



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022

WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU—to Bishop Paul McAleenan who joins us to celebrate our Sunday 6pm Mass

THANK YOU— to the pupils of St Joseph's school, their parents and teachers who sang carols so beautifully to entertain our parishioners (and also provided cake!) on Wednesday.

HERTS HELP— We all need a little support from time to time. For dedicated advice and support for those in need call 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. The overnight shift is 9.45pm - 7.30am and Evening is 7pm - 10pm. With the 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

CLOSURE OF THE PARISH OFFICE — The parish office will be closed on Monday 26 December 2022—Monday 2 January 2023 inclusive.

COMPANY AT CHRISTMAS INVITATION— As many of you know, Company at Christmas has been held at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church for many years. There will be some 90 guests who will be given a free lunch, entertainment and tea throughout the afternoon of Christmas Day. This year, the entertainment will be held in the church itself (34B South St, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AZ). As well as other guest performers, Miguel Olivares-Alvares will perform songs by Michael Bubl , including one or two singalong items! They would like to invite any church members, their friends and connections to come to the entertainment part of the afternoon from 2.40pm – 3.50pm (free of charge!) This will include the King's Christmas Speech at 3pm

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL PRESENTS —'A Christmas Celebration', two ever-popular evenings of music and readings for Christmas. Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 December 2022 - 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm). The annual concert celebrates the mystery of Christ's incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and much-loved celebrity readers. The event in aid of the work and ministry of the Cathedral is a highlight of the festive season and not to be missed. Tickets are on sale now. <https://tinyurl.com/mry6nsvs>

"Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory"

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**