



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 4th August 2019 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Pdraig O'Reilly RIP

11am Mass - Anne Dudson RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Nicolás Martin Amores

6pm Mass - Patricia Bailey Intention

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - People of the Parish

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

11.15am Mass - People of our Parish

Monday 5th August - The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Kathleen Burke RIP

Tuesday 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Alejandro Arce RIP

Wednesday 7th August - St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Sue & Colin Carter 50 years of Marriage

Thursday 8th August - St Dominic, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Patrick & Pauline Haynes 55 years of Marriage

12.30pm Marriage - Lauren Younger & Benjamin Luxon

Friday 9th August - St Teresa, Benedicta of the Cross

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - David & Leslie Keating Wedding Anniversary

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

12pm Requiem Mass - Maura Newman RIP

Saturday 10th August - St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Iris Hussey 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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

14-21 MAY 2020

We are preparing the details for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on the above dates. At the moment, we have received a quote in the range of £1295-1365 and includes the following:

Round-trip flights by El Al (including taxes)

1 piece of checked in luggage up to 23 kg.

Transfers and touring by private coach in Israel.

Accommodation based on sharing a twin-bedded room

(breakfast and dinner included):

3 nights at Plaza Nazareth Hotel, Nazareth

4 nights at 7 Arches Hotel, Jerusalem.

Entrance fees appropriate to the itinerary.

Tour manager/guide while in Israel.

Arrangement of religious services.

ATOL and ABTA financial protection.

Please speak with Fr. Peter or Fr. Carlos for further information.

There is now a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for those interested.

CHANGES TO SUMMER MASS TIMES

Each year we try hard to recruit a priest to allow Fr Peter and Fr Carlos to have their summer holiday. This has become more difficult each recent year. Retired priest Mgr Turner is free to come for Sunday 11th August when Fr Peter is away. However Fr Angel has told us that he is not able to come from Spain this year, and we have not been able to get a supply from the Diocese's usual summer pool for Aug 18/25 and Sept 1 when Fr Carlos will be away. With the agreement of Bishop Paul (*who comments that this is happening this year in a number of Parishes*), we have had to make the decision that on those 3 Sundays there will be no Mass at Much Hadham or at Sawbridgeworth. That means we will be able to manage with just the one priest being here. We are sorry to have to do this but it is a sign of the times. We very much hope that parishioners at Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer will make an effort to offer lifts particularly to older parishioners so that they can get to Mass at St Joseph's, or Old Harlow or Puckeridge.

MAJELLANS PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP (0-4 years) - New volunteers are needed to help run the group. Starting 9th September 2019 on Monday mornings only during school term time from 9.30am-11.30am. For more information contact Mary Crake 07948450612.

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

Application forms and sign-up sheets have been available from the Sacristy as from Sunday 7th July 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 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.

Fr Peter writes:



In 1914 Mgr Robert Hugh Benson died at the age of 43 and left his house and land at Hare Street, Hertfordshire, to the Archbishops of Westminster as a country retreat for their use. Fr Benson was a convert from the Church of England, (*his father was Archbishop of Canterbury*). He was a prolific writer and much in demand as a preacher.

At Hare Street he had fitted out a small outbuilding as a Chapel and he and his friends had made an altar and carved figures including one of Our Blessed Lady stamping her foot on the heresies of the Church. After his death a chapel was specially built over his grave in the orchard of the house and this altar and statue were placed in a Lady Chapel attached to it. With the current sale of the property the Cardinal has asked us to find a home for the altar and statue at St Joseph's. They have been carefully conserved and have now been placed in the bay where the statue of St Gerard Magella was. (*Being a saint special to children his statue has been moved to the Baptistry where a new shrine is to be created.*)

The Cardinal is very grateful to us for finding a home for this unique survival of Mgr Benson and his circle.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE 'N HIKE SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The annual Bike 'n Hike offers the opportunity to raise money both for Churches and for the Beds. & Herts. Historic Churches Trust. Every £1 that we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. This makes the Bike 'n Hike a very effective way to raise funds for our church. All the organizing is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! The other half of the sponsorship money goes to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust which is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel. Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to visit other churches (you plan your own route). We also need "welcomers" between the hours of 10am and 6pm and welcomers can also be sponsored. Last year the Bike 'n Hike raised almost £100,000 for the churches and chapels of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Our church can benefit from this fund raising event if you will help.

So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day cycling or walking to churches and chapels in our area, or welcoming our visitors, and at the same time boost our church's funds as well as those of the Trust.

You can use 'Just Giving' to help you raise sponsorship money, along with the normal sponsor form. By encouraging the use of gift aid, you can further increase the funds available to the Trust. For more information please contact **Bill O'Neill from Holy Cross on 07577655922** Email Chondoh@aol.com

WCC WORKING PARTY 7TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-12NOON.

Now that the Centre is 10 years old we try to look after the building as much as we can and 2 years ago we spent a splendid morning with volunteers taking on a joint spring clean. So, if you enjoy the facilities offered week by week please do come along and give a hand, washing down paintwork, cleaning tables and chairs etc. Refreshments will be on offer as we work alongside our neighbours from St Michaels. All cleaning materials provided. Thank you 'O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to the next'

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 27/28 July 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes /June D/ Debit
St Josephs and the English Martyrs:

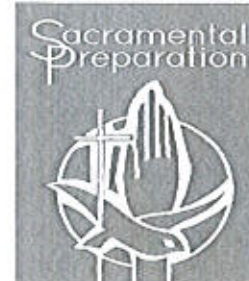
Collection: Loose- £591.77 Envelopes- £529.00 D/D - £9615.67

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £27.50 Envelopes- £15.00 D/D £860

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £102.20 Envelopes- £65.00 D/D £633.33



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 open 7th July 2019

Confirmation: Applications closed

Sunday Message

THE WORD

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their
Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 *Ecc 1:2-21-23*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity
of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured
wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave
what is his own to someone who has not
toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great
injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil
and strain that he has undergone under the
sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares
of office, his restless nights? This, too, is
vanity.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 89*

Response:

O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.

1 You turn men back into dust
and say: "Go back, sons of men."
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2 You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

- 3 Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
- 4 In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1-5:9-11*

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

Since you have been brought back to true
life with Christ, you must look for the things
that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at
God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on
heavenly things, not on the things that are on
the earth, because you have died, and now
the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.
But when Christ is revealed – and he is your
life – you too will be revealed in all your glory
with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you
that belongs only to earthly life: fornication,
impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and
especially greed, which is the same thing as
worshipping a false god; and never tell each
other lies. You have stripped off your old
behaviour with your old self, and you have
put on a new self which will progress towards
true knowledge the more it is renewed in
the image of its creator; and in that image
there is no room for distinction between
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or
the uncircumcised, or between barbarian
and Scythian, slave and free man. There
is only Christ: he is everything and he is in
everything.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 12:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master,
tell my brother to give me a share of our
inheritance." "My friend," he replied "who
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of
your claims?" Then he said to them, "Watch,
and be on your guard against avarice of any
kind, for a man's life is not made secure by
what he owns, even when he has more than
he needs."

Then he told them a parable: "There was
once a rich man who, having had a good
harvest from his land, thought to himself,
'What am I to do? I have not enough room to
store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what
I will do: I will pull down my barns and build
bigger ones, and store all my grain and my
goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My
soul, you have plenty of good things laid by
for many years to come; take things easy,
eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said
to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand
will be made for your soul; and this hoard of
yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a
man stores up treasure for himself in place of
making himself rich in the sight of God."

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

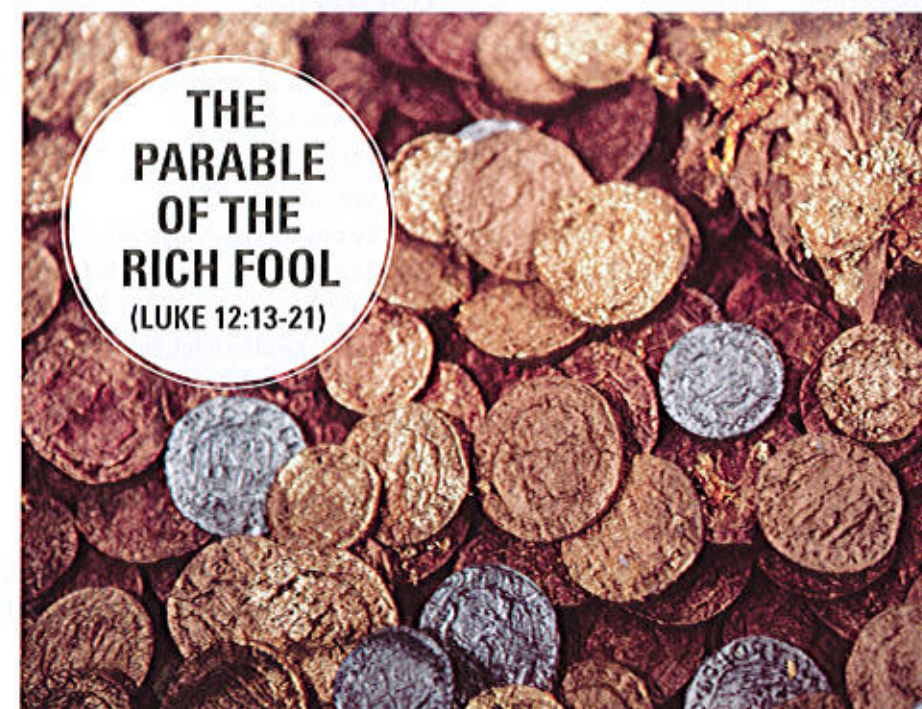
Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual
sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from
heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in
every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL (LUKE 12:13-21)

This is the year of Luke's Gospel and you may have noticed over the past
number of weeks the amount of times Jesus is questioned by an inquisitive
crowd of followers. He takes on the role of rabbi or teacher today and is
asked about the apportioning of inheritance between two brothers.

The law of the time dictated that the eldest son must receive twice as much as each of
the other children upon the death of their father. However, there seems to be a dispute
today in which Jesus is asked to comment. Cleverly he sidesteps the issue and focuses
on the heart of the problem, which is our attachment to money, possessions and wealth.
Note a parallel theme in today's first reading from Ecclesiastes where the opening line is,
"Vanity of vanities. All is vanity." In some Bible translations this sentence reads, "All is
meaningless." The book of Ecclesiastes is renowned for its negative, downbeat tone and
has quite a pessimistic view on life. The writer is a man who has seen it all and today's
question is quite profound in many ways. What's the point in toiling all your life to amass
possessions and wealth when you're just going to leave it all behind anyway? So Jesus
uses the parable of the rich landowner who builds bigger barns to store his vast quantities
of grain. When all the produce is gathered, the landowner plans a little retirement where
he will eat, drink and take life easy. God speaks to the landowner and calls him a fool. On
this very night the man will die, and who will own his property then? Through this parable,
Jesus mocks the man who relies on possessions to make him happy. ■

REFLECT

Recently, a couple from the north of
Ireland won a substantial amount
of money in the EuroMillions lottery
and before TV cameras and reporters
from around the world, they explained
how their lives would certainly change
dramatically but ultimately their needs
were few. For some moments, I put
myself into their shoes and wondered
what it would be like to have over £100

million in my bank account. Perhaps we
all do the same from time to time. We
like to dream big about the possible car
or house or holidays we would have
if we won the lotto. Some would say
that it's even natural to think in this way
because most of our lives are driven by
our need to earn money, to buy food and
the things that make us and our families
comfortable. Keeping this in mind, you
might disagree with the strategy of
Jesus in calling today's landowner a fool.

SAY

"He is generous even to
exhaustion; and what
is most wonderful is,
that he gives himself
thus entirely, not once
only, but every day, if
we wish it. Every fresh
communion is a new gift
which Jesus Christ makes
of himself."

(St Ignatius Loyola)

LEARN

"It is the joyful simplicity of life inspired
by the Gospel and the Gospel's spirit of
fraternal sharing that you will find the best
remedy for... the temptation to make money
the principal means and indeed the very
measure of human advancement."
(Pope St John Paul II)

DO

The next time you attend Mass, concentrate
more fully on the word of God (first reading,
psalm, second reading and Gospel). Allow
the words to affect you and take one
message home with you, something that will
help you in your relationship with God.



These are strong words and for anyone
who is wealthy or lives a comfortable
life, the Gospel of today is not criticising
you for what you have. What Jesus is
calling into question is a consumerist
mentality where the only focus for people
is money and possessions. Jesus points
to the people who think there is security
in possessions. For Jesus, true wealth,
security and happiness is to be found in
our relationship with God. ■