



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

www.rcstortford.org.uk

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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↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



the CARPENTER

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 September 2022

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 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 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.**

GIFT AID IT!— Donations for Mass intentions, Baptism, Weddings and First Holy Communion etc can all be Gift Aided if you are a UK taxpayer. For every £1 donated 25p can be claimed back. Please see our blue Gift Aid envelopes located at the back of the church.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS—25 September 2022. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

www.cbcew.org.uk/wdmr/

ANNUAL MASS COUNT—This weekend is the start of the Diocesan Annual Mass count at all of our churches for four consecutive weekends.

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER YOUTH EVENT 'THE BIG SUMMIT'— Friday 21 October 2022 6pm-8.30pm at Westminster Cathedral for an evening of prayer, Adoration and guest speakers to explore the theme, 'Mary arose and went with haste'. There will be music by One Hope Project, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided meditation and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visit <https://dowym.com/events/the-big-summit/>

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..

St MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21 September 2022
6pm to 8:30pm

Executive Head teacher: Mr P. Neves speaks at 6:00pm and 7:00pm

Please note the Open Evening is a ticketed event,
Visit www.stmarys.net to book your ticket.

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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.