Easter garden near the Choir stalls at Holy Cross.

ACROSS JOB VACANCIES - The charity Across are relocating to the
perimeter of Stansted Airport and are looking to recruit. We have
three vacancies available:

Fundraising Manager - Full time. salary circa £30K
Community Fundraiser - Full-time. salary £18,000
Pilgrimage Administration Assistant Part-time. £17,550 pro rata. All
Closing dates are Saturday 25th May 2019. Please email
lisa@across.org.uk for the job descriptions and further information

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK - Wonderfully we have had over 400 children
sign up for this year's HBW but need many more helpers. We have
tent leaders already this year so all volunteers will be joining
experienced leaders! Young people can also volunteer. For more
info please visit <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/>

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today's second collection at St Joseph's (*Canon Stuart will be speaking at
Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross next weekend*) will support the Priest
Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the
Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall
seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men
ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also
supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests.
Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to
Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as
generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all priests. If you
do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the
church. Thank you. You can also donate via www.rcdow.org.uk/donations
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Please pray for the 26 members of our
parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday celebrated
by Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan

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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL currently has places in its Nursery
(children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016) and Reception
(between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) starting September 2019. For an
application pack please contact the school office 01279 652576 or
admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY / THY KINGDOM COME - May 20th -
24th, 12noon to 2pm & 7-9pm, Vestry Prayer Room United Reformed
Church. The session led by St Joseph's on Friday 24th from noon to 2pm
will centre on prayer for Justice and Peace causes. 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.
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is the largest pro-marriage
organisation in the world and promotes weekend experiences for Married
Couples who want to make their good marriage even better. It also provides
weekends for Engaged Couples who want to have the best possible start for
their marriage The next weekend's being held in England for interested
couples are Park Place, Fareham, Hants 24-26 May and Niland 29-30 June.
Any couple interested in making one of these weekends can find full details
on the website <https://www.me.org.uk> or contact Patrick & Pauline Haynes
01279 652411 for more information

HEALTH & SAFETY - On Tuesday 21st an ALL DAY H&S Inspection will take
place at St Joseph's, MHR and the WCC.

ADVANCED NOTICE - FR PETER'S SILVER JUBILEE



Fr Peter will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his
Ordination to the Priesthood with a special 'Parish
Outdoor Mass' on Sunday 16th June at 11am to be
celebrated on the Monastery lawn situated at the rear of
St Joseph and the English Martyrs Catholic Church
(weather permitting!). There will be no other Mass services
celebrated on this morning at St Joseph's, Holy Cross or
Most Holy Redeemer.

For those who are unable to join us outside on the lawn,
we hope to be able to also 'live stream' the Mass which
will be shown via the online service but also on the screen
in the Windhill Churches Centre.

After the Mass everyone is invited to stay for a picnic to be
eaten either on the Monastery gardens or in the garden
behind the back of the Windhill Churches Centre. Please
bring your own food. Refreshments will be provided. Extra
car parking facilities will be made available courtesy of St
Mary's School.

All of our Priests are special, dedicating their lives to the
service of God and to us his people, they are there from
the very beginning of our Christian life in Baptism and
continue to administer God's grace to us through the
Sacraments right through to the end of our lives, none of
this would happen without our Priests! If you would like to
make a monetary gift /donation for Fr. Peter on the
occasion of his Silver Jubilee, special donation envelopes
will be available after Mass next weekend.

Further information will follow as we continue to plan this
special event. We will be seeking your help as we will need
volunteers from all three Churches to assist with a variety
of jobs including Eucharistic Ministers, Marshalls, Tea/
Coffee makers, Offertory Collectors, Welcomers, People to
help fetch and carry and clean up the grounds and the
WCC afterwards etc. If you are able to help us please do let
the Office know. Thank you very much.

*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.*

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding enquiries only

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Collections 11/12 May 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose - £857.99 Envelopes - £603.00 D/ Debit £6986.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose £48.50 Envelopes - £0 D/ Debit - £1210.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose £93.70 Envelopes - £54.00 D/Debit - £645.33



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery
within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much
fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Paul and Barnabas went back through
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put
fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging
them to persevere in the faith. "We all have
to experience many hardships" they said
"before we enter the kingdom of God." In
each of these churches they appointed elders,
and with prayer and fasting they commended
them to the Lord in whom they had come to
believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word
at Perga they went down to Attalia and from
there sailed for Antioch, where they had
originally been commended to the grace of
God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church
and gave an account of all that God had done
with them, and how he had opened the door
of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 144

Response:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my
King.

or
Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty
deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
(R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
the first heaven and the first earth had
disappeared now, and there was no longer
any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new
Jerusalem, coming down from God out of
heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for
her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call
from the throne, "You see this city? Here God
lives among men. He will make his home
among them; they shall be his people, and he
will be their God; his name is God-with-them.
He will wipe away all tears from their eyes;
there will be no more death, and no more
mourning or sadness. The world of the past
has gone."

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:
"Now I am making the whole of creation
new."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you."
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

"Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples."

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme
Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

THE ONE COMMAND OF THE NEW COVENANT

(JOHN 13:31-35)

SAY

Lord, help me to be
your true disciple.

LEARN

In John's Gospel, light and darkness are
symbolic of the realms of God and Satan:
each person has to make a decision for one
or the other.

The giving of the new commandment
suggests the establishing of the new
covenant.

The themes of glory and God's revelation are
closely linked in the Fourth Gospel.

DO

When you wash your feet, think of Jesus
washing the feet of his disciples. He explains
the meaning of this total self-giving in terms
of mutual love and self-giving. Decide how
you can better live up to Jesus' command
and start to put it into practice.

Judas has gone *into the night*. He has chosen to leave
the light and enter the darkness of those who are
plotting Jesus' death.

But this leads to Jesus' cry of celebration, that the hour has come when he will be glorified
and that Father will be revealed. In the Fourth Gospel, the passion and crucifixion are
not the apparently tragic events that we might imagine when we read the other three
accounts, but they are the time of Jesus' triumph. His being lifted up on the cross is the
moment of his being exalted in glory and his mission from the Father is accomplished.

One of the features of the making of the covenant between God and human beings is the
giving and accepting of commandments. In John's version, we do not find the institution
of the Eucharist at the Last Supper: that is presented in the story of the feeding of the
crowd. In our passage today, we find the giving of the new commandment, which is to
love one another as Jesus has loved his disciples in his total self-giving. As he does this,
he addresses his disciples in terms of tender affection as "My little children". Jesus'
glory is revealed in the context of unconditional love which his disciples must now show
towards one another. In this way, they will imitate Jesus and so reveal him to other
people. ■

REFLECT

Many people appreciate clear rules.
They know where they stand. If
they keep the rules, then they are
satisfied that they have done the right
thing and will be in the good books of
whoever happens to be in charge. The
Ten Commandments seem to be clear, by
(mostly) telling people what they should
not do. The eight Beatitudes set out more
the kind of person the disciple of Jesus
ought to be. The Fourth Gospel sums up
Jesus' teaching in *one* commandment,
namely, to love one another, a vague and

mystifying "commandment" if ever there
was one, we might think.

But this commandment may well turn out
to be much more demanding than the
other expressions of the divine will. Earlier
in the section about the Last Supper,
Jesus had given his disciples an example
of what total self-giving involves when he
washed his disciples' feet and proposed
this as how they should also relate to
one another. Here he is telling us that it is
through the way his disciples treat each

other that other people will recognise
him. It is important that we discuss
strategies for parish life, but perhaps we
need to remember that at the heart of
all our activities there has to be our own
personal relationship with Jesus which
reveals itself in our relationships with one
another. This will surely be much more
demanding than simply keeping the rules:
it will involve the cross, but for John, the
cross is the place where unconditional
self-giving is revealed. *Where charity and
love are, there is God.* ■