

The Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER



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The 2nd Sunday of Lent

13 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/dcqgcc
or
by scanning this QR code:



ADORATION, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at St Joseph's between 3pm and 4pm



CARITAS continues to accept financial donations for the people of Ukraine and now **CAFOD** have also opened a fund to increase the income - go to their website for further details - www.cafod.org.uk

Many thanks to members of our Most Holy Redeemer congregation at Sawbridgeworth who opened the Church there last weekend to collect items to help people in Ukraine and those fleeing to surrounding countries - a great response from all the local community and arrangements have now been made for the transport of all the things that people gave - and they just kept coming in! Thank you to our volunteers and those from other parts of the community who came and helped so wonderfully!

Vigils for UKRAINE — as well as a Vigil in the Bell St carpark at Sawbridgeworth this Saturday 12th at 6pm, there is also a Vigil in the Market Square in Bishop's Stortford this Sunday 13th at 3pm. All are invited to these Vigils.

CONGRATULATIONS to those members of our Parish who are preparing to be received into the Church and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil this year. Last Saturday they went along with our Catechists and other people from all over the Diocese to Westminster Cathedral for the Rite of Welcome celebrated by Cardinal Vincent. Their first "Scrutiny Mass" will be celebrated at 8.30pm on Tuesday 15th March at St Joseph's, please consider coming and supporting them AND *Please keep them in your prayers*.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day was last Friday—if you still wish to contribute to it, please take one of the special envelopes in our Churches and put it in the Offertory collection basket and we will send it on for you.

WORLD WOMENS DAY OF PRAYER - the Parish was host at Most Holy Redeemer last week to the Sawbridgeworth Churches celebration of the annual World Women's Day of Prayer service. Fr Antonio shared with Rev Simon from Great St Mary's and others. Many thanks to those of our congregations who helped and attended on our behalf.

We launch our new Parish-wide Census this weekend!!

Every few years we need to renew our Parish records through a census, since, sadly, people move away and, very happily, people move in to the Parish!!

Please help us get our records up to date!!

So, please take one of the forms at the back of the Church home with you (you will only need one form for each family) or fill it in right now...

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.



"Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine; It will be you, shining on others through me."

St John Henry Newman