



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



HELP NEEDED!

A lorry is going to Ukraine very soon and donations of dried and tinned food, candles, torches with batteries have been requested. If you can help please drop the items at the back of St Joseph's church.

DEADLINE: end

Sunday, 27th November

Also NEW pants and socks for MEN are needed for asylum seekers in our area who have been awaiting processing for more than a year. Again please drop items into the back of the St Joseph's church.

DEADLINE: end

Sunday 11th December.

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

20 November 2022

HOLY HOUR AT ADVENT— As part of our Advent observation, there will be a Holy Hour every Wednesday evening of Advent, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St Joseph's. As well as the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Hour will include Benediction and readings to encourage reflection and meditation. Spending an hour in front of the Real Presence is a wonderful way to invite baby Jesus into your lives so do come! The first Advent Holy Hour is on 30 November.

FOOD WITH FRIENDS— The Community Church is working on a new initiative that involves sharing food with anyone who would like to come along. The aim is to connect with friends but also with people who might otherwise not get a hot meal or who are lonely. Free home cooked food is served every Tuesday evening at the Charis Centre 6pm-7pm. Bookings need to be made by 6pm on Monday via email: office@ccbs.org.uk or message by text or WhatsApp to 07597360079. <https://rcstortford.org.uk/2022/11/04/food-with-friends>

VINNIE PACKS— The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Packs can be sponsored at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04**, account no. **4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support.

GOVERNORS REQUIRED AT ST ELIZABETH'S —If anyone wishes to be considered as a prospective Governor of St Elizabeth's School or St Elizabeth's College, please contact Bishop Paul McAleenan via email paulmcaleenan@rcdow.org.uk More information about St Elizabeth's centre can be found on their website: www.stelizabeths.org.uk

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR— Saturday 19 November 9.30am—1.30pm Water Lane URC. Coffee & cake, raffle, craft, gifts, books, bric-a-brac. Proceeds to be donated to Isabel Hospice, Pakistan flood appeal and United Reform Church

HOLLY FAIR— Saturday 3 December 10am—12.30pm St Michael's Church in the WCC. Seasonal and craft stalls, homemade produce, raffles, children's activities, mulled wine & mince pies

CHRISTMAS FAIR— Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church Saturday 3 December 10am—4pm. Christian books and cards, craft stalls, Teddy Tombola, cakes, pies & preserves.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR THE FOODBANK— Items can be dropped off at the Food Bank or outside Sainsbury's, Jackson Square on Saturday 26 November. The list of items can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/bsfoodbank/>

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

ADVENT TALK AT HOLY CROSS

On Saturday 3 December 2022 at 12 noon there will be an Advent talk at Holy Cross at St Andrew's in Much Hadham. The speaker will be the well known writer, broadcaster, theologian, academic, retreat giver and spiritual director, Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ. She last spoke at the church in 2019 and made a considerable impression. Her podcasts are also well worth looking out for. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

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