



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



November is the month of
Holy Souls.

We will still have a parish book of Remembrance this year at St Joseph's; however we will also create a page on our website. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones added please do email your list of names to the parish office at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk or alternatively drop a note containing the names of your loved ones through the door of number 3 Windhill. Thank you

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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the CARPENTER

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3 Windhill, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2ND

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 October 2022

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION —Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than 66 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of priests in retirement is set to double. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our parishes, schools, hospices, and hospitals. At this time, they are dependent on the Diocese for their care – for essentials like housing and health needs. These priests have baptised us. They have welcomed us, and our families, into the Church. They have counselled us at times of crisis, sat with us through grief and sorrow, and shared in times of joy. They have given to us all and now, in their old age or sickness, they need us to give back.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. You can take a donation envelope as you leave Church today. Please note that the envelopes and posters also feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, to make donating more succinct. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.

BLESSING OF GRAVES— 1 November is ALL SAINTS DAY and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at St Joseph's at 9.30am and 7.30pm. ALL SOULS is 2 November and is not a Holy Day but tradition usually calls for a Mass and the Blessing of Graves. On ALL SOULS there will be a Mass at St Joseph's at 9.30am followed by the Blessing of Graves in Bishop's Stortford Cemetery. Graves in the Cemetery at Much Hadham (by St Thomas, Perry Green) will be blessed at 12 noon. If you wish a grave to be blessed please make sure you are at the particular Cemetery at the times noted above.

HOLY TRINITY NIGHT SHELTER — opens in November. If you feel you are in a position to help with anything, please contact David Perry via email htnsmanager@outlook.com or call us on 01279 651671.

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 at the back of the church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP — There will be a Novena on the first Tuesday of each month at St Joseph's immediately after the 9.30am Mass starting on Tuesday 1 November 2022. All welcome.

NO REFRESHMENTS — Sunday 6 November— Apologies, but owing to a private booking in the WCC next weekend, there will be no refreshments served after the 9am or 11am Mass.

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..

VACANCIES AT ACROSS

FULL TIME PILGRIMAGE ADMINISTRATOR (Paid role)

based at head office Stansted Airport business park, overseeing the co-ordination of pilgrimage planning, all admin required for travellers and supporters, as well as day -to-day operational activity of the charity, a key point of contact for pilgrims and group organisers.

CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES (Voluntary role)

Board meetings take place 4-6 times a year usually a weekday evening for 2-3 hours, there may be the need to provide admin support to sub-committee meetings, largely held virtually with In-person meetings once or twice a year.

Visit: www.across.org.uk/jobs-at-across

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in 2023 /24 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 be posted to you. The school deadline is 15 January 2023