



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 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

Monday 14th October - St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Alice Garrett RIP

5pm - Vigil - Raymond John Asser RIP

Tuesday 15th October - St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

10am Requiem Mass - Raymond John Asser RIP

Wednesday 16th October - St Hedwig, Religious

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Sarah and Gareth Edwards Marriage Intention

Thursday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Those who are troubled

6.30pm - Thanksgiving Mass Alison Gornall

Friday 18th October - St Luke, Evangelist

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am - Benefactors of the Secular Clergy Common Fund

Saturday 19th October - St John de Brébeuf & St Isaac Jogues,

Priests and Companions

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Mary Goodwin RIP

Sunday 20th October 2019 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - World Mission Day

11am Mass - Ray Asser RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Noah Oliver Tingey

6pm Mass - People of the Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - Marie Murphy RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

PARISH AGM - will be on Sunday, 17th November at 7pm in WCC
RCIA - The next session on Monday 21st October 2019 at 8pm in the WCC will discuss the following, 'The Kerygma: Creation, the Fall, The History of Salvation'

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.

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/> or email youth@rcdow.org.uk

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next weekend. Collection envelopes are available at the back of the Church

FREE CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - Thank you to everyone who has participated in our CPR and Defibrillator awareness training sessions so far. The next 2 sessions will be on Thursday 24th October at 9.30am after school drop off (No Mass on this day) and also 4pm in the WCC and will last approx. 1 ½ hours. There will be 10 places available on each session. 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 johnabrotherton@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.

PENNY COLLECTION - The winter night shelter at Holy Trinity opens its doors again on 27th November for its fifth year. It provides 12 beds for the homeless but needs to raise funds to provide more. Please help by putting your pennies and pounds in the labelled jar at the back of the Church at weekend Masses. Our total for this year currently stands at £515.50

MHR100 CLUB subscriptions are now due for the Nov-19 to Oct-20 year. Please see poster at back of MHR for more details. Open to all parishioners (not just MHR!) therefore please contact the Parish Office if you are not at MHR and would like to join. £12 per number per year (you can have as many numbers as you want!!) with monthly prizes of £30 and £15, and bonus prizes at Christmas & Easter.

TALKS SERIES - How to defend your faith without raising your voice. Most of us have been challenged at some point to speak about or defend our faith. This could have been whilst in the pub, on a chat with our friends or even with other people who go to church. At times, it can be difficult to find the correct words or courage to speak out. To help with this, we will be hosting a series of free talks taking place over five Wednesdays during Advent 20-Nov to 18-Dec at 7pm at St Theresa's in Stansted. To register and for full details please visit: <https://www.sttheresasstansted.org/events>

'The love of our private friends is the only preparatory exercise for the love of all men'

From the writings of St John Henry Newman

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.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND 19-20 October

The theme for the conference is: "Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:8" There are age appropriate streams from nursery to sixth form, fabulous praise and worship, mass both days and some amazing speakers to help you understand more about your faith. More details at:

<https://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans>

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Parishioners at Most Holy Redeemer who have completed a Planned Giving and Talents form. It is much appreciated

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

LOST PROPERTY? - Please check the back of St Joseph's as we have a growing pile of items found after Mass including spectacles, toys, hats and even a pair of gym leggings (!)

THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, 17 October 6.30pm at St Joseph's

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As I complete my cancer treatment, may I invite you to attend a Mass being offered in thanksgiving for the wonderful people who have been involved in supporting me in so many ways and particularly for keeping me in their prayers, keeping my spirits high, and so leaving me to focus on the far simpler task of "just getting better". If you are able, please do come and help me thank God for his goodness in ensuring Nick, Katie, Hannah and I were not left to cope alone physically and spiritually. Alleluia.

Yours, Alison Gornall



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Collections 5/6th October 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Aug D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

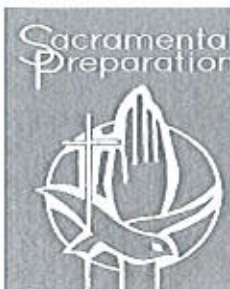
Collection: Loose- £ 832.36 Envelopes- £495.00 D/D £7,222.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 52.35 Envelopes-£10 D/D £920

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 57.50 Envelopes-£ 61 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings.
Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha
had told him to do. And his flesh became
clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort,
he went in and stood before him. "Now I
know" he said "that there is no God in all the
earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept
a present from your servant." But Elisha
replied, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I
will accept nothing." Naaman pressed him
to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman
said, "Since your answer is 'No,' allow your
servant to be given as much earth as two
mules may carry, because your servant will
no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any
god except the Lord."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 97

Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the
nations.

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)

- 2 The Lord has made known his salvation:
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)

- 3 All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

Remember the Good News that I carry,
"Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung
from the race of David"; it is on account of
this that I have my own hardships to bear,
even to being chained like a criminal – but
they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it
all for the sake of those who are chosen, so
that in the end they may have the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory
that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled
along the border between Samaria and
Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten
lepers came to meet him. They stood some
way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master!
Take pity on us." When he saw them he said,
"Go and show yourselves to the priests."
Now as they were going away they were
cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them
turned back praising God at the top of his
voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made
clean? The other nine, where are they? It
seems that no one has come back to give
praise to God, except this foreigner." And he
said to the man, "Stand up and go on your
way. Your faith has saved you."

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, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and
Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

13 OCTOBER 2019 Sunday Message 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 4



Fresco in church in Parma, Italy, depicting Jesus healing the ten lepers

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem continues southwards towards the hostile region of Samaria. Pilgrims on the way to the Holy City often encountered difficulties from the Samaritans, who had been the enemies of the Jewish people for more than 500 years.

For the second time, Luke presents a Samaritan in a positive light. Out of ten lepers healed by Jesus, only this one, whom Jesus describes as a "foreigner", comes back to thank Jesus for his cure.

The miracle stories of Jesus have a more profound meaning than simply the restoring of the person to physical health. They are symbolic of the healing of the whole person, of Jesus' meeting the deepest needs of the person. One of the consequences for people suffering from leprosy was that they were isolated physically from everyone else: they had to live apart and could take no part in the social and religious life of the local community. So by curing their bodily ailment, Jesus was restoring the individuals to full membership of the nation. The miracles are works of power, through which the kingdom breaks through into situations where human life is restricted or endangered in any way. Praise of God is the appropriate response to any such intervention. The irony in the story today is that the nine, presumably Jewish, other characters, fail even to show gratitude to Jesus for delivering them from their condition and their isolation. Only the representative of Israel's long-standing enemy since the return from exile in Babylon shows proper respect and gratitude to the God of Israel and to Jesus. ■

REFLECT

The term "leprosy" covered a wide variety of skin complaints, ranging from the highly infectious disease which wasted the person's flesh at one extreme to conditions such as dandruff at the other. When there was a perceived possibility of infection, the immediate reaction was to put a blanket ban on everyone who was affected, so that the general population would be safe. The person was effectively excommunicated from the community.

In less sensitive times, it was common to speak of treating certain people as lepers. This could apply to those who, for one reason or another, found themselves in a moral situation which was less than ideal: other people who used to be their friends now avoided them out of fear of being regarded as guilty by association. Those who found themselves in an irregular marriage situation were, and sometimes still are, told that they are not welcome at the Eucharist. But it was precisely because he mixed with

SAY

Praise the Lord!

DO

Look and listen to the people around you in the street: is there any type of person who automatically provokes a negative reaction? How would you feel if they acted towards you as Luke's Good Samaritan did?

**LEARN**

The term "leprosy" was used in biblical times to describe any skin complaint: it did not always refer to a serious or contagious condition.

Luke presents the Samaritan in an unexpectedly positive light, as he also does in the parable of the Good Samaritan: in this way, he is challenging us to rethink our prejudices and our stereotypes of other people.

The miracles of Jesus are described as "acts of power", God's kingdom breaking into human life to put things right.

women and men who were regarded by the religiously correct figures as not reputable that Jesus found himself in trouble and the object of criticism. Pope Francis is fond of saying that the Eucharist is not a reward for being a good Christian, but a healing remedy and a means to becoming a good Christian. Do people who feel their need of the Church find in our parishes a welcome, or do they experience being treated like lepers? ■