



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 16th June 2019 - The Most Holy Trinity

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am Mass - Special Intention for Fr Peter's 25th
Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
6pm Mass - Celine Toomey RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
NO MASS

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

Monday 17th June - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Mary Stuart RIP

Tuesday 18th June - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
11am Requiem Mass - Anne Veronica Dudson RIP

Wednesday 19th June - St Romuald, Abbot

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Special Intention- Peter

Thursday 20th June - St Alban, Protomartyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Mr Bonocory RIP

Friday 21st June - St Aloysius

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
9.30am Mass - Private Intention

**Saturday 22nd June - St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More
Martyrs**

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am / 1.30pm / 3.30pm - First Holy Communion Mass
5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
Sacrament of Reconciliation
6pm Mass - Children of our Parish



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.

REFRESHMENTS - Unfortunately due to a large celebration in the
WCC next Sunday 23rd June and the First Holy Communion Party
the week after (30th) there will be no usual Refreshments after the
9am & 11am Mass. Apologies for any disappointment caused.

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

FR PHILIP'S TALKS on the theme of Mary, drawing from the book,
"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary," will be held monthly at 8pm
on **Tuesdays 18th June and 16th July**. All are welcome in St
Augustine's church, Hoddesdon, for these talks.

THANK YOU - to everyone who supported the Justice & Peace
Group plant sale on Sunday 9th June, £150 was raised for '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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER WHO VISIT THE SICK - Just a polite
reminder that due to Safeguarding restrictions only Eucharistic
Ministers who have completed the relevant Diocesan safeguarding
documentation and have a current DBS certificate are permitted to
officially visit and give Holy Communion to parishioners who are
sick or housebound in their own homes. If anyone requires any
assistance please contact Debbie in the office.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE on Sunday 30th June from
12noon to 4pm. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - have two Foundation Governor spaces on
our Board that need filling as well as two co-opted spaces from
September 2019. If interested please contact Suzanne Fitzgerald
by email cogovs@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk who will be happy to
discuss the vacancies in more detail. Thank you

FR PETER'S SILVER JUBILEE



Fr Peter will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the
Priesthood with a special '**Parish Outdoor Mass**' this Sunday 16th June at 11am
on the Monastery lawn situated at the rear of St Joseph and the English
Martyrs Catholic Church (weather permitting!). 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 picnic!!** Liquid refreshments will be provided. **A BIG THANK
YOU** to everyone who has helped to make this possible. Fr Peter has ordered
some special Anniversary Holy cards for the occasion, so please do take one.
GOOD NEWS - Following the recent annual Clergy appointments and Diocesan
moves announced by the Vicar General, We are pleased to report that Fr
Carlos will remain with us in the parish for the present time. We also
congratulate Father for celebrating his Diaconate anniversary this week.
RISE THEATRE COMPANY - is leading a day in St Mary's Catholic School on July
18th for their Feast Day. They are looking for accommodation for two actors
(one female, one male) on the night before, Wednesday July 17th. They rely
on the goodwill and generosity of church contacts to be able to continue their
ministry and therefore if there are any willing parishioner/s who might be able
to put them up please do let the office know. There is no need for them to
provide a meal unless it is no trouble but there needs to be somewhere nearby
for them to park their 7ft van. Thank you.

**CHRISTUS VIVIT: ECHOES FROM THE YOUTH SYNOD
REFLECTIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

The last in the current series of meeting for young adults at Archbishop's
House will take place on Tuesday 25th June, 6.30pm. These meetings are an
opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops
meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan
bishops, reflect, and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people.
Bishop Paul McAleenan will be leading our reflections, this time focusing on
the second half of the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis
addressed to young people. This half contains Pope Francis' reflections on
vocation and advice on how to discern one's calling in life. All young adults are
invited to attend. Please let us know your intention to attend by
emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to dowym.com/events

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 for one hour.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God
who is, who was, and who is to come*

**WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO
WALSINGHAM,
Saturday 21st September**

As we prepare for the rededication of England to Our Lady
as her dowry (March 2020), we have the chance to go on
pilgrimage with Cardinal Vincent and other Catholics from
across the diocese this September. The Deanery coach will
pick up at Waltham Cross (7am), Hoddesdon (7.15am), and
Bishops Stortford (7.45am), to get to Walsingham in good
time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile
and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine.

To provisionally book a place on the coach, phone St
Augustine's, Hoddesdon (01992-440986) with your details;
to firmly book your place on the coach, please then send a
cheque for £25 payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church'
- or deliver cash by hand - to The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane,
Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8DS.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES - On 22nd and 23rd June
our Children in the parish will be receiving their first Holy
Communion. Please keep them and their families in your
thoughts and prayers. Thank you very much to our amazing
team of Catechists who generously volunteer their time
and talents to help make this possible.

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.

CARITAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY - Saturday 13th July, 9am-
12pm. Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph,
Waltham Cross, EN8 7DP. The gathering is an opportunity
for Hertfordshire-based parish groups and social action
projects to learn about Caritas Westminster, network with
other organisations and recruit volunteers. If you are an
individual, it is an opportunity to learn about projects local
to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese.
We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course
on the day. Please join us from 9am-12pm. Contact
francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information. Visit
tinyurl.com/caritascommunity to book your place, or
search for 'Caritas in Your Community' on Eventbrite.



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Collections 8th/9th June 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

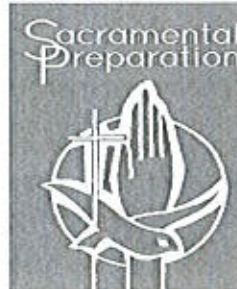
Collection: Loose- £680.47 Envelopes- £500.80 D/ Debit £6986.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose £45.20 Envelopes- £5.00 / Debit- £1210.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose £164.98 Envelopes- £53.00 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

*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

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

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

God our Father, who by sending into the
world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of
sanctification
made known to the human race your
wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true
faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal
glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
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 Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first
unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into
being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was
there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the
deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
— and the waters will not invade the shore —
when he laid down the foundations of the
earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,

ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8:4-9

Response:

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

1 When I see the heavens, the work of your
hands,
the moon and the stars which you
arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in
mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)

2 Yet you have made him little less than a
god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your
hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3 All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.
(R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith
we are judged righteous and at peace with
God, since it is by faith and through Jesus
that we have entered this state of grace in
which we can boast about looking forward to
God's glory. But that is not all we can boast
about; we can boast about our sufferings.
These sufferings bring patience, as we know,
and patience brings perseverance, and
perseverance brings hope, and this hope is
not deceptive, because the love of God has
been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was,
and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from
himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine."

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of
his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our
God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and
undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

16 JUNE 2019

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 3

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

(JOHN 16:12-15)



Ceiling fresco of the Holy Trinity in Chiesa di Santa Croce by Giovanni Maria Conti della Camera (1614-1670)

The early part of John chapter 16 is quite tender and emotional as Jesus gathers his disciples for the final time. It is worth taking the time to read these lines to try to get a sense of the atmosphere that was present in this interaction.

There was fear or even sadness perhaps, given the great ministerial journey that had taken place with Jesus was now coming to an end. The context to today's Gospel verses rests in Jesus' statement to the disciples, "I am returning to the Father". The great relationship of the New Testament is at the heart of this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Indeed, the brief lines we read today state that there is so much more to say about God and God's love, but such information would be too much to take at this particular time. So the promise of Jesus is to send the Spirit of truth who will offer wisdom and guidance during the difficult times to come. For earlier, in verse 2 of this chapter, Jesus states, "the hour is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is doing a holy duty for God". The sending of the Spirit into the lives of the disciples and into our own lives is God's grace alive and active. ■

REFLECT

The life of the Trinity permeates everything we do as church, whether it's a prayer group gathering on a Monday night, a St Vincent de Paul meeting on a Friday morning or a baptismal celebration after Mass on a Sunday. The Trinity becomes reflected in the missionary activity of our parish communities from morning to night.

Bishop Robert Barron states that, as a lecturer in university, he is only too aware of the "highly developed technical language" surrounding the Trinity. All the great theologians over the centuries have wrestled with its meaning and often, in trying to communicate that meaning, they leave the student or the listener even more confused than before.

The danger, however, is that we simplify the doctrine of the Trinity too much in our preaching and teaching. Suffice it to remember that every time we bless

ourselves, we are invoking the name of the Trinity. When we participate in a sacrament, for example, the first step is to put ourselves into the mystery of the Trinity. We place ourselves into the love that connects the Father and the Son.

We can probably get the sense through our work for the Church and our participation in the sacraments that the Trinity is not something that is static. Today's Gospel portrays the Spirit as a guide and the bearer of wisdom and knowledge. Trinity Sunday therefore is less about trying to understand the complicated theological theories that surround a doctrine and more to do with every member of the Church being summoned to mission and action. Today could be the perfect opportunity for a parish to re-evaluate its missionary activity and work. It could also be a time where we take a personal look at our own faith lives. Do I see myself being part of the dynamic life of the Trinity or have I become static? ■

LEARN

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the 'mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God'."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 237)

DO

Think of concrete ways you can go out to your community and bring the love and tenderness of the Trinity to the lives of others. No action is too small.

SAY

"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things."
(St Augustine)



Stained glass window depicting doctrine of the Holy Trinity in Latin