



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



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.

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

1st Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

FR ANTONIO— Please keep Fr Antonio in your prayers as he embarks upon his Retreat in Rome from this weekend and also Fr Harry, who we welcome back for Mass on Sunday.

THE GIVING TREE—As we begin Advent, it's that time of year where we start to turn our minds towards Christmas preparations. In these difficult economic times we kindly ask if you could offer your support to the "Giving Tree", our annual charitable endeavour to gift the children and families of the St Francis Family Centre in Poplar, East London, with presents they would otherwise ill-afford. Please see the news section of our website for all details: <https://rcstortford.org.uk/2022/11/22/support-the-giving-tree-2022/> Thank you

RESONATE— is Westminster Youth Ministry's primary event for young adult Catholics aged 18-35, looking to explore and learn more about their faith. There will be a guest speaker Therese Withers on Thursday 15 December 7pm–9pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis street, London.

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

HOLLY FAIR—Saturday 3 December 10am—12.30pm 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. **NEW UNDERPANTS 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. The deadline is Sunday 11 December

ST ELIZABETH'S REFLECTIONS SERVICE —Sunday 27 November 2022 4pm. The season of Advent, marks a period for quiet contemplation and spiritual preparation in advance of the joyous celebrations to come. The readings and music at our popular Reflections Service provide a peaceful setting and opportunity to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas whilst giving thanks for the lives and memories of loved ones who, for whatever reason, will not be here to share the Christmas celebrations. Everyone is welcome to come along to this beautiful service in St Elizabeth's Chapel.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING — Jackson Square on Friday 16 December 4pm–6pm at the top of the traveller. Money will be collected for YMCA and BS Child Contact Centre.

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