



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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# the CARPENTER

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**Parish Office:** Monday—Friday 9am to 3pm—Administrator, Mrs Debbie Jackson

**Catechetical Co-ordinator**— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 August 2022

## Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

## PRAY FOR UKRAINE



## ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022

1 September—1 November

The relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time.

This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

Individuals and groups are invited to register their attendance on the

Relic tour website

[stbernadette.org.uk/thetour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/thetour/)

*"Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!"*

*"Saint Bernadette, pray for us!"*

*"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"*

Come and join us at  
St Joseph's for **EXPOSITION** of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
and take the opportunity to celebrate  
the **Sacrament of RECONCILIATION**



each Saturday  
with one of our  
priests  
between  
3pm and 4pm

**CONTACTLESS QR code**  
↓ **PARISH OFFERINGS** ↓



**NURSE AND HELPERS REQUIRED**— for our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes with ACROSS (Oct 6-15 2022). Sadly one of the two nurses that were planning to travel with us in October is no longer able to travel, and as such we are in urgent need of a registered nurse to give their time to travel with us in October. It is essential that we have two nurses to enable to pilgrimage to go ahead, and as such, we are happy to pay the costs of the nurse so that they only need to give their time.

Please contact John Wright: [johncharles.wright70@gmail.com](mailto:johncharles.wright70@gmail.com) or 07739 789169 if you are able to help.

Also, we still have places for helpers who are fully able to push wheelchairs to join us on our trip. It is such a rewarding pilgrimage to be able to serve others for just over a week and spend time as a parish family eating, drinking, having fun and praying together!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023**—Application forms will be made available in **September 2022**. Further information will follow in due course.

**PARISH PARENT & BABIES/TODDLERS GROUP**— Majellans is back! After a two- year break, we are finally in a position to be able to restart our wonderful Parents and Babies/ Toddlers group . All parents / Carers with children aged four or below are most welcome. The first session will be on Monday 12 September 2022 from 9:30am-11:30am and then continue every Monday, except for half terms and school holidays throughout the year. We meet in the parish hall of the Windhill Churches Centre (WCC), behind St Joseph's Church. The charge per session will be £1.50 and there is no booking required - just feel free to turn up and stay for as long as you wish! There is NO parking at the WCC . We need plenty of volunteers including parents/parishioners willing to help come early to set up and/or tidy up afterwards and also require assistance in the kitchen, serving teas and coffees and preparing snacks for the children. If you can help (even if not every week), please email Sophie at [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or call Debbie in the office on 01279 654063 and leave your name and number and Sophie will get back to you.

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING**— Saturday 3 September 10am—12 Noon at the Methodist Church, South Street.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**—The next two-part Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 3 & 10 October 2022 via Zoom. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

**FAREWELL**—We send our love, prayers and good wishes to Patrick and Pauline Haynes who will be soon moving away from the parish to pastures new. We thank them for their faithful friendship, service and commitment over the years. We shall miss them lots!

Please remember to complete a Parish Census Form for your household— Thank you very much!

OR preferably you can do it online via our website, it only takes a few minutes..

[www.rcstortford.org.uk/register](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk/register)

## RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme open to married couples of any faith, or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The programme is presented by trained volunteers who themselves have experienced the programme and want to share the benefits they have experienced first-hand in their own relationships. The presenting team on the weekend also includes a priest who has experienced the programme and believes that it has something to offer couples in difficulties. The next Retrouvaille programme begins with a weekend from 13 to 16 October 2022. It will be held online using Zoom and we will be commencing the following programme with a face-to-face weekend from 24 to 26 February 2023 in Welwyn Garden City. Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL

If someone is sick in hospital, please do let us know and ask the staff on the ward, to contact the Hospital Chaplain, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill  
01438- 285138 or 07876-526935;  
Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy  
01279-426017