



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 14th July 2019 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Anne Dudson RIP

11am Mass - Frederick Edward Wild RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Edward James Auger

6pm Mass - Noel Hurley RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - John Baker RIP

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):

11.15am Mass - People of our Parish

Monday 15th July - St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Mary Quinn RIP

Tuesday 16th July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Maureen Sheppard RIP

Wednesday 17th July - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Sydney Pearson RIP

Thursday 18th July - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Special Intention Alexandra Morris

Friday 19th July - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Special Intention Albert & Kay Timmins

Saturday 20th July - St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Francesco Galati 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.



DEFIBRILLATOR - A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. For every minute it takes for a defibrillator to reach someone and deliver a shock, their chances of survival reduce by up to 10%. We have been successful in applying for a part funded British Heart Foundation grant to buy an IPAD SP1 Public access defibrillator which once delivered will be located in the exterior porch of St Joseph's Church for public use in such medical emergencies. We have to meet the remaining purchase cost of the device (£600), provide and install a special cabinet which in total will cost approx. £1,200. Free Training for all will be advertised, to be held in the WCC, once we are in a position to do so. If you would like to contribute towards this life saving equipment any donations would be very gratefully received. Cheques may be made payable to 'WRCOT Bishop's Stortford'. Thank you very much.

SISTER RUTH - We send our heartfelt prayers, thanks and good wishes to Sister Ruth who will be returning to live in Canada at the end of July. If you would like to say 'Au Revoir', Sister Ruth will be available after the 9am Mass and before the 11am Mass in the WCC on Sunday 21st July. She would love to see as many of you as possible before she leaves.

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

YOUTH MASS - Thursday 15th August 6:30pm 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

SEA SUNDAY 2019 - A second collection will be taken this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea who provide spiritual and welfare support for seafarers visiting Great Britain. Children's colouring sheets & origami ship instructions will be available.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the MHR annual wine tasting quiz, £170 was raised for the St Lawrence community.

PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Across are looking for a Bookkeeper to work 20-22 hours per week. Flexible working pattern is available. Salary £23,400 Full time equivalent. Please contact Lisa@across.org.uk for the full job description which closes 5pm Monday 22nd July 2019.

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**

CATHOLIC PARISH OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020



Application forms and sign-up sheets will be available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 7th July 2019 for Children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and will be at least 8 years old on or before 31 August 2020

The preparation programme is **only** for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion within the Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford and **not elsewhere**

All forms must be signed for by the parent of each child - please do not take a form for someone else.

The last day for receiving completed forms into No.3 Windhill will be **Wednesday 4th September 2019**

When you have submitted your form please send an e-mail to fhcstjosephs@gmail.com confirming your application. This is so that our Catechist is able to send you an acknowledgement email and keep you updated of any changes to the scheduled sessions. The first Parents meeting will be Tuesday 17th September 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Parish centre and the first Children's session on Saturday 21st September 10.30am - 12pm

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.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP meeting next Wed. July 17th from 2 pm. at Doreen's house, 12, Salisbury Close.. Tea, coffee, cake and time to catch up. Everyone welcome. Call Doreen on 325326 or Jill on 657575 for information and lifts.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN announced for Sunday 13 October. Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on Sunday 13 October, making him the first English person who has lived since the 17th century to be officially recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church. Information about Cardinal Newman, including details of his life, of the miracle and the process of canonisation, links to his writings as well as photos and videos available to media, can be found at <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/> **KICKSTART** provides free practical support for people out of work. It is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Wesley Hall at the back of the Methodist Church in Bishop's Stortford. For more info see <http://www.stortfordkickstart.org.uk/>

Please keep in your prayers all of our children who will be leaving primary school this week as they embark on new adventures ahead.

'I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me'
Philippians 4:13



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Parish Centre Bookings and All Enquiries:
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Collections 6/7 July 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes

St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

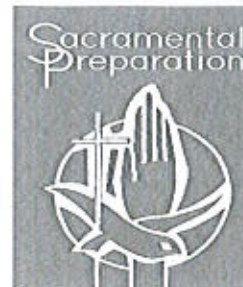
Collection: Loose- £423.10 Envelopes- £494.40

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £57.50 Envelopes- £15.00

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £58.30 Envelopes- £58.30



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 open 7th July 2019

Confirmation: Applications open 30 June 2019

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.

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the
name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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 Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: "Obey the
voice of the Lord your God, keeping those
commandments and laws of his that are
written in the Book of this Law, and you shall
return to the Lord your God with all your heart
and soul.

"For this Law that I enjoin on you today
is not beyond your strength or beyond your
reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to
wonder, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and
bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and
keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you
need to wonder, 'Who will cross the seas for us
and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it
and keep it?' No, the Word is very near to you,
it is in your mouth and in your heart for your
observance."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 68

Response:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.

1 This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)

- 2 As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
- 3 The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains. (R.)
- 4 For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell
there. (R.)

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for
him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus,
stood up and said to him, "Master, what must
I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him,
"What is written in the law? What do you read
there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbour as yourself." "You have
answered right," said Jesus, "do this and life
is yours."

But the man was anxious to justify
himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my
neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was once
on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho
and fell into the hands of brigands; they took
all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving
him half dead. Now a priest happened to be
travelling down the same road, but when he
saw the man, he passed by on the other side.
In the same way a Levite who came to the
place saw him, and passed by on the other
side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon
him was moved with compassion when he saw
him. He went up and bandaged his wounds,

pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted
him on to his own mount, carried him to the
inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out
two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper.
'Look after him,' he said 'and on my way back
I will make good any extra expense you have.'
Which of these three, do you think, proved
himself a neighbour to the man who fell into
the brigands' hands?' "The one who took pity
on him" he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go,
and do the same yourself."

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

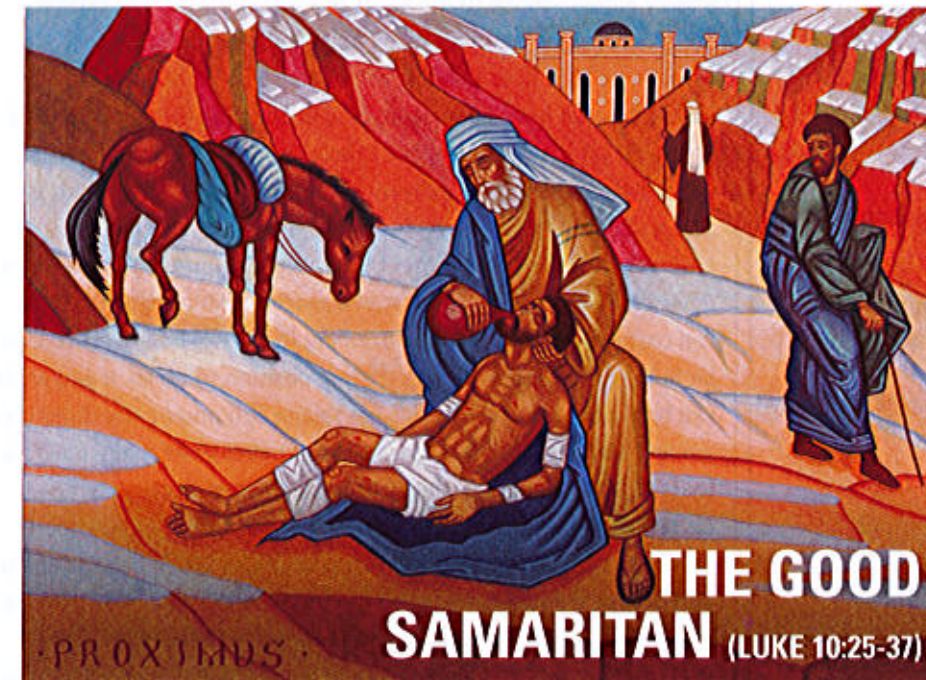
Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who
believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray,
O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Gospel begins with the burning question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Religious debates about the law of Moses were common in everyday gatherings and Jesus is the focus of their questioning today.

The questioner is an expert in the law and answers Jesus with conviction: loving your neighbour as yourself is the obvious way to inherit eternal life. Thinking perhaps that this line of questioning was finished, Jesus has to deal with further probing with the infamous question of Luke's Gospel, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus never refuses an opportunity to tell a parable in order to make a point and it will be very clear by the end of the story who our neighbour really is.

The parable focuses on a stretch of road between Jericho to Jerusalem, almost thirty miles long, with most of it desert and isolated. The road was infamous for robberies and attacks on lone travellers and indeed the traveller in this parable is attacked and robbed of everything he has. Now the burning question a lot of people might have is, why did the priest pass by the man and not help him? Scripture scholars would state that this priest was on his way to the Temple, and the law forbade priests to touch dead bodies. If they did, then they had to undergo a rite of purification and would not be admitted to the Temple until this was done. So he passes by and another Temple worker, the Levite, is not far behind him. You can see how Jesus is using the parable to point towards the strictness of interpretation in the law of Moses and the lack of compassion that can often prevail.

However, when the Samaritan passes, he has another version of the law. Samaritans were regarded as dangerous by the Jews and Jesus places him into the heart of this lesson on neighbourliness. The Samaritan bandages the man's wounds, pours cleansing wine and soothing oil on them and gives an innkeeper two days' pay to provide for the injured man. A powerful moment in Luke's Gospel and a wonderful example of using the law of love, mercy and compassion for the good of others. ■

SAY

"Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea, extend your maternal protection to the people of the sea and guide them from the dangers of the sea to a secure port."

(Cardinal Peter Turkson)

REFLECT

Sea Sunday is a global celebration of the enduring and vital work of the Apostleship of the Sea. It focuses on the amazing work chaplains do each day with hundreds and thousands of seafarers around the world. We remember seafarers today and people who work on our oceans, sailing ships across the seas, often in difficult circumstances, bringing us the goods we need and the material for industry. Life at sea is often lonely, difficult and dangerous. Seafarers find themselves far away from home, often sailing to countries where they don't speak the language. Pope Francis gives special consideration today for those who work to free the sea from pollution and also acknowledges those who live in unworthy work situations at sea, forced to endure several months in the confined space of a vessel.

Sea Sunday is a celebration and a day of reflection where the whole Church is called to recognise seafarers as their neighbours and their global family.

For further information on the work of the Apostleship of the Sea and Sea Sunday: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk ■

DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



LEARN

"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

(Martin Luther King Jr.)