



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 23rd June 2019 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - Manuel Felix Drummond RIP
 11am Mass - Thomasina O'Neill Harman RIP
 6pm Mass - Fr Carlos Intention

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
 9am Mass - Children of our Parish

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass - Children of our Parish

Monday 24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - William Ibbottson RIP

Tuesday 25th June - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Michael Cassidy RIP

Wednesday 26th June - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Margaret O'Reilly RIP

Thursday 27th June - St John Southworth, Priest and Martyr

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

Friday 28th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Saturday 29th June - The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

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 second anniversary on Monday 24th to the Priesthood.

REFRESHMENTS - Unfortunately due to a large celebration in the WCC this Sunday 23rd June and the First Holy Communion Party next Sunday, there will be **NO REFRESHMENTS** after the 9am & 11am Mass. Apologies for any disappointment caused.

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 at 8pm on 16th July. All are welcome in St Augustine's church, Hoddesdon, for these talks.

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.

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.

ACROSS JOB VACANCY - The charity Across are relocating to the perimeter of Stansted Airport and are looking to recruit a Bookkeeper. Part-time (20-22 hours per week), Salary £23,400 pro rata. Please email lisa@across.org.uk for the job description and further information. The closing date is 28th June and interviews will take place on 1 July.

ZAMKNIT AND CHAT - Tuesday 25th June 2pm. - 4pm. in MHR Extension. All are welcome

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord"

FR PETER'S SILVER JUBILEE



A BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped and gave their time and talents to make Fr Peter's Silver Jubilee Outdoor Mass really special on Sunday. It was great to see so many people who came from Fr Peter's previous parishes as well as our regular parishioners but also those who were brand new visitors. The sudden rain storm, before the glorious sunshine made the event even more memorable - creating a great sense of togetherness and unity as we all huddled closely under umbrellas to celebrate Mass!! We were able to live stream the event using a mobile phone (thank you John Wright) and 1758 viewers logged in that day. We have added some photographs taken on the day, courtesy of Martin Curran and Alan Hodgson to the parish web site. Thank you also to everyone who donated towards a monetary gift of £2926.00 for Fr Peter and for the many good wishes, cards and prayers offered which were most appreciated.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE on Sunday, 30th June 12pm-4pm

GOVERNORS VACANCIES AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - Please see the web site for full details or email Suzanne Fitzgerald cofgovs@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

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.

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.

CAR PARKING - We have received a complaint from the Town Council that vehicles being used by Parishioners visiting St Joseph's for week day Mass have been parking in their car park causing an inconvenience to others who pay to rent the space. Please be advised that this is private property and not owned by the Church. Thank you

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.



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Collections 15/16 June 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: Loose- £513.09 Envelopes- £546.40
Holy Cross
 NO MASS OR COLLECTION
Most Holy Redeemer:
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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

23 JUNE 2019

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE WORD

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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 in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to reverently adore the sacred mysteries of your
Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING **Genesis 14:18-20**

A reading from the book of Genesis.
Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and
wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He
pronounced this blessing:

"Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing
over your enemies to you."

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalms 109:1-4**

Response:
You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit on my right;
I will put your foes beneath your feet." (R.)
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you. (R.)
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.

"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old." (R.)

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

This is what I received from the Lord, and
in turn passed on to you: that on the same
night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus
took some bread, and thanked God for it and
broke it, and he said, "This is my body, which
is for you; do this as a memorial of me." In
the same way he took the cup after supper,
and said, "This cup is the new covenant in
my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as
a memorial of me." Until the Lord comes,
therefore, every time you eat this bread and
drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE (shorter form)

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven,
says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 9:11-17**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked
to them about the kingdom of God; and he
cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came
to him and said, "Send the people away, and
they can go to the villages and farms round
about to find lodging and food; for we are in
a lonely place here." He replied, "Give them
something to eat yourselves." But they said,
"We have no more than five loaves and two
fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy
food for all these people." For there were
about five thousand men. But he said to his
disciples, "Get them to sit down in parties of
about fifty." They did so and made them all
sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the
two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said
the blessing over them; then he broke them
and handed them to his disciples to distribute
among the crowd. They all ate as much as
they wanted, and when the scraps remaining
were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace,
whose signs are to be seen in mystery
in the offerings we here present.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and
Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.



St Luke begins today's Gospel with the three pillars of Jesus' ministry: welcoming, preaching and healing.

Once Jesus has completed his work, the disciples express concern at the large number of people who have gathered and the lack of food to give them. Five loaves and two fish would not be enough even to feed the twelve. But despite this, Jesus instructs a banquet to be prepared, almost like a wedding feast, with people placed in intimate groupings of fifty. What happens next is extraordinary and St Luke deliberately sets out the future direction of church celebrations. Jesus raises his eyes to heaven, blesses the food, breaks it and shares it with his disciples to be distributed amongst the hungry crowd. Of course it is not just the physical hunger that's satisfied; but their hunger for love, intimacy and hospitality is met during this miraculous encounter.

This Gospel story is what commentators refer to as a gift miracle where God gives to God's people generously and abundantly. One could say that it's a miracle that defies logic but it's the same gift miracle we see at the wedding feast of Cana, where the guests at the banquet receive the best of wine in the presence of the Son of Man. Abundance, generosity and love is at the heart of our celebrations.

When we turn to our second reading today from Corinthians, St Paul has set out to correct some abuses of the Lord's Supper that have crept into the early Church. At some meals, people were left outside hungry and others got very drunk; people came to eat with divisions and disagreements in their hearts. But no, this is not the way of Christ. Jesus stated on Holy Thursday, "This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me." A truly holy moment that St Paul encourages the Church to focus on during their gatherings. ■

LEARN

"This is the miracle: rather than a multiplication it is a sharing, inspired by faith and prayer. Everyone eats and some is left over: it is the sign of Jesus, the Bread of God for humanity."

(Pope Francis, Angelus – St Peter's Square,
2 June 2013)

DO

Make an attempt in the coming week to articulate what the Eucharist means to you. What happens during your short time at Mass that brings you back again?

SAY

Lord Jesus Christ, nourish me with your body and blood so that I may become what I receive in showing your loving presence to the world.

REFLECT

Br Kevin Crowley runs the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin City. The centre has been providing meals for hungry people since 1969 and I'm sure you can think of other examples of similar places in your own districts or cities. Indeed, through two very bad recessions in Ireland during the 1980s and after the collapse of the banks in 2008, the centre witnessed a dramatic increase in demand for its services. More recently, Br Kevin spoke of the hundreds of people on the streets queuing for food outside his centre and referred to the new experience of people being ashamed to ask for food and help. While there is always food available and a secure place for children to receive a nutritious meal, there is something else that is vitally important at this centre of care and that is the value of hospitality. Br Kevin and many other providers of similar services know the significance of reaching out the hand of friendship and simply saying, "You are welcome in this place." It mirrors Jesus' attitude of abundance, generosity and love, not to mention his welcome for those who are most in need of help. ■

