



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 September 2022

## Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

## PRAY FOR UKRAINE



## CONFIRMATION 2023



To register, your date of birth must be on or before 31 August 2008 (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 weekend Masses. Completed forms to be returned for the attention of Fr Peter before Monday 26 September 2022.

## 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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## HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

### A Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II. At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

+ Vincent Nichols

## 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. 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 weekend Masses. Completed forms are to be returned for the attention of Fr Antonio before Monday 26 September 2022

## CELEBRATION CONCERT

with Ware Brass at Andrews Church, Much Hadham on 24 September 7.30pm—10pm. Tickets £15 (Children under 12 free). Contact Boo Williams 01279 842805 or Londis, Much Hadham.

## ZAMKNIT

Tuesday, 13 September, 2pm-4pm in Most Holy Redeemer extension. All are welcome.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday 8 October 2022

10am—12pm

Fr Antonio will be hosting Eucharistic Minister training in the Windhill Churches Centre for those parishioners who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister on Saturday 8 October 2022 10am—12pm. Please do let Father know if you will be attending.