



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 29th September 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - World Day of Migrants and Refugees

11am Mass - Peter Rosair RIP

12.30pm Baptism - William Henry Beuzeval
 Penelope Carmel Beuzeval

6pm Mass - Patrick Duhig RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth):

9am Mass - Jack Roche RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 30th September - St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - People of the Parish

Tuesday 1st October - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Helen Diment RIP

Wednesday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Simon Geatrell RIP

Thursday 3rd October - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Eoin O'Leary & Family Intention

Friday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

NO MASS

Saturday 5th October - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

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

6pm Mass - Mary Graham-Watson RIP

Sunday 6th October 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Milagros Orbera Intention

11am Mass - Bernard Treanor RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Amelia Mary McDonald
 Sara Sabu

6pm Mass - Lazaro Olvera RIP

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 the Parish

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 14-21 MAY 2020

Many thanks to all who have expressed interest in our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The list is now **closed**, since we have reached the maximum number that we could take on the pilgrimage. If you have signed up on one of our sheets and are still interested, please take a Booking Form and Brochure from the Sacristy. Please also indicate that you have taken a form by putting a Red 'X' next to your name. **Please send the Booking Form and the initial deposit to PAX Travel in the address on the top, left-hand corner, and not to 3 Windhill.** Thank you.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOD BANK HARVEST APPEAL - The Food Bank are very grateful for your support & have created a list of their most needed non-perishable items if you are able to help please. This is displayed at the back of St Joseph's Church & on our website.

RCIA - The next session with Fr Carlos on Monday 7th October 2019 at 8pm in the WCC will discuss the following, 'The Meaning of Life, Who is God? What am I living for?'

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY SUICIDE PREVENTION - Thursday 7th November 7.30pm - 9pm St Alban & St Stephens RC Church, St Albans. Come and hear what Hertfordshire is doing to support those with suicidal thoughts through 'Spot the Signs'
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 26th October 7pm Tickets £10 Fish & Chip Supper & raffle. Teams of 8. Please email htbs.addsupp@outlook.com

ANNUAL MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS - The annual Mass for Bereaved Parents will be held on Saturday 26th October, 2.30pm at St Aloysius Church, Somers Town, 20 Phoenix Road, London, NW1 1TA celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT - Tracey Gaynor is trying to raise £1k towards a much needed replacement community minibus that serves many elderly, disabled and infirm individuals in the area. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tracey-gaynor>
ACROSS VOLUNTEER NEEDED - Across is seeking a Volunteer Office Administrator in their offices at London Stansted Airport. Required to assist with fundraising and pilgrimage administration. 4-6 hours a week, ideally Monday and/or Thursday mornings. Contact Sue Fishpool for more information and an application formsue@across.org.uk 0203 542 1800

PEACE VIGIL HOLY CROSS at ST ANDREWS - Sunday 27th October at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - The Public Access Defibrillator is now in situ in the cabinet in the exterior alcove near to the notice board at St Joseph's and is available 24/7. It has been registered with the East of England Ambulance service and has been security marked. We would like to train as many people as possible in CPR and how to use it should the situation ever arise. **The first training sessions will be this Tuesday 1st Oct, Wed 2nd & Thursday 3rd Oct after Mass from 10.30am for approx. 1 hour in the WCC. We can train 10 people at a time on each day to start with.** If interested please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the St Joseph's Sacristy. In the meantime please see the info on our web site which includes CPR instruction video clips from the British Heart foundation.. Please take some time to look at the clips so that **YOU** know what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest of a fellow parishioner, a loved one at home or a person in the street. There is also a link to a printable pocket guide on there too

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND - A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, **CAFOD** invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education - and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano.

Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and return next weekend. Thank you

HERTS YOUNG HOMELESS is a charity which provides services to support vulnerable people across our county. The focus is to prevent homelessness from education in schools and family mediation through to supporting 16-24 year olds in their first homes or caring for adults of all ages who have housing needs combined with mental health or substance abuse issues. They are looking for volunteers and fundraisers to make a difference to vulnerable people in local areas. If interested visit www.hyh.org.uk and call 03333 202 384 to register your interest.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This weekend 28/29th September will be the 2nd count of the number of people attending Mass as part of our Annual Mass count for the Diocese. This continues for 4 consecutive weekends ending on Sunday 13th October

GROVE COTTAGE - are holding a Volunteer Recruitment Afternoon on Saturday 19th October at the Charis Centre. The event starts with refreshments at 1.30pm, followed by a presentation at 2pm. There will then be an opportunity to discuss volunteer opportunities at Grove Cottage with members of staff and current volunteers. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are unable to make the event but would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Grove Cottage, please contact Monica at volunteer@mencapgrovecottage.org

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL - wanted for St Joseph's Primary School. £9 per hour (excluding enhancements) If you are interested, please contact Janet Fairhead on 01992 556816

GOLFERS - SAVE THE DATE - 2020! - A note for your diary for next year. Our charity golf day will be held on Friday 22nd MAY 2020 at the Manor of Groves Golf and Country Club. More details and information later

CHARITY BARN DANCE - 19th October

(in aid of Across Bishop's Stortford Jumbleance)

Don't miss out - get your ticket's now for this highly-enjoyable social event - ask anyone who came last year! Grab your check-shirt and Stetson and mosey on down to **St Joseph's SCHOOL HALL** with your Own Drinks & nibbles. Pete Skiffins will once again show us all how to kick up our heels and have a good time for just £7.50per person; £2.50 12 & under. Call/text Tessa on 07951 114800, Debbie on 07584 623472 or Fiona on 07790 444130 for tickets. . Donations for Raffle prizes would be gratefully received and can be left at the back of St Joseph's Church.

SPONSORSHIP sought - Daryll O' Dwyer, a parishioner at St Joseph's will be running the Royal parks half marathon for 'Across' if you would like to help support him <https://www.justgiving.com/Daryll-O-Dwyer>

WHOLE PARISH AGM - Advanced notice - Sunday, 17th November at 7pm in WCC



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Collections 21/22 Sept 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Aug D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £ 716.77 Envelopes- £442.40 D/D £7,222.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 37.51 Envelopes-£10 D/D £920

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 93.46 Envelopes-£ 46 D/D £756.43



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

Confirmation: Applications closed

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

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 manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon
us
and make those hastening to attain your
promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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 Amos 6:1-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and those who feel so safe on the mountain
of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145

Response:
My soul, give praise to the Lord.
or
Alleluia!

1 It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2 It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

3 He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to
be saintly and religious, filled with faith and
love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight
of the faith and win for yourself the eternal
life to which you were called when you made
your profession and spoke up for the truth in
front of many witnesses. Now, before God
the source of all life and before Jesus Christ,
who spoke up as a witness for the truth in
front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty
of doing all that you have been told, with no
faults or failures, until the Appearing of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able
to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

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 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a
rich man who used to dress in purple and
fine linen and feast magnificently every day.
And at his gate there lay a poor man called
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill
himself with the scraps that fell from the rich
man's table. Dogs even came and licked his
sores. Now the poor man died and was carried
away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham.
The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in
his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham,
pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his
finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am
in agony in these flames.' 'My son,' Abraham
replied 'remember that during your life good
things came your way, just as bad things
came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being
comforted here while you are in agony. But
that is not all: between us and you a great gulf
has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted
to, crossing from our side to yours, and to
stop any crossing from your side to ours.'

"The rich man replied, 'Father, I beg you
then to send Lazarus to my father's house,

since I have five brothers, to give them
warning so that they do not come to this
place of torment too.' 'They have Moses
and the prophets,' said Abraham 'let them
listen to them.' 'Ah no, father Abraham,'
said the rich man 'but if someone comes to
them from the dead, they will repent.' Then
Abraham said to him, 'If they will not listen
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will
not be convinced even if someone should
rise from the dead.' "

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

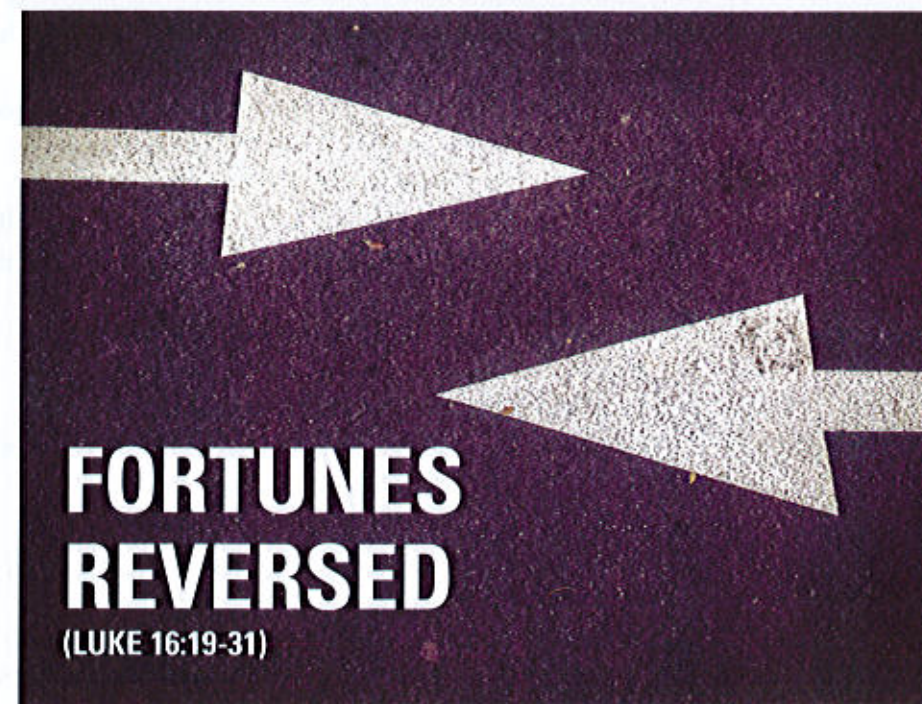
Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance
with you
and that through it the wellspring of all
blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant,
O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE WORD

In the third Gospel, the reversal of the present social order is
one of the signs of God's salvation. It has been proclaimed in
the Magnificat, the Song of Mary.

In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus calls the materially poor people "blessed",
and the rich folk have "Woe to you!" addressed to them. This theme is illustrated in
uncompromising and graphic detail in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, which
provides our Gospel reading for today.

We might note that there is no moral judgement on either of the characters in the story.
The rich man is insensitive and thoughtless; he is simply rich. We are not told whether
Lazarus belongs to the group of the "deserving" or "undeserving" poor: he is simply poor.
The rich man embodies Luke's attitude to wealth, that it renders a person insensitive
rather than accumulating more than one needs or can use is a form of sin; it counts as
worshipping a false god. The result of this is shown in the condition of the poor man at
the gate of the rich man's property. Not only is he physically unable to move, he is ritually
unclean because of the unwelcome attention he is receiving from the dogs of the district.
Luke describes the death of Lazarus in tender detail: the unnamed wealthy individual is
despatched in a couple of words.

Abraham tells the rich man that his predicament is entirely his own fault: if he had paid
more attention to the responsibilities his wealth brought him, then things would be
different. His brothers will suffer the same fate, because they will not listen to the words
of the Law and the Prophets, and they are so wrapped up in their comfortable existence
that even if Lazarus returned to warn them now, they would pay no heed. In the rejection
of Lazarus, we have a hint of the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders, to whom this
parable is addressed. ■

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?

**REFLECT**

Br Kevin Crowley runs the Capuchin
Day Centre in Dublin City. The
centre has been providing meals
for the hungry 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. ■

**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)

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.