



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 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

Monday 4th November - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Elizabeth Zhagui RIP

Tuesday 5th November - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs
 9.30am Mass - Connie Morris Intention

Wednesday 6th November - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Pauline Mary Waters RIP

Thursday 7th November - St Willibrord, Bishop
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - All those remembered in our November List of the Dead

5pm - Requiem Vigil - Eileen Frances Roche RIP

Friday 8th November - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 10am Requiem Mass - Eileen Frances Roche RIP

Saturday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - John Mc Carthy RIP



Sunday 10th November 2019 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - The Priests of our Diocese
 11am Mass - Those who have died in war and conflict
 6pm Mass - The People of our Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
 9am Mass - Those who have died in war and conflict

Holy Cross (at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Much Hadham):
 11.15am Mass - Those who have died in war and conflict

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.

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. A 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..

BAPTIST CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - Saturday 23rd November 7.15pm for 7.30pm. There is a buffet meal followed by JB Gill (from the band JLS, TV's 'Songs of Praise' and 'Countryfile' giving a talk about his life, career and faith. The tickets are great value at £10 an adult and £5 a Child. Contact: 01279 836 695 or tickets@stortfordbaptist.org. All are welcome.



NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY and the 11am Mass at St Joseph's will be a solemn requiem for the fallen.

At Much Hadham there will be an ecumenical service at their War memorial in the village and at Sawbridgeworth there will be an ecumenical Service at their War memorial near Great St Mary's. The Catholic community will be formally represented at both of these Services.

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 are currently 6 places left on this session. If interested please sign your name on the sheet in the Sacristy.

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 £576.49...

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Friday 29th November - the J&P Group is holding a winter lunch in the Parish Centre, 12 noon onwards. All are welcome from all three of our Churches, details to follow.

PARISH MAGAZINE - Deadline for the next (Christmas) edition is Friday 29th November. Seasonal and non-seasonal items gratefully received; kindly e-mail to astriddavies@hotmail.co.uk or leave in the Parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - The last course of the year with Fr Carlos will be on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the WCC. Please contact the Parish office to register.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS - The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening on Monday 18th November 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Vaughan House, Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN to engage with Catholic teachers and Leaders currently working outside of Catholic education. This occasion is designed to provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic school and an opportunity to meet with current Catholic school leaders. Please register your intention to attend at eduemc@rcdow.org.uk

TRAILBLAZERS, FOR RETIRED MEN OR THOSE NOT IN WORK - meet every first Thursday of the month in the Emmaus Centre at St James' Church. There is a short meeting from 11am-12 noon then lunch in The Harvest Moon. Contact ken.mollison@ntlworld.com for more information.



'The Lord is kind and full of compassion'
 Psalm 144:8

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. At present, 80 priests are receiving support from the fund after years of dedicated service to God and their parishioners. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs such as ensuring they have a suitable place to live, and regular visits from carers when they are sick. Best of all, you'll help give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you very much.

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

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.

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.



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Collections 26th /27th Oct 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Sept D/D
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 Collection: Loose- £ 724.01 Envelopes- £490.90 D/D £7,539.84
Holy Cross
 Collection: Loose- £ 59.00 Envelopes-£10 D/D £900
Most Holy Redeemer:
 Collection: Loose- £ 61.78 Envelopes-£ 50 D/D £783.33



Sacramental Preparation
 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.

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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 and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
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 Wisdom 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a
grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the
ground.
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can
do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can
repent.
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing
of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not
have formed it.
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing
persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?
You spare all things because all things are
yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.
Little by little, therefore, you correct those
who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they
have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust
in you, Lord.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 144

Response:

I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

- I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
- The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 1:11-22

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

We pray continually that our God will make
you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil
all your desires for goodness and complete
all that you have been doing through faith;
because in this way the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you
in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall
all be gathered round him: please do not
get excited too soon or alarmed by any
prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to
come from us, implying that the Day of the
Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.
Jesus entered Jericho and was going through
the town when a man whose name was
Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one
of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy
man. He was anxious to see what kind of
man Jesus was, but he was too short and
could not see him for the crowd; so he ran
ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch
a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way.
When Jesus reached the spot he looked up
and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down.
Hurry, because I must stay at your house
today." And he hurried down and welcomed
him joyfully. They all complained when they
saw what was happening. "He has gone
to stay at a sinner's house" they said. But
Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the
Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my

property to the poor, and if I have cheated
anybody I will pay him back four times the
amount." And Jesus said to him, "Today
salvation has come to this house, because
this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son
of Man has come to seek out and save what
was lost."

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

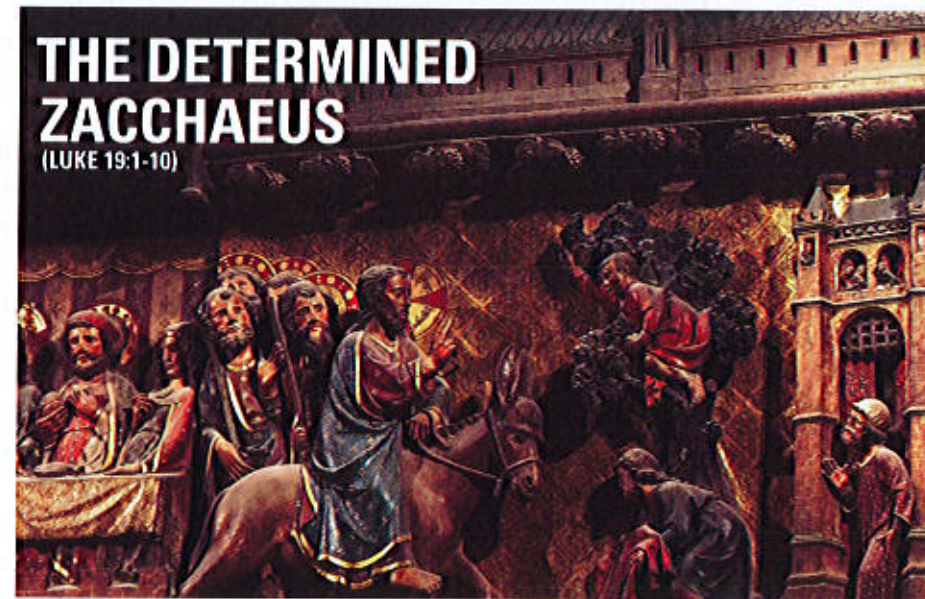
May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly
Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



A carving of Christ and Zacchaeus in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

Zacchaeus is a person with three disadvantages: 1. He is a tax collector, and a senior one at that; 2. He is wealthy; 3. He is short in stature. His great advantage, though, is that he is "anxious" to see Jesus, to find out who exactly he is.

He is so determined to satisfy his curiosity that he is prepared to set aside the dignity of his position to climb a tree in the sight of all the people of Jericho and risk their laughter and scorn. His willingness pays off. Jesus sees him and invites himself to dinner at Zacchaeus' house. Once more we see the significance of sharing a meal, and Zacchaeus responds "joyfully", which in Luke's Gospel is a sign that salvation has been extended and accepted. The tax collector is transformed and promises to distribute his money to the poor and to observe the demands of the Law by paying back to the full if he discovers that he has overcharged anyone.

Of course, the killjoys are at hand to present the other attitude by grumbling about Jesus sharing table-fellowship with "a sinner". This gives Zacchaeus the opportunity to stop in full view of them and declare to Jesus his firm purpose of amendment. Jesus responds by identifying him as a "son of Abraham". The story began with Zacchaeus seeking Jesus: it ends with Zacchaeus being the one sought and found. ■

REFLECT

Jesus has already met another rich and prominent person who reacted in the opposite way to Zacchaeus. In contrast to Zacchaeus, the rich ruler found that he could not accept Jesus' teaching that the price of eternal life was giving away his fortune to the poor. Zacchaeus exhibits joy and spontaneous generosity in the face of Jesus' accepting him because he realises that this means that he is saved. The other person becomes sad, because he cannot bear to part with his possessions. The cost is too high for him.

Poverty is something that we feel should not exist. Luke and the prophets do not romanticise poor people or their plight: they do not say that we should all be destitute. What they do say is that if some individuals are suffering as a result of not having enough while others have more than they need or can use, then this is an injustice and a stain on God's covenant people.

Perhaps we ought to ask if the way in which our society is structured may be sinful. In a lot of teaching and preaching,

SAY

The Lord is kind and full
of compassion
(Psalm 144:8)

LEARN

Jericho is situated about eight miles north
of the Dead Sea and fifteen miles from
Jerusalem.

Jericho was a popular winter resort for
the people of Jerusalem, which was at an
altitude of 2,500 feet, so cold and windy at
that time of the year.

In Luke's Gospel, joy is a sign that the
messianic kingdom is present.

DO

Look up into a tree, especially one by a busy
road: would you be prepared to climb up
it to catch a glimpse of Jesus? What would
you think of someone who would be?

