

Parish Note introducing ' The Carpenter' newsletter starting from this weekend

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Good evening

This weekend, the First Sunday of Lent, we introduce our new A4 printed newsletter, ' The Carpenter' which will be printed on the back of our Mass sheet. For the most recent and up to date information, please do visit our website which will continue to be kept updated.

We will also be launching our 'Contactless' giving machines, making it easier to donate to the parish and pay for all sorts of things including items from the Repository. It will be introduced by Mike Carroll, our Finance Chair, who has kindly agreed to speak at each Mass- Thank you Mike!

It was wonderful to see so many people in the Church for our Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and Fr Antonio and also at our evening Mass celebrated by Fr Peter. Our children from St Joseph's school read beautifully and we were also joined 'on line' by St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic School.

Thank you also to Fr Antonio and everyone who supported the ' World Day of Prayer' today at Most Holy Redeemer which was very well attended and to everyone involved in the organisation of it.

With the situation ongoing in Ukraine, I have attached an emergency appeal poster for you to share please, to help raise much needed funds. Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers and pray for peace. There will be a collection point for medicines, toiletries and hygiene products etc this Saturday 5th March at Most Holy Redeemer in Sawbridgeworth between 10am-4pm . Please do not bring clothes, shoes, duvets, towels or toys. Thank you to Joan for coordinating this. Please see the attached poster giving all details of what is needed.

The parish office will be closed from Monday 7th March until Friday 18th March inclusive. If you have an urgent enquiry please call 01279 654063 and leave a message for Fr Peter or Fr Antonio. The answerphone will be checked daily. As I shall be away there will not be an email sent out containing the newsletter, but this can be found on our website. I will deal with all non urgent enquires upon my return.

Next week we will be launching the new parish census which is long overdue. All information will be on our website and on the second edition of 'The Carpenter'.

I hope that you all have a very happy and healthy week.

Many thanks

Best wishes
Debbie

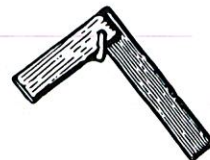
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(Mon- Fri 9am - 3pm)



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the CARPENTER



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The 1st Sunday of Lent

6 March 2022

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris, (Parish Priest)

Fr Antonio Pineda, (Asst Priest)

HELP FOR UKRAINE



CARITAS—for monetary
donations www.caritas.org

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:

by Bank transfer:
AUGB Ltd,
Barclays Bank, 80038237,
20-65-89 ref: HelpUkraine

Through 'GoFundMe'

<https://rb.gy/dcqqcc>

or

by scanning this QR code:



ADORATION & Sacrament of Reconciliation

now every Saturday at
St Joseph's between
3 and 4pm

CONTACTLESS QR code
↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



CARITAS is the worldwide network of Catholic social outreach and our Diocesan branch, Caritas Westminster, has been in touch with us almost every day this last week to keep us in up to date with how best to help the people of Ukraine in their terrible situation. We are encouraged to help above all with money. The money we give can buy more for Refugee Centres in such countries as Poland than we can buy here in the UK (and add all the transport costs too...) so, it does seem best to help with money rather than goods for the moment. If you donate through the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' the Government here will also match pound for pound up to £20 million !

Mike Carroll, the Chair of our Parish Finance Committee will be introducing parishioners to the new contactless giving machines at St Joseph's this weekend. Many of you will already be used to using such machines in shops etc. The main reason we are encouraging this way of giving is that the newly re-opened HSBC branch in Bishop's Stortford (HSBC are the Diocesan bankers) now refuse to bank cash, except as notes and only in small amounts by machine, leaving us to go to the Post Office who also now will not accept more than £250 in coin at any one time !!! Please help us by using our new contactless machines if you can. *At the bottom left hand corner of this newsletter there is a QR code 'parish offerings' that you can also use to make your offering via your mobile phone during the offertory at Mass or at home from any of our 3 Churches!* Baskets will still be passed round.

Dates for your diary

5th March— Volunteering Fair—Westminster Cathedral Hall 12-2pm. Come and see what volunteering opportunities there are at present.

5th March 3-4pm The Rite of Election and Affirmation for our RCIA Candidates at Westminster Cathedral. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

5-March —Cardinal's Lenten Appeal—Please take a collection envelope home this weekend.

7th March, 7-8.30pm Pax Christi – Celebrating Non-Violence and Women Peacemakers: Opportunity to hear about nonviolent peace-making from two women peacemakers: Colette Joyce and Patricia Stoat – about what draws them into peace-work and a chance to respond from our own experience. On Zoom. Register for the link tinyurl.com/c232ymfz

11th March CAFOD Lent Fast Day <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> - Please take an envelope home and donate what you can.

COMING VERY SOON... A New Parish Census.....

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Joseph's School for NURSERY places in 2022/23 should collect a white 'embossed' application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy after Mass or the Parish Office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Antonio's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope, please.** The Certificate will then be posted to you. **The School deadline is 18/3/2022.**



Keeping
a Holy Lent

LENTEN READING - with daily reflections: 'Lent Extra' (£2.50) from Redemptorist Publications is at the back of St Joseph's near to the Repository.

FAITH SHARING RESOURCE
Encountering the Spirit
tinyurl.com/2p8kw8wb