



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 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/

"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

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CONFIRMATION 2023 – Confirmation is an important step in a Christian's sacramental life. Preparation for it will require participation in a number of sessions and there is an expectation that you will attend Mass on a weekly basis, and commit to a monthly parish duty or responsibility throughout 2023. To register, your date of birth must be on or before 31 August 2007 (i.e., you must be in Year 10 or above). You will need to provide a copy of your Baptism certificate, if not baptised in the parish. The preparation sessions will take place from November 2022 to July 2023 with an introductory meeting for your parents before the October half term (dates to be confirmed). **Application forms will be available in the Sacristy after Mass from 3/4 September 2022. Completed forms to be returned for the attention of Fr Peter before Monday 26 September 2022.**

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – This parish-based programme is for children who will be receiving the sacrament within the Catholic parish of Bishop's Stortford and not elsewhere. It is open to children who will be 8 years old on or before 31 August 2023. Parents are expected to play a vital and active role in their children's preparation. The children's sessions will take place each month from January to July 2023 and there will also be regular meetings for parents (dates to be confirmed). Children are expected to attend each session and Mass every Sunday. To register, you will need to provide a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, if not baptised in the parish. **Application forms will be available in the Sacristy after Mass from 3/4 September 2022. Completed forms are to be returned for the attention of Fr Antonio before Monday 26 September 2022**

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.

ENCOUNTER—New programme for Encounter Group meetings now available from the back of St Joseph's church (leaflets & information area). These monthly meetings are open to all. Talk & discussion from 10.30-12.30pm; shared lunch; ends from 2.00pm. Enquiries: B/S 652060, or 814865

RETURN OF MASS AT HOLY CROSS & MOST HOLY REDEEMER—Next Sunday 4 September 2022 Mass will resume at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross. The Sunday 6pm Mass will also resume at St Joseph's.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2022—Mass at St Joseph's will be at the slightly later time of 10am on Bank holiday Monday. The Parish office will also be closed on this day.

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

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

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