



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 October 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**  
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**WORLD HOMELESS DAY** — Monday 10 October is World Homeless Day

**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](mailto:htnsmanager@outlook.com) or call us on 01279 651671.

**PRISONERS SUNDAY** — This Sunday is Prisoners Sunday. Please keep all prisoners and their families in your prayers. <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-Sunday>.

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT**—This weekend is the final Diocesan Annual Mass count.

**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/>

**SPONSORSHIP**— David Richardson will be doing a 1.5 K sponsored swim for Alzheimer's Society at Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre on Tuesday 8 November 2022 at 11am <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/iamorganisingmyownswim2022-davidrichardson>

**OFFICE CLOSURE**—Debbie is on her 'summer holiday' from Wednesday 5 October - Monday 17 October inclusive. Please contact Fr Peter or Fr Antonio if your enquiry is urgent. All non-urgent enquiries will be dealt with upon her return.

**OPEN MORNING** — at The Christian School (Takeley) is on Saturday 15 October from 10am-1pm. This school is particularly suited to pupils aged 7-16 who thrive in a small, nurturing setting.

**ROOM REQUIRED**— for a Catholic male teacher, 3 evenings a week, term time only from January 2023 onwards. Please contact the office for further details.

**THE REPOSITORY**— Thank you to Ann and Jenny who have already started to prepare the Repository for the early arrival of Christmas stock.

**ST BERNADETTE RELIC**—Monday 17 October 2022 - Tuesday 18 October 2022, 1:00pm - 8:15am at St Joseph R C Church, Bedwell Cres, Stevenage SG1 1NJ. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/2542-2/>

**FEED YOUR FAMILY ON A BUDGET**— A free master class on 26 October 6pm – 7pm [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/404711562177](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/404711562177)

*'Remember those in prison as though you were bound with them'. Hebrews 13:3*

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..

## STAY SAFE, STAY WARM

Stay safe and warm this winter with FREE of charge electric blanket and portable heater testing run by Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards and Fire & Rescue Services.

Testing will take place on Monday 17 October 2022 at Bishop's Stortford Library, The Causeway, CM23 2EJ 10am—5pm

To book a slot for testing please call 01707 292429.  
You can also attend without an appointment on a first come first served basis

## 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