



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 30th June 2019 - St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - Joel James Higgins RIP
 11am Mass - Mark Long RIP
 6pm Mass - Samuel Hopley RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
 9am Mass - Private Intention

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

Monday 1st July - Dedication of the Cathedral
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Joyce Morris RIP

Tuesday 2nd July - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Private Intention

Wednesday 3rd July - St Thomas, Apostle
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Roger Bevan RIP

Thursday 4th July - St Elizabeth of Portugal
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Private Intention

Friday 5th July - St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Kathleen Burke RIP

Saturday 6th July - St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Barrie Randall 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.

REFRESHMENTS - Unfortunately due to the First Holy Communion Party this Sunday, there will be **NO REFRESHMENTS** after the 9am & 11am Mass. Apologies for any disappointment caused.

PARISH WALK - Sunday 14 July starting at 2pm meet from 1.45pm in Maltings Lane next to Holy Cross Church. Route- Maltings Lane, Much Hadham to Green Tye. We will stop for refreshments at the Henry Moore Foundation or you can bring your own. For further details contact Fiona Collings 0779 0444130

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.

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.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS - Contact chwalkslondon@gmail.com or find us on Facebook or see catholichistorywalks.com cost £5. Walks may take up to 2 hours. Southwark and the City Sunday 7th July 2pm - A walk along the river Thames and over London Bridge to the birth place of Blessed John Henry Newman near the Bank of England. Meet at Church of the Most Precious Blood, O' Meara Street, SE1 1TD. Nearest tube- London Bridge or Borough.

CLARE PRIORY CRAFT FAIR - 13/14 July 10am - 5pm at Clare Priory, Sudbury CO10 8NX. All proceeds are donated to local, national and international charities. The fair is held in the 14th century priory and its grounds set next to Clare Castle Country Park, in the beautiful historic medieval town of Clare on the banks of River Stour. Admission one day: Adults £5, Seniors £4, accompanied under-16s go free. Admission for both days: Adults £8, Seniors £6. For further details, visit www.clarepriory.org.uk

TRAILBLAZERS, FOR RETIRED MEN OR THOSE NOT IN WORK - We meet every first Thursday of the month in the Emmaus Centre at St James' Church. There's a short meeting from 11am-12 noon then lunch in The Harvest Moon. Contact ken.mollison@ntlworld.com for more information.



Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

St Gregory of Nazianzus

CATHOLIC PARISH OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



Application forms for all those in the Parish who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 will be available from the Sacristy from this

Sunday 30th June 2019

Applicants only are to collect and sign for a form and must have their date of birth on or before 31 August 2005 (Year 10 and above)

The last day for receiving completed forms into No. 3 Windhill will be Wednesday 17th July at midnight (!) at the very latest..

The Confirmation course for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 will begin with a first meeting for Candidates, with their parents, on **Sunday 21st July in the Parish Centre after the 6pm Mass**. Meetings for the Candidates alone will then begin on the **first Sunday of Advent, December 1st in the Parish Centre at 4.30pm followed by the 6pm Mass**

YOUNG SEEKERS MEETINGS

GOD IN FOOTBALL & SPORT THURSDAY 25th July 6:45pm - 8:30pm

The Vocations Promotion Team has begun a new group called Young Seekers. Led by Fr Mike Maguire, the Assistant Vocations Promoter, this group aims to attract men in their late teens and early twenties to meet regularly and share their hopes and maybe their uncertainties about the call of the Lord.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th July from 6.45pm up until 8.30pm. The topic for the evening is 'God in Football & Sport' led by Fr Marc Lyden-Smith. Each session to end with night prayer, followed by a visit to the pub. For details, contact Fr Mike Maguire, Assistant Vocations Promoter at vocations@rcdow.org.uk.

YOUTH MASS - Thursday 15th August 6:30pm - 7:30pm Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P, On the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Mass for young adults 18 to 35 in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral, followed by an opportunity to socialise. All are welcome

ECHO WALSHINGHAM - Theology of the Body Retreat Friday 5 July - Thursday 11 July at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham organised by Dumb Ox Ministries for 18 - 35 year olds. ECHO is a deep dive into our hearts, revealing both beautiful and rugged terrain! We explore themes of identity, prayer, discernment, sexuality and vocation. We invite you to join us in the journey, one in which we are confident God will reveal His radical love... for YOU! For more information visit the **Walsingham ECHO website** or email echo@walsingham.org.uk.

Sacramental Preparation



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email RCIA@rcdow.org.uk

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
 Applications closed for 2019

Confirmation: Applications closed for 2019

Collections 22/23 June 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £649.30 Envelopes- £464.00

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £182.76 Envelopes- £0

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £105.86 Envelopes- £72.00

Thank you

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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Safeguarding enquiries only

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Fr Peter writes:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, first once again for your kindness and prayers after my Heart attack and now, especially, for your continued kindness and generosity, in celebrating my Silver Jubilee with me. The good Lord seemed to have sent the rain, but what a wonderful spirit of togetherness and support for each other that rain brought about!! People spoke to, and befriended, each other in the rain and that fellowship bore great fruit once we were all inside the Parish Hall!

Thank you also for your wonderful gift to me, accompanied by so many lovely cards. In all you have presented me with just over £3,000. I promise I will buy something for myself but also I must tell you that a number of my favourite Charities will be benefitting from your great kindness

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM, 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.

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.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

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 on the Solemnity of the Apostles
Peter and Paul

give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion.
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 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

King Herod started persecuting certain
members of the Church. He beheaded James
the brother of John, and when he saw that this
pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as
well. This was during the days of Unleavened
Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning
four squads of four soldiers each to guard him
in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public
after the end of Passover week. All the time
Peter was under guard the Church prayed to
God for him unremittently.

On the night before Herod was to try him,
Peter was sleeping between two soldiers,
fastened with double chains, while guards
kept watch at the main entrance to the prison.
Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood
there, and the cell was filled with light. He
tapped Peter on the side and woke him. "Get
up!" he said "Hurry!" – and the chains fell
from his hands. The angel then said, "Put on
your belt and sandals." After he had done this,
the angel next said, "Wrap your cloak round
you and follow me." Peter followed him, but
had no idea that what the angel did was all
happening in reality; he thought he was seeing
a vision. They passed through two guard posts
one after the other, and reached the iron gate
leading to the city. This opened of its own
accord; they went through it and had walked
the whole length of one street when suddenly
the angel left him. It was only then that Peter
came to himself. "Now I know it is all true," he
said. "The Lord really did send his angel and

has saved me from Herod and from all that the
Jewish people were so certain would happen
to me."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33

Response:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
or

The angel of the Lord rescues those who
revere him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17, 18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
Timothy.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to be
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I
have run the race to the finish; I have kept the
faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that
Day; and not only to me but to all those who
have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power,
so that through me the whole message might
be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and
so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts
on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never
hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And
they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do
you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up,
"You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the
living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was
not flesh and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church. And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it. I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you
bind on earth shall be considered bound in
heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven."

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

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord,
accompany the sacrificial gift
that we present to your name for consecration,
and may their intercession make us devoted
to you
in celebration of the sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord,
who have been renewed by this Sacrament,
so to live in the Church,
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread
and in the teaching of the Apostles,
we may be one heart and one soul,
made steadfast in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

PETER DECLARES THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

(MATTHEW 16:13-19)



Mosaic from St Peter's Basilica

There are obvious rumours circulating within the local community as to the identity of Jesus and he questions the disciples asking, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah are given as possible candidates but when they are asked by Jesus directly, "Who do you say I am?" they remain silent. The significance of Peter's response in this Gospel scene reflects his authority and role within the group of disciples and in the early Church. He is a leader amongst people and his profession of faith is not something that has come from the external world but from God the Father in heaven. Jesus then, filled with confidence amidst this pronouncement of faith, speaks to Peter about his role in the building of the Church. He will become the foundation stone and will be given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. We don't get a sense from Matthew's Gospel of Peter's feelings regarding this new task. However, in St Luke's first reading, Peter's persecution and imprisonment after Jesus' death are testimony to the seriousness with which he took his role as the rock on which the Church will be built. The sending of angels to rescue Peter from impending death is a reflection of God's guiding presence in his hour of need.

Peter says, "You are the Christ [the Messiah], the Son of the living God." The Church today continues to be made up of people who are captivated by this profound statement of faith. ■

LEARN

"The source of the Church's mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians." (Archbishop John Nienstedt)

DO

How can you be of service to God's people this week? Is there reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?

REFLECT

One is reminded today of the viciousness of the persecutors of the early Church and the courage shown not only by Christ's disciples but people from all walks of life who commit themselves to Christ, the Son of the living God. In pointing to Jesus and declaring him as the Messiah, Peter becomes an indispensable figure in the early Church, and his office continues to be at the heart of the Church's missionary endeavours throughout the world. We celebrate the life and work of both Peter and Paul today and can appreciate the complementary gifts they brought to the Church. Where Peter represents office, order and direction and brings clarity about the identity of Jesus, Paul represents theology and the missionary impulse to gauge a culture, to preach, to write and then to move on to the next village or town and begin the task all over again. Bishop Robert Barron states that, "Peter and Paul together gives the Church its integrity and life." They were so convinced of the truth of Christ and his Gospel, that they gave their lives.

In a hymn simply known as "O Happy Rome", we gain a glimpse of their complementary roles:

*The heavens' porter, and earth's sage,
The world's bright lights who judge
the age.
One wins by cross, and one by sword,
And life on high is their reward.*

*These are your princes, happy Rome!
Their precious blood clothes you, their
home.
We praise not you, but praise their
worth,
Beyond all beauty of the earth. ■*

SAY

"Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

(St Gregory of Nazianzus)