



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!

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

11 December 2022

WEDNESDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS— Thank you to Alison and Fiona who have been kindly hosting the refreshments after each Wednesday morning Mass. We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday 14 December we shall also be joined by pupils from St Joseph's Catholic school, in the Windhill Churches Centre who will be singing some Christmas carols. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING — Jackson Square on Friday 16 December 4pm-6pm at the top of the traveller to raise funds for YMCA and BS Child Contact Centre.
YOUTH NIGHT— Friday 16 Dec, 6.30-8.30pm in the Windhill Churches Centre. December's Youth Night is a Meditation Night. We will be experiencing a relaxing and ancient form of guided Christian meditation, where we focus on one of the stories of the Bible and use our imagination to pray. Before the prayer time, there'll be some Advent Craft and, also, a short video to prepare us for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Snacks and drinks will be available. Do remember, our Youth Nights are for all those of secondary school age. So everyone from school years 7-13 are welcome. Anyone of a younger age will have to wait their turn! Please also be aware, when your parent drops you off, there'll be a short permission form to fill in. We do need to ensure that an adult responsible for you knows where you are! All the details, along with feedback from the last youth night are available in the "news" section of our website

<https://rcstortford.org.uk/2022/11/30/rcstortford-youth-nights-come-and-see/>

HERTS HELP— We all need a little support from time to time. We're here for you this winter with a dedicated advice and support for those in need. Please get in touch with HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY— Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE introductory offer by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

THE HOLY TRINITY NIGHT SHELTER — is looking for volunteers for overnight and evening. Overnight is 9.45pm - 7.30am and Evening is 7pm - 10pm. With the coming cold weather, a big surge in demand is expected. Anyone new will always be with at least one volunteer who knows the systems etc. If interested, please contact via email Dave Perry on htnsmanager@outlook.com

THANK YOU— to everyone who came to Holy Cross last Saturday for the Advent talk with Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ and to everyone who helped to organise the event and provided refreshments.

"Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us...."

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

HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

People may face new risks as they try to heat their homes differently to save on gas and electric bills. Herts Fire & Rescue are offering free Safe and Well visits for those who most need them. If you have concerns about an older or vulnerable person, you can take a self-check questionnaire for them and book a Safe and Well visit through the system. Risks to look out for include smoking in bed, hoarding, and lack of working smoke alarms.

Take the self-check questionnaire at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/homefiresafetyvisit If you don't have internet access, you can enquire about booking a visit by calling 0300 123 4046.

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**