



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 27th October 2019 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - James Strang RIP

11am Mass - Michael Hanley RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Freddie and Oliver Redding

6pm Mass - Nora's Mum RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - Catherine Foley RIP

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

11.15am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 28th October - St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Jeannette Mills RIP

Tuesday 29th October - Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Eduardo Braz RIP

Wednesday 30th October - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Ray Asser RIP

Thursday 31st October - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Marzina Manfra RIP

Friday 1st November - All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am - People of the Parish

7.30pm - People of the Parish

Saturday 2nd November - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

10am Mass - The Faithful Departed

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - David Horgan RIP

Sunday 3rd November 2019 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Jan Boruch RIP

11am Mass - Mary Ryan RIP

12.30pm Baptism - Nathaniel Alexandru Stephenson

6pm Mass - Ollie's 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 the Parish

GLOBAL HEALING - on Sunday 27th Oct, 3.30-5.00pm at Church of Sacred Heart & St Joseph, Ware, a DVD presentation and discussion on Pope Francis' call for Catholics to be more aware of how we care for Creation with the Justice and Peace Group. All welcome
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.

HYMN BOOKS & BRICKS - St Joseph's Parishioners Sophie and Mike Sullivan along with their Children emigrated to Zimbabwe in 2016 but will be coming back to the UK for a visit this month. They hope to come to Mass and catch up with everyone on **Sun 10th Nov, Sun 24th Nov, Sun 1st Dec, Sun 29th Dec**. Life in Zimbabwe is very different from that in Bishop's Stortford and there are many hardships. Mike and Sophie are trying to raise money for improvements to 'Petra School' in Bulawayo which includes the building of a changing room for the children (35,000 bricks required + labour costs) and also have a goal to provide at least 100 new Hymn books (£12 each) for their local Catholic Church 'Christ the King'. If you would like to help to 'buy a brick' or a 'Hymn book' it would be very much appreciated. Any donations can be given into the Parish Office, Number 3 Windhill or directly to Sophie & Mike. It would be wonderful for them to be able to go back to Zimbabwe with the funds to make a real difference for something that we all take for granted. Thank you very much

RCIA - The next session on Monday 4th November 2019 at 8pm in the WCC will discuss the following, 'To Love God and Our Neighbour, Natural Law and the Ten Commandments'

PARISH AGM - will be on Sunday, 17th November at 7pm in WCC
ZAMKNIT AND CHAT - Tuesday 29th October from 2pm - 4pm in the Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All are welcome.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR at the St Barnabas Centre, St James the Great, Thorley, on Saturday 9 November 2019 11am - 3.30pm

MEMORIES OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD - Come and share your memories and experiences of our town in the Bishop's Stortford library on Thursday 14th November 10.30am - 12pm. Enjoy refreshments and discover the local studies section. Free event.

HARMONAIRES CONCERT - Sat 9th November 7pm United Reformed Church BS in support of the Catenian Bursary fund.

Tickets £12 & £6 www.theharmonaireschoir.com

See poster in St Joseph's porch or web site for more info..

FREE CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - Thank you to everyone who has participated in our CPR and Defibrillator awareness training sessions so far. The next session will be on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm in the WCC and will last approx. 1 ½ hours. There will be 10 places available on this session. If interested please sign your name on the sheet in the Sacristy. More dates will follow..

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 £558.02

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, a series of free talks take place over five Wednesdays during Advent 20-Nov to 18-Dec at 7pm at St Theresa's in Stansted. To register & Info visit: <https://www.sttheresastansted.org/events>
THANK YOU VERY MUCH to those of you who kindly and selflessly give your time and talents each week to make a real difference in our parish and regularly contribute, from those of you who sing, play music, serve at Mass, Minister, read, clean, make tea, befriend others, visit those who are sick, arrange flowers, count money, work on committees, organise rotas, arrange events, support and teach others, run repositories, host groups, volunteer and much more! Your service is greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you.

DECEASED CLERGY MASS - Thursday 7th November 5:30pm - 6:30pm at Westminster Cathedral.

THANKYOU for your CAFOD donations - £814.29 in total across the parish

"The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man"
 (Parochial and Plain Sermons, V, 5).

From the writings of St John Henry Newman

ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS Days

Nov 1st is ALL SAINTS DAY and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**

- Masses will be at St Joseph's at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

ALL SOULS is Nov 2nd and is not a Holy Day but tradition usually calls for a Mass and the Blessing of Graves.

On ALL SOULS there will be a Mass at St Joseph's at 10am followed by the Blessing of Graves in Bishops Stortford Cemetery. Graves in Sawbridgeworth Cemetery will be blessed that day at 1pm. Graves in the Cemetery at Much Hadham (by St Thomas, Perry Green) will be blessed after the 11.15 Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on Nov 3rd. If you wish a grave to be blessed please make sure you are at the particular Cemetery at the times noted above.

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

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.

NO REFRESHMENTS - Sunday 27th October - Apologies, but due to a large private booking in the WCC from 9am - 4pm, there will be no refreshments served in the WCC this weekend

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY is hosting a Youth Mass on Thursday 21 November at 6:30pm, in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral.

THE HOSPICE SHOP in Bridge Street, Bishop's Stortford is hoping to recruit some more volunteers. If you have some spare time during the week or weekend and would like to see what is involved, please contact Louise Vigus or Jill Vail the shop managers on 01279 659551 or drop in at any time and pay us a visit. You will find us very welcoming
PEACE VIGIL HOLY CROSS at ST ANDREWS - Sunday 27th October at 4pm. everyone in the Parish is encouraged and welcome to attend.

THANKYOU for jointly raising £944.13 for World Mission



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Collections 19th /20th Oct 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Sept D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £ 778.18 Envelopes- £586.00 D/D £7,539.84

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 70.61 Envelopes-£10 D/D £900

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 52.11 Envelopes-£ 35 D/D £783.33



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 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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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 ECCLESIASTICUS 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 32

Response:

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. The Lord turns his face against the
wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.

The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will
save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to the
end; I have run the race to the finish; I have
kept the faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give
to me on that Day; and not only to me but to
all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But the
Lord stood by me and gave me power, so
that through me the whole message might
be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and
so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts
on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer
to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I
pay tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise
his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and
said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This
man, I tell you, went home again at rights
with God; the other did not. For everyone
who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted."

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, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

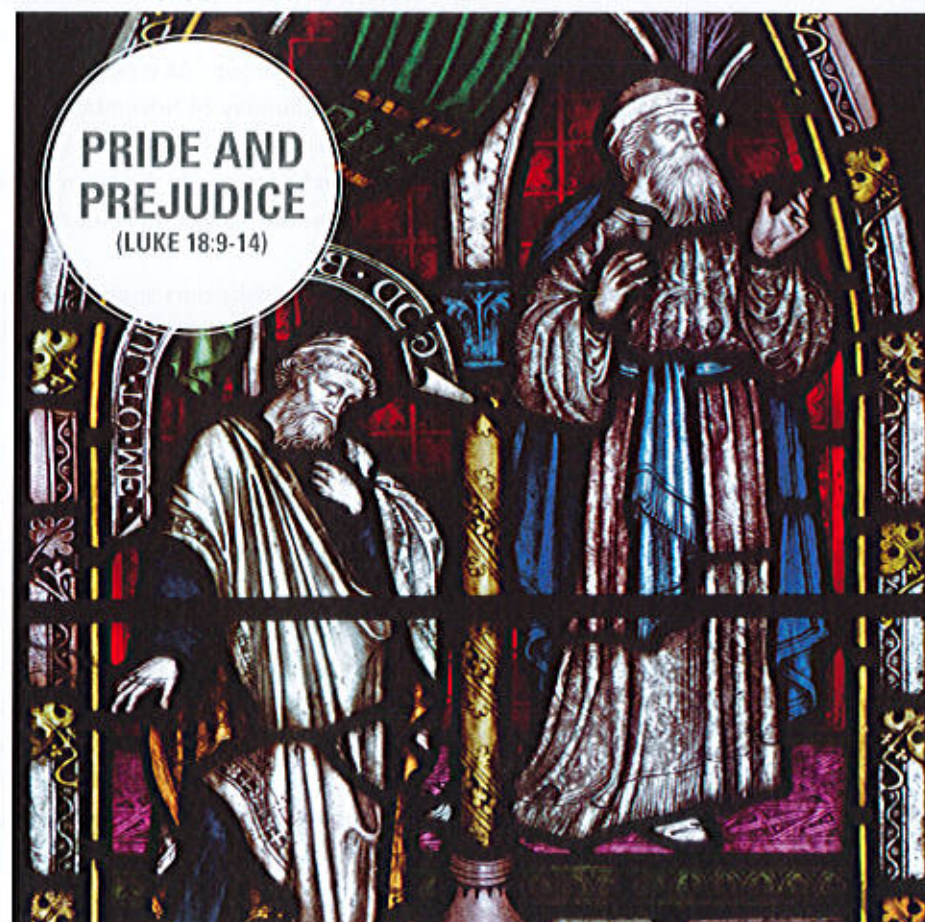
We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 2



The prayers of Pharisees and tax collectors in the Temple, depicted in stained glass in St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington High Street, London

Once more, Luke returns to his comparison between the apparently righteous religious leaders and those on the margins. In one sense, the Pharisee is correct about his behaviour: he has indeed lived up to his obligations.

There is nothing wrong in his reciting his good works: this was part of the prayer of the time. His fault lies in his comparing himself with other people, and in particular the tax collector, to the detriment of the latter. He also makes a sweeping judgement about the moral condition of "the rest of mankind". Jesus presents him as saying his prayer to himself, an ironic comment, if ever there was one. Hence the observation that Jesus' audience prided themselves on being virtuous is even more poignant, because this is a term that Luke applies to very few persons in the Gospel: people like Elizabeth and Zechariah, who are exemplary in their observance of the Law. The Pharisee is just as punctilious in his observance: but this is cancelled out by his judgemental attitude.

The tax collector, on the other hand, is a model of humility. He recognises who and what he really is. He offers no excuses, makes no long speeches, but simply says, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." It is his self-acceptance which justifies him. Luke ends the parable with the message about situations being reversed by God: God will humble those who exalt themselves and God will exalt those who humble themselves. ■

SAY

God, be merciful to me,
a sinner
(Luke 18:13)

DO

Develop your conscious contact with God so
that you are aware of God's presence in your
life throughout the day.

REFLECT

Humility is a word which often
gets a bad press. It is sometimes
identified with humiliation: a
person who has been humiliated does
not necessarily become humble; they
may end up ashamed or resentful.
Humility is sometimes described as
"being right-sized": this suggests that
people have a proper appreciation
of themselves, they acknowledge
their talents, their shortcomings and
accept their limitations. The Pharisee
represents persons who are self-
sufficient, who tell the Lord how good
they are and do not see the need to ask
for the gift of being made righteous:
in their eyes, this is something they
have earned. The tax collector has no
illusions about himself and only asks
for mercy. He receives the gift because
he acknowledges his need of it.

There is a warning for all of us in
this parable. It is always possible for
people who pray and carry out all
their religious obligations to become
complacent about their own situation
and also become judgemental about
others. This can happen without their
being aware of it. Prayer can also
become a self-centred rather than God-
centred exercise, if we fall into the habit
of saying prayers by rote and forget
that it is essentially a conversation
with God: it is a relationship between
God and ourselves. Perhaps we need
to ask ourselves occasionally whether
our devotions are bringing us closer
to God, or whether they have become
simply a habit, an end in themselves.
The Pharisee was doing all the right
things and thought he was close to
God: he was wrong. ■

LEARN

The proper posture for prayer in the Bible is
standing.

Prayer is a relationship with God.

To be humble is to accept ourselves as
we are, with our positive qualities and our
limitations.

