



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



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

CONTACTLESS QR code
↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



the CARPENTER

Tel: 01279 654063 | Email: bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk

3 Windhill, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2ND

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

2nd Sunday of Advent

4 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.

THANK YOU — to everyone who kindly donated items to our appeal for Ukraine. They have now been loaded onto the lorry and are on their way to Kyiv.

NEW PANTS AND SOCKS— for MEN are needed for asylum seekers in our area who have been awaiting processing for more than a year. Please drop items into the back of St Joseph's church. The deadline is Sunday 11 December

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.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY!—*A Family Christmas Concert in aid of Shelter*. Saturday 10 December 11am at St. Michael's Church. Enjoy a family friendly, whistle-stop tour of many of your favourite carols and Christmas songs. Plenty of audience sing-alongs, together with jingle bells, this will get you into the real spirit of Christmas. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children www.theharmoniareschoir.com or buy on the door.

THE FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL — are raising funds towards the cost of replacing the sanctuary floodlighting in Westminster Cathedral. The present floodlighting is very old and replacement parts are not available, also it uses a great deal of power generating a huge output of heat. A new system would be easily maintained and save electricity. There is a unique opportunity to do this through The Big Give where donations made online after 12:00 noon, Tuesday 29 November 2022 to 12:00 noon, Tuesday 6 December 2022 are matched by generous matched funders. A donation of £100 would contribute £200 or £225 for taxpayers agreeing to gift aid their donation. Please use the link below to give online. <https://tinyurl.com/FriendsBG22>

CAN YOU HELP IN SOME MARKET RESEARCH? — This year is the 10th anniversary of Caritas Westminster, the social action arm of the Diocese. We are inviting anyone who would be interested to be part of a focus group happening in the coming fortnight to get in touch. There are two Zoom focus groups to choose from: Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December from 6.30-7.45pm. Your opinion would be very helpful. If you would like to take part, please email Julie Christie-Webb, Caritas Fundraising Manager, to register, at juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk

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

ENCOUNTER

meet next Friday 9 Dec at St Joseph's WCC .
**Prayer & reflection on Sunday's readings, followed by
a shared 'Advent Lunch'**
11am coffee 12.30pm Shared lunch.
Please bring finger food to share.
2pm day ends.

All welcome for all or part of the day.
Enquiries: B/S 652060/ 656482

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