



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 9th June 2019 - Pentecost Sunday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - Mary Matthews RIP
 11am Mass - Frank Kelly RIP
 6pm Mass - Derek White RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
 9am Mass - Nancy Fahy RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass - Valerie Edel RIP

Monday 10th June - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Bernard Ryan RIP

Tuesday 11th June - St Barnabas, Apostle
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Fr Carlos Intention

Wednesday 12th June - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - David Barry RIP

Thursday 13th June - Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Frank Kelly RIP

Friday 14th June - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Rev Fr Armin Nazareth RIP

Saturday 15th June - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Josephine Micallef 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.

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. Proceeds to 'Aid to the Church in need', supporting Christians worldwide wherever they are persecuted or oppressed

LOOKING FOR A HOME for an 11 year old, all-black, healthy, short-hair female lap-cat. She prefers to be indoors. Very gentle temperament. She needs a single person who is home a lot, no children, no noise, and no other pets. Please contact Sister Ruth by email sister.ruth23@gmail.com, or phone the Parish Office.

JUNIOR READING ROTA - Young people wanted to help with the reading ministry at 9am mass. If you have a child in year 4 or above we would love to have them help with the reading ministry please contact David Wilkinson: wilkinsondavid@mac.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - The next course for parents wishing to baptise their Child will be on Thursday 11th July in the WCC with Fr Carlos. Please contact the office to register. The course starts at 7.30pm and lasts one hour.

ENCOUNTER meet next Fri 14 June at 26 Warwick Rd from 10 am - 12 noon. Planning for next year's programme. Please come & share ideas which will support & increase our faith 2019-2020. Cannot make the meeting? Pass on any contributions to 01279-652060. Thank you

WED. AFTERNOON GROUP -- Tea in the Garden (hopefully... inside if wet!) on Wed. June 19th from 2 p.m. at 60, Mazoe Road. Join us for the first time this year and apologies for that. Tea, coffee, cake, scones and conversation. Everyone welcome. For further information, lifts etc. call Doreen on 325326 or Jill on 657575.

CHARITY WALK - Sophia Badger, is walking from Stoke Newington, London, to Rome along the Via Francigena, starting on 1 July, taking until mid-October, raising money for the mental health charity Mind. If parishioners are interested they can follow her journey and donate to this cause on her www.allroadsleadtorome.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES - On 22nd and 23rd June our Children in the parish will be receiving their first Holy Communion. For the celebration at St Joseph's only on Saturday 22nd we need the help of 2 Eucharistic Ministers please for each of the 3 Masses at 11am 1.30pm & 3.30pm. If you can help please let Fr Carlos or the office know ASAP Thank you



ANNE DUDSON RIP - Sadly Anne passed away on Monday 3rd June. Her family would like everyone to be made aware that Anne's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 11am at St Joseph's followed by a cremation at Cam Valley.

FR PETER'S SILVER JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS



Fr Peter will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a special 'Parish Outdoor Mass' next 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.

After the Mass everyone is invited to stay for a picnic to be eaten either on the Monastery gardens or in the Parklands garden behind the back of the Windhill Churches Centre. Please bring your own food. Refreshments will be provided. Below is some information which we hope will be helpful.

PARKING - Extra car parking facilities will be made available courtesy of St Mary's School as **NO PARKING** will be permitted behind the Church. Please also consider parking in the town centre car parks, car sharing and walking/cycling if possible. Please ensure that you allow enough time. The Catenians have kindly volunteered to act as car park Marshalls. St Mary's car park will be locked around 5pm by their staff so please move your car by then.

TIMINGS - The Mass will start at 11am. Please ensure that you are seated in the Monastery garden by 10.50am at the very latest.

ACCESS TO THE MONASTERY GARDENS - Pedestrian access only is permitted. Step free access is via the main car park gate. Alternative routes are via Cardinals Walk which has 1 step or via St Michael's Churchyard (6 steps)

PLAN OF THE GARDEN - A plan of the garden is available at each Church this week so that everyone is aware of the set up and seating arrangements.

SEATING PLAN - As we shall be in a garden, please bring your own blankets, cushion or chairs to sit on the grass so that you are comfortable. We have ordered 80 garden chairs for those who are unable to bring their own and some of which are to be placed alongside the 'aisle' and in clearly marked positions reserved for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors and Marshalls. Seating indoors will also be available in the St Joseph's hall.

LIVE STREAMING - 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.

ORDERS OF SERVICE - will be provided containing all music, so please leave the hymn books in the Church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - The Offertory on Sunday 16th will be the usual Church collection but potentially using buckets (!) If you wish to send in a donation gift especially for Fr Peter, please ensure that it is in a clearly marked envelope ASAP so that it can be accounted for separately. A cheque from the whole Parish will be presented to Fr Peter on 16th June after the Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - The garden will effectively be divided into quarters and each quarter will have 3 designated Eucharistic Ministers. Two additional Ministers will be appointed for the WCC to distribute Holy Communion to Parishioners in the WCC. Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind only.

REFRESHMENTS - Wine, tea, coffee, & soft drinks. will be served free in the WCC after Mass.

RUBBISH AND TIDYING UP - Please take all rubbish home with you. Help would be much appreciated to litter pick the site and ensure that all chairs and equipment are safely stored away and that the WCC hall, toilets, floor and kitchens are swept, washed and left spotless, ready for the Magellans play group and other users on Monday morning

MUSICIANS/ CHOIR MEETING - Thank you to all our talented Singers and Musicians from all three Churches. A meeting will be held just for you on Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church to run through the Hymns and music that Fr Peter has chosen.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING - Thank you to everyone who has so far offered their assistance to help to make the day special. So that we can allocate some tasks (e.g. moving chairs, welcoming others at the entry points with service sheets, escorting to seating, Marshalling & Collectors on the day, please would all volunteers meet at 9am at the WCC on the Sunday 16th June.

HEALTH & SAFETY - We want everyone to have a wonderful time but as we will be outside there are a few additional things to potentially consider....

Undulating ground and steps - the ground is not flat and the garden has a stepped edge around the perimeter so please ensure that if you have a chair, it is securely placed and watch where you are walking to avoid any trips or falls!

Weather - The long range forecast ranges between 17- 20 degrees with light breeze and moderate UV levels. Please remember your sunscreen and water. In the event of rain the Mass will take place in the St Joseph's Church so please continue to pray for sunshine!!

Safeguarding - Please ensure that your Children are kept safe, supervised and are not unattended at any time in the grounds, Church, toilets or WCC. The upstairs rooms and stairs of the WCC are out of bounds to unaccompanied children. Please also be aware of plants and berries in the garden that could potentially be harmful.

First Aid & Accessible Toilets - are based in the WCC.

*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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Collections 1st/2nd June 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: Loose- £606.27 Envelopes- £605.20 D/ Debit £6986.34
Holy Cross
 Collection: Loose £54.00 Envelopes- £15.00 D/ Debit- £1210.00
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: Loose £162.70 Envelopes- £94.00 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

Sunday Message

9 JUNE 2019

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, 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 by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people
and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles
had all met in one room, when suddenly they
heard what sounded like a powerful wind
from heaven, the noise of which filled the
entire house in which they were sitting; and
something appeared to them that seemed like
tongues of fire; these separated and came to
rest on the head of each of them. They were all
filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak
foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the
gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in
Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,
and at this sound they all assembled, each
one bewildered to hear these men speaking
his own language. They were amazed and
astonished. "Surely," they said "all these men
speaking are Galileans? How does it happen
that each of us hears them in his own native
language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites;
people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round
Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews
and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we
hear them preaching in our own language
about the marvels of God."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 103

Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.
or
Alleluia!

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-17

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual
things can never be pleasing to God. Your
interests, however, are not in the unspiritual,
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God
has made his home in you. In fact, unless you
possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not
belong to him. Though your body may be
dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you
then your spirit is life itself because you have
been justified; and if the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
then he who raised Jesus from the dead will
give life to your own mortal bodies through
his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity
for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live
unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you
are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put
an end to the misdeeds of the body you will
live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of
God. The spirit you received is not the spirit
of slaves bringing fear into your lives again;
it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out,
"Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself and our
spirit bear united witness that we are children
of God. And if we are children we are heirs
as well; heirs of God and coheirs with Christ,
sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

The Sequence, *Holy Spirit Lord of Light* may
be sung.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your
faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"If you love me you will keep my
commandments.
I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words.

And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you."

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more
abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your
Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out
upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal
redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Our second reading from
Romans and John's Gospel
offer a wonderful description of
how the Holy Spirit can directly
impact on our lives if we allow
this to happen.

St Paul is very clear that the Spirit lives
in us and this is not to be questioned. We
are after all "heirs of God and coheirs with
Christ" and therefore the implication is
that the people of God are considered an
inextricable part of this unity. The demand
for us believers is to live by the Spirit, to
live within the Spirit that has been given to
us freely. Arising out of our witness to the
Spirit, the Spirit will in turn give us life as it
gave life to Jesus in raising him from
the dead.

Then John's Gospel presents us with the
great promise of Jesus. We no longer
should let our hearts be troubled by fear
or anxiety for the Spirit has been sent to
us by a loving God. The context for Jesus'
promise, of course, is the recognition
that there are testing times ahead for
this group of followers. But the idea of
an interactive relationship between God
and God's people is a new one. Up to this
point, the faith of the people was very
much hierarchical in nature. Staring up
into the heavens, prayers were spoken
and offerings were made. This Spirit of
John's Gospel encourages a reciprocal
relationship between God and all believers:
"Love our Lord Jesus Christ and God the
Father will love you in return." ■

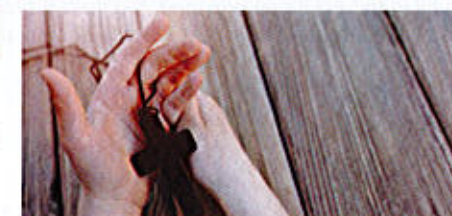
REFLECT

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the account of the coming
of the Spirit in chapter 20 of John's Gospel offer a startling contrast in how
the coming of the Holy Spirit was experienced by two writers. Firstly, Luke's
account presents us with the power of the Spirit with the house shaking and a
violent wind coming in to fill the whole space. Not only this, but the disciples
experience the gift of tongues, and a crowd gathers in bewilderment as they hear
their own languages being spoken. John's account, however, is more gentle and
restrained with Jesus recognising the disciples as frightened and comforting them
with the promise that the Spirit will help them keep the commandments and be
with them forever. The Spirit of Pentecost is portrayed as powerful and gentle, the
one we call to our aid when times are difficult and also the Spirit who comes into
our lives to transform and even heal.

Pope Benedict XVI offers this explanation: "This Solemnity makes us remember
and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples
gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. Jesus, risen and
ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might
participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The
Holy Spirit... opens hearts to hope and stimulates and fosters in us an interior
maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour." ■

LEARN

As children making our confirmation, we
read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as part
of our sacramental preparation. The gifts are:
wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude,
knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord
(Isaiah 11:2-3).



DO

This week, let us renew our commitment
to the gifts of the Holy Spirit by becoming
aware of how we live out these gifts in our
home, our workplace and our community.
Practise these gifts with the same
tenderness shown by Jesus.

SAY

"Lord you have made us for
yourself, therefore our hearts
are restless until they rest in
you." (St Augustine)