



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 17th November 2019 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - World Day of the Poor

11am Mass - Those who died in the last year
 12.30pm Baptism - Aoife Juliet Doolan

6pm Mass - Marie Grace and her brother Francis Smith RIP

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)
 9am Mass- Those who died in the last year

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

11.15am Mass - Those who died in the last year
 12.45pm - Baptism- Jack Thomas Akester

Monday 18th November - The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Mary Clark Intention
 3pm Requiem Mass - Mel McNally RIP

Tuesday 19th November - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs
 9.30am Mass - Marie Grace RIP

4-5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - First Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th November - feria
St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
NO MASS

Thursday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - The Faithful Departed

Friday 22nd November - St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9.30am Mass - Patrick Cullinan RIP

Saturday 23rd November - St Clement I, Pope and Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 1.30pm Marriage - Patrick James Hetherington & Rachel Nicole Rosen

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation
 6pm Mass - Patrick Cullinan RIP

Sunday 24th November 2019 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:
 9am Mass - Edward Moon RIP
 11am Mass - Michael Frost RIP

6pm Mass - The People of our Parish

Most Holy Redeemer (Sayesbury Road, Sawbridgeworth)

9am Mass - The Faithful Departed
 9am Baptism - Dolcie Bella Gillard

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

11.15am Mass - The Faithful Departed

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 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 18th November 2019 at 8pm in the WCC will discuss, 'What is in a Church', which includes a tour.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP WINTER LUNCH - Friday 29th November, 12 noon - 1.30pm in the Parish Centre; soup/jacket potatoes/pudding. Donations please for Sophie & Mike Sullivan's appeal for funds for their local school and Church in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. All most welcome.

ADVENT TALKS - How to defend your faith without raising your voice. St Theresa's in Stansted will be hosting a series of free talks over five Advent Wednesdays 20-Nov to 18-Dec at 7pm. See full details on: <https://www.sttheresastansted.org/events>

VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL - HR Admin Assistant, Teacher of Languages (French and Spanish) and Head of Languages Please see www.stmarys.net for more info. Closing date 25/11/19

THE BIBLE SOCIETY is having a coffee morning on Saturday, 23 November at the Methodist Church at 10 am All welcome.

Please keep in your prayers the Children of our Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week and also their Parents, Catechists and our Priests who have prepared them



THE PARISH AGM

is this Sunday 17th November at 7pm in WCC.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - Sunday 17th November 2019, Caritas will be sharing an 'Advent Giving Calendar'. This calendar will follow the concept of a 'reverse' Advent Calendar and give suggestions for items to collect each day to donate to a local foodbank or food poverty project in time for Christmas. See our web site for more info and to download a calendar.

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 £605.63

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.

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

ART AID FOR ZAMBIA AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER - Please return your completed canvas boards by Sunday 24th November. Exhibition and sale will take place on Sunday 1st December after Holy Mass.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS - You are warmly invited to the annual CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at **11am on Wednesday 20 November** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or emailing westminster@cafod.org.uk

NEW STEPS AT ST JOSEPH'S - This week, following a recent health and safety inspection, work has been carried out to repair the much worn stone steps to the side entrance of the Church porch. A significant 'dip' had evolved owing to the sheer number of 'faithful footsteps' welcomed over the threshold during the past 119 years, eventually making the tread unstable. It is however wonderful to think and actually see the physical evidence of so many who have worshipped here before us in the last century. If only the steps could talk, what a wonderful story, that would be!

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE - Applicants for St Joseph's School for **RECEPTION** places in 2020/21 should collect a white 'embossed' application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy or the Parish Office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope please**. The Certificate will then be posted to you. The School deadline is 15/1/2020.

THANKYOU - very much for your contributions towards the 'Sick and Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Together we raised £1237.12

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES - If you have a red Mission box that needs to be emptied please may you kindly leave them in the Sacristy at St Joseph's for the attention of Tessa Nazareth. The last date for collection before banking will be 1 December 2019. Thank you

LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY ST ELIZABETHS - £25,449 £28,501 Full-time, 37.5 hrs per week - This exciting opportunity is for someone who will nurture and strengthen the founding ethos of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege, who, while remaining Trustees, no longer own and manage the day to day running of the Centre. To apply and to find out more information about St Elizabeth's, please visit www.stelizabeths.org.uk or telephone 01279 844524 for an informal discussion regarding the role. Closing date is 9 December 2019.



ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY - Items for Advent & Christmas now in the Repository at back of St Joseph's Church. Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, cribs & lots more. RP's Advent Extra (£2) & Advent Celebrate for 7-12 yrs (£1) are with leaflets by the hymn books. Enquiries: 653713



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Collections 9/10 November 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Oct D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £ 774.19 Envelopes- £559.91 D/D £7,502.34
Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 43.55 Envelopes- £10 D/D £1, 4500

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 52.50 Envelopes- £ 60 D/D £1,141.33



Baptism: Forms and information are available from the Parish Office.

Marriage: enquiries call the Parish Office or email

RCIA: Applications closed

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 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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 Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 97:5-9

Response:
The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

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

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said "when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?"

"Take care not to be deceived," he said "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and, 'The time is near at hand.' Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon." Then he said to them, "Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all on account of my name, but not a hair of

your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

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

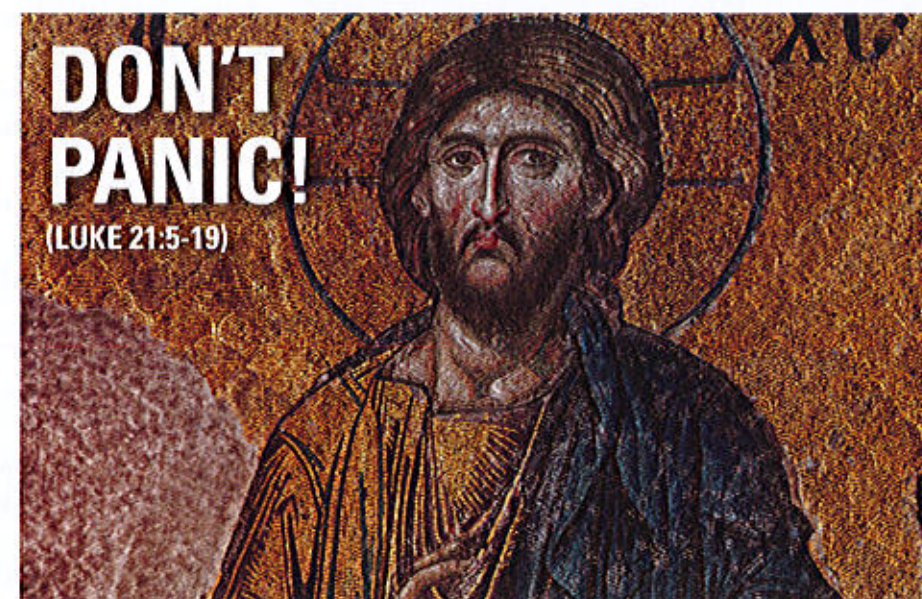
Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Christian mosaic in Hagia Sofia in Istanbul, Turkey

Luke has presented Jesus throughout the Gospel as a prophet. When he reports Jesus as teaching his disciples within the Temple precincts, we might think of the prophet Jeremiah, who found himself in a very vulnerable situation when he preached against the complacency of the people of Jerusalem and their disregard for their responsibilities under the covenant.

This had come about because of their belief that the Lord would never allow the Temple to fall into enemy hands: it did, and Jeremiah's prophetic word was vindicated. Jesus makes a similar prediction, then he goes on to talk about the events which will befall the people of Jerusalem before this takes place. The leaders of the people have rejected the Lord's prophet: now they themselves will be rejected.

Jesus is also speaking about the sufferings and trials of his disciples before the disaster takes place. The clash between the Jewish Christians and the Synagogue will result in persecution, but they should regard being hauled into court as an opportunity to bear witness to what they believe: when this happens, the risen Jesus will inspire them, so they should not rehearse what they will say in their defence. The divisions within families over whether Jesus is the Messiah will lead to disciples being denounced to the authorities by their relatives, but Jesus urges them to stand fast, saying, "Your endurance will win you your lives." They can trust the prophetic word of Jesus: the reader of the Gospel knows that it came true in regard to the Temple; they can rely on it where their own future is concerned. ■

REFLECT

We are drawing near to the end of the Church's year, and it is customary for the Gospel readings to be rather sombre, reflecting on the end of time. The theme is usually that of disasters on an apocalyptic scale. The focus for this teaching of Jesus is indeed normally the end of the world, but Luke has a different point of view. He places these events within human history: by the time he is writing his Gospel, these catastrophes have already happened, but

they will be repeated down through the ages. People will be persecuted for their beliefs: families will be divided, and there will be war and natural disasters.

In recent years, these calamities in our environment have become alarmingly frequent, due to what we term climate change. Insurance companies used to classify such occurrences as "acts of God": we know now that God is not responsible, it is the fault of human

LEARN

The Temple of Solomon was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC, during the lifetime of the prophet Jeremiah.

The Temple begun by Herod the Great was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70: it was never rebuilt.

With the destruction of the Temple, the Sadducees lost their power base and authority: the leadership of the nation passed to the synagogue and the Pharisees, who became known as the rabbis.

SAY

Let the sea and all within it, thunder!
(Psalm 97:7)

DO

The book of Genesis tells us that human beings are to look after and respect the garden, which represents the whole natural environment. See what you can do to put this responsibility into practice.



beings who do not respect the natural world, seeing it only as a resource to be exploited and plundered, with no responsibility to repair the damage done to the fabric of our planet. In this sense, we are bringing disaster upon ourselves, and, as usual, it is the poorest and most vulnerable people who are bearing the brunt. Perhaps a mild dose of panic about the state of the world might be in order. ■