



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.

If you would like the names of
your deceased loved ones added
to our book of Remembrance
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.
The link to view our online book
on the website is
rcstortford.org.uk/list2022

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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the CARPENTER

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 November 2022

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION —Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests.

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.

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

ZAMKNIT - at Most Holy Redeemer, Tuesday 15 November 2pm —4pm. All welcome.

BABY LOSS SUPPORT SERVICE—On 27 November at 3.30pm in Westminster Central Hall will be a 'Saying Goodbye Service'. So who is the service for? Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. They have extended the services and also gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons —but all are welcome.

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..

**ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY
ADVENT TALK AT HOLY CROSS**

On Saturday 3 December 2022 at 12noon there will be an Advent talk at Holy Cross at St Andrews 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 watching.

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