



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 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

Monday 25th November - St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Ray Asser RIP

Tuesday 26th November - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs

9.30am Mass - Nancy Ayley RIP

Wednesday 27th November - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Frank Kelly RIP

Thursday 28th November - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - Geoffrey Bramall RIP

Friday 29th November - feria

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9.30am Mass - The Faithful Departed

Saturday 30th November - St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

5pm-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6pm Mass - Derek Main and his Sister Eileen Main RIP



Sunday 1st December 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

9am Mass - Manuel Pereira Jardim, Wife & Sons intention

11am Mass - Ray Asser RIP

6pm Mass - James Joseph Conroy 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

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.

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. Please contact Jill on 657575 for a lift

RCIA - The next session on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 8pm in the WCC will discuss the Liturgical Year and Preparation for the Rite of Acceptance

FANCY GIVING FREE MONEY TO CHARITY?! If you intend buying Christmas presents online or actually do any other internet shopping (even your weekly shop) perhaps you might consider using The Giving Machine website. If you create an account, which is free, and then access retailers via The Giving Machine page a donation will be given to your nominated charity. There are hundreds of retailers signed up (John Lewis, Amazon, Sainsbury's etc) and many charities that can benefit but please consider nominating Across Stansted as a linked charity. Our Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes travelled with Across at the end of September and this provides an opportunity to support their work ... for free!! Every online transaction via The Giving Machine adds to their funds without it costing you anything.

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

FOODBANK - St. Joseph's will be collecting for the Foodbank throughout Advent until 29th December. Please leave donations as usual at the back of the Church where there is a list of most wanted items. The Foodbank works with the Salvation Army to deliver some 100 Christmas parcels to families in need but needs sufficient time to sort and pack, so for **NEXT WEEKEND ONLY - 30th NOV/1st DEC** - you are welcome to donate Christmas treats, e.g. biscuits, cakes, selection boxes, toiletries. Thank you for your support.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 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 £622.59

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.

ART AID FOR ZAMBIA AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER - The Exhibition and Art sale will take place on Sunday 1st December after Holy Mass.

ZAMKNIT AND CHAT - Tuesday 26th November 2pm - 4pm in MHR Extension. All are welcome.

THE BIG SLEEP NIGHT - Bill O'Neill from Holy Cross is sleeping outside on 7th December to raise money for the homeless. If you would like to help sponsor him please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/hardyhearts>. If Bill raises more than £500 then 50% will go to the main charity and 50% to the Holy Trinity homeless shelter project in Bishop's Stortford.

SUPPORT DALIT CHILDREN by buying your Christmas cards/ gifts from their online shop www.supportingdalitchildren.com. In the Indian caste system the Dalit people are known as 'The Untouchables' and deemed unclean. Dalits perform the jobs that nobody else wants to do. Human right abuses against the Dalits are numerous and go on throughout India. Dalit women suffer the most abuse - mental, physical and sexual. Education is the fundamental key for the Dalit children of today and their future generations by lifting them out of poverty and oppression and this is why the charity supports them by sponsoring education and the boarding costs of as many children as possible.



'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom'
 Luke 23:42

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.

YOU CAN HELP TO HERALD THE CHRISTMAS GOOD NEWS ... by volunteering for a Churches Together Christmas card delivery round (approx. 85 letter boxes). The cards list the Christmas services of all the Stortford churches. Simply go to the St Joseph's information area, choose your round and sign for it on the sheet on the counter top, then take the corresponding map and card pack (lettered A to K).

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

CRISP PACKETS - Holy Trinity Church are collecting empty crisp packets to recycle to raise money for the night shelter. If you would like to help please flatten the empty packet (any brand, but crisp packets only) and take to Holy Trinity directly where they have a collection box. Thanks.

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>

THANKYOU - to everyone who came to the Parish AGM last Sunday.



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Collections 16/17 November 2019 Loose Coin & Envelopes Oct D/D

St Joseph and the English Martyrs:

Collection: Loose- £ 880.06 Envelopes- £727.95 D/D £7,502.34

Holy Cross

Collection: Loose- £ 29 Envelopes- £10 D/D £1,450

Most Holy Redeemer:

Collection: Loose- £ 60.40 Envelopes- £ 8 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

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,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel.
All the tribes of Israel came to David at
Hebron. "Look" they said "we are your own
flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was
our king, it was you who led Israel in all their
exploits; and the Lord said to you, 'You are
the man who shall be shepherd of my people
Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'"
So all the elders of Israel came to the king
at Hebron, and King David made a pact with
them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord,
and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 121

Response:
I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians.

We give thanks to the Father who has made
it possible for you to join the saints and with
them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has
taken us out of the power of darkness and
created a place for us in the kingdom of the
Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our
freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers –
all things were created through him and for
him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of
the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

The people stayed there before the cross
watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they
jeered at him. "He saved others," they said
"let him save himself if he is the Christ of
God, the chosen One." The soldiers mocked
him too, and when they approached to offer
him vinegar they said, "If you are the king of
the Jews, save yourself." Above him there
was an inscription: "This is the King of the
Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there abused
him. "Are you not the Christ?" he said.
"Save yourself and us as well." But the other
spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no
fear of God at all?" he said, "You got the
same sentence as he did, but in our case
we deserved it: we are paying for what we
did. But this man has done nothing wrong.
Jesus," he said "remember me when you
come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise

you," he replied "today you will be with me
in paradise."

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all
nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the
universe,
we may live with him eternally in his
heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sunday Message

24 NOVEMBER 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**THE WORD**

Year C • Psalter Week 2

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF LOVE ON CALVARY

(LUKE 23:35-43)



Today's Gospel passage puts before us what it means for Jesus
to be the "King of the Jews". He is on the cross.

But even now, we see that important themes which have run through Luke's narrative
continue. There is division among the people over Jesus: he is mocked by the soldiers
while the faithful people stand watching. The soldiers and the notice above him on the
cross proclaim him sarcastically as "King of the Jews", but ironically, they are correct.
The soldiers challenge him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself," which
reminds us of the devil's provocative testing, "If you are the Son of God...": will Jesus be
truly the King of the Jews, truly the Son of God, or will he try to avoid his destiny? The
two criminals also reflect the division over the person of Jesus: one repeats the taunt of
the soldiers and includes himself in the possible deliverance, whereas the other accepts
his responsibility for his fate and expresses his faith in Jesus. It is this appeal for mercy
which enables him to be forgiven, and he is promised paradise. In Luke's Gospel, salvation
means the restoring of the people by the forgiveness of sins. Here on the cross, Jesus still
offers forgiveness, even to those who were crucifying him. His death is a perfect summary
of his life. If he is a king, it is certainly not in the normal understanding of the title. ■

REFLECT

Many people say that the third
Gospel, the version according
to Luke, is the one they find
most attractive and meaningful of
the three Synoptic narratives. Jesus
emerges from those pages especially
as a sensitive person who is attentive to
the needs of those whom he encounters.
His exchange with the criminal on the
cross is a moving conversation, which
reveals his ongoing concern for those
individuals who feel themselves rejected
and marginalised by mainstream society.

The feast of Christ the King was
introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Its
full title is "The Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe".
Christ is presented as having universal
authority from God the Father, as St

Paul tells us. This is not a triumphalist
notion, but emphasises the mutual
relationship of all human beings, that
we are all brothers and sisters in God's
family. Christ's rule is not envisaged
simply as being directed at people, but
also over the universe: human beings are
the stewards of creation, of the natural
world, and as such should treat what is
in their care as the Lord intends.

Luke's Christ the King, whom we are
celebrating today, is one who gives
his life for others: who even as he is
dying, still reaches out with forgiveness.
Perhaps if we take the lesson of today's
Gospel and try to show by our own lives
that we accept Jesus' teaching, then the
kingdom may well come on earth, as it is
in heaven. ■

SAY

Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom
(Luke 23:42)

LEARN

The persons crucified with Jesus were
criminals, not thieves.

Death by crucifixion came through the
person suffocating because they could no
longer push themselves up by their legs and
so could not breathe, due to the pressure on
their chest.

Jesus was crucified on a political charge as
King of the Jews, not for a religious offence,
such as claiming to be Son of God.

DO

Look at a crucifix which depicts Jesus as
king: it is the cross which shows what
Jesus being a king really means.

