



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 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

Monday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Natalie Micallef RIP

Tuesday 8th October - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Mary Graham-Watson RIP

Wednesday 9th October - Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Eva Kassakosky RIP

5pm Vigil - Nancy Margaret Banner Ayley RIP

Thursday 10th October - St Paulinas of York, Bishop

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

11am Requiem Mass - Nancy Margaret Banner Ayley RIP

Friday 11th October - St John XXIII, Pope

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am - The Bereaved of our Parish

Saturday 12th 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 - John McTigue RIP

Sunday 13th October 2019 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Prisoners Week

11am Mass - Blessed John Henry Newman

Canonisation

12.30pm Baptism - Leon Marian Szalilon

6pm Mass - PJ Greensmith Intention

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - Tom Hurley RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

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

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.

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

APF BOXES at MOST HOLY REDEEMER - are now required for collection by Len please

THE MHR ANNUAL LUNCH will be on Sunday 24 November from 1.15pm in the Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club pavilion. All are welcome. This is a great way to meet everyone in the church in an informal setting. Please see notice at the back of MHR for more details and to sign up.

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP 2019-2020. Are you a young musician in a parish music group? Would you like to improve your skills with the help of a professional for free and meet young musicians from other parishes? For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://dowym.com/voices/apply-now-for-the-music-ministry-scholarship-2019-20/> or email Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk

JOIN WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY for The Summit at Westminster Cathedral, an evening of inspiring speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. The Summit is aimed at 13-25yrs from across the diocese and will be on **Friday 18 October, 6:30-8pm**. The evening will include exposition and a talk by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, as well as inspiring speakers, including Brenden Thompson of Catholic Voices, and a live praise and worship band. Families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups and whoever else are all welcome. For more information, visit <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-westminster-cathedral/>

CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - Thank you to the 17 parishioners and a very well behaved baby who participated in our CPR and Defibrillator awareness training sessions this week. The next session will be on Saturday 12th October 2019 at 4pm in the WCC and will last approx. 1 ½ hours, so that you are able to attend Mass afterwards. There will be 10 places available. If interested please sign your name on the sheet in the Sacristy. More dates will follow..

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID Coffee morning next Saturday 12th October 10am - 12 noon in Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church Hall. Homemade cakes & scones. Sale tables of cakes, plants & Bric-a-brac. All welcome

TYBIURN CONVENT FAYRE - Saturday 27 October 10.30am Gifts and crafts. <https://www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/>



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of well-loved and long standing parishioners Ray Asser, Nancy Ayley and Jeannette Mills who died recently and will be greatly missed. Details of their funeral arrangements at St Joseph's are posted below

Wednesday 9th October at 5pm - Vigil - Nancy Margaret Banner Ayley RIP followed by a Requiem Mass on Thursday 10th October at 11am

Monday 14th October at 5pm - Vigil- Raymond John Asser RIP followed by a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 15th October at 10am

Tuesday 22nd October at 10am - Requiem Mass- Jeannette Mills RIP

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

ANNUAL MASS COUNT - This weekend 6/7th October will be the 3rd count of the number of people attending Mass as part of our Annual Mass count for the Diocese ending on Sunday 13th October

GROVE COTTAGE - is holding a Volunteer Recruitment Afternoon on Saturday 19th October at the Charis Centre. with refreshments at 1.30pm, followed by a presentation at 2pm. There will then be an opportunity to discuss volunteer opportunities 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

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.

ADVANCED DIARY NOTICE - Advent talk at St Andrew's and Holy Cross on Saturday 30 November at 12pm. The speaker will be Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ. who is director of the Religious life Institute at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge. In addition to being a part of the University chaplaincy team she is also a well-known writer, broadcaster, Prison visitor, retreat giver and spiritual director.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS - Envelopes are available at the back of St Josephs for those relatives you wish to be added to the November List of the Dead.

DID YOU KNOW? That since 3/6/2015 - 3/10/2019 there have been 369,854 viewers who have watched Mass via our Church Live Stream totalling 153,275 hours. The top 3 viewing countries are the UK, Ireland & USA with 1 viewer from Vatican City!



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Collections 28/29 Sept 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Aug D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £ 710.49 Envelopes- £594.10 D/D £7,222.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 58.00 Envelopes-£0 D/D £920

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 182.11 Envelopes-£ 55 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those
who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry "Oppression!" in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
"Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 94

Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work." (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the
gift that God gave you when I laid my hands
on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity,
but the spirit of power, and love, and self-
control. So you are never to be ashamed of
witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me
for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the
hardships for the sake of the Good News,
relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching
you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been
trusted to look after something precious;
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our
faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the
size of a mustard seed you could say to this
mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in
the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Which of you, with a servant ploughing
or minding sheep, would say to him when
he returned from the fields, 'Come and have
your meal immediately?' Would he not be
more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid;
make yourself tidy and wait on me while I
eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself
afterwards?' Must he be grateful to the
servant for doing what he was told? So with
you: when you have done all you have been
told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we
have done no more than our duty.'"

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we
consume.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD**MERELY SERVANTS?**

(LUKE 17:5-10)

Our Gospel passage today is part of a longer section in which Jesus has already warned his hearers about giving scandal to "any of these little ones" and the punishment which will follow.

Next comes the requirement to forgive a member of the community if the guilty party repents. His teaching up to now can be understood in a general way, applying to everyone: these rather stinging remarks are addressed to the disciples themselves. The first of the sayings which we hear in today's Gospel section comes with the apostles asking Jesus to "increase our faith": Jesus' reply suggests that they do not have any faith at all or it would be shown in their lives through power.

These three demands – not giving scandal, forgiving others, and having faith – are the minimum requirements for life in the kingdom: these are the basic conditions, so disciples should not expect thanks or a reward for doing what they have been commanded. Luke actually uses the word "slave": a slave has no rights or meaningful relationship with the person usually described as his or her owner. Jesus is not condoning this social structure but using it to make the point that his disciples should not regard living by his teaching as something to be proud of or anything to boast about. It is a duty, and all are "merely servants". ■

LEARN

The Church is essentially the people of God.

Baptism is the fundamental sacrament: through baptism we are all members of a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

The first vocation for all the members of the people of God is to be a disciple of Jesus: how we live out that calling depends on the individual. No way of living out Christian discipleship is essentially better or higher than any other.

REFLECT

It is interesting that Luke presents Jesus here as speaking to "the apostles" rather than the disciples. It is true that this teaching applies to all the followers of Jesus, but it is, nonetheless, directed specifically at the inner circle of twelve specially chosen individuals. There is always a temptation for members of an inner circle to see themselves as somehow apart from the general group and perhaps in some way above the other members. There are warnings in the Gospel about allowing structures from civil society to take root in the community of disciples and about the danger of office-bearers and teachers being given titles and other special marks of respect. The emphasis is that all disciples of Jesus are sisters and brothers, and to exercise authority is to be the servant of all.

The fact that Jesus' comment about being "merely servants" is addressed to the apostles could be something worth pondering today. The Church is the people of God. It does not consist of the clergy alone, and not the "higher clergy" at that. When the press condemns "the Church" for the scandals and cover-ups of recent years, it should really be talking about those who hold positions of authority among the people of God. Members, lay and ordained, who celebrate the Eucharist and try faithfully to live out the Gospel teachings of Jesus in their daily lives are not those who bear the greatest responsibility for the appalling crimes, abuses of power and cover-ups which have come to light. To ask lay members to pray and to do penance could seem like trying to spread the responsibility – and blame. ■

DO

Make the sign of the cross with holy water and renew your baptismal commitment to Jesus. Pray for the leaders within the people of God.

SAY

I am doing no more than my duty as a disciple of Jesus.