



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On Saturday February 11 2023, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. Please contact the office if you wish to be anointed as booking is required.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be an ecumenical service at Holy Cross on Thursday 26 January 2023 at 7pm with Fr Peter and Revd. Dr Steve Bate. All are welcome.

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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SERVICE OF VESPERS — On Tuesday, 24 January 2023, at 5pm there will be a service of Vespers in the Cathedral to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. All are welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 'Superheroes' 7-11 August 2023—We need you to be a tent leader! Will you be a superhero and help the children of our town learn about Jesus and His love for us? You don't have to be an expert because we have people willing and able to help you lead a fun and exciting week for the children. You won't be alone in the tent. All you need is an openness to let God use you to help the children have a great time during this super week! Please contact: davidholidaybibleweek@gmail.com

CELEBRATE— Would you like help to share your faith with your baby or toddler? Join in an online CELEBRATE Parenting for Faith course for 5 weeks starting 8pm 23 February on Thursday evenings, with bitesize sessions lasting around 45 minutes. The goal of the course is to help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him. For more info see www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE CHORISTER FAMILIES—Westminster Cathedral Choir School warmly welcomes families interested in chorister places for boys currently in Years 2, 3 or 4, for an open morning on Sunday 5 February from 10am to 12noon. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in the world-famous choir, and to join a world-class school for boys age 4 – 13, with up to 100% off fees on a means-tested basis. Interested families are invited to contact Lucy Auger to register for open morning. Call 020 7798 9081 or email lauger@choirschool.com or visit www.choirschool.com for info.

SAVE THE DATE—The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13 May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Further information will follow soon from the Diocesan Co-ordinator for Marriage and Family Life, Deacon Roger Carr-Jones.

RCSTORTFORD YOUTH NIGHTS—Our rcstortford youth nights continue this January with a movie night on Friday 27 January 6.30-8.30pm and we will meet in the parish centre, behind St Joseph's Church. The movie showing will be "Evan Almighty" and hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own pillow, blanket or beanbag to watch with. All young people of secondary school age (school yrs 7-13) are most welcome. Bring a friend! The following month's youth night will be an Adoration prayer & pizza night on Friday 24 February 2023.

UNDER 18 MARRIAGES— From Monday 27 February 2023 it will be illegal for people in the United Kingdom under the age of 18 to marry.

NEW YEAR! NEW CHARITY GOLF DAY! FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

Venue - Bishop's Stortford Golf Club



New Golfers welcome! Dedicated 'repeaters' will be contacted soon with further info. If you are new and would like to take part please talk to Bertie Napier, David Wilkinson, Ben Livermore or

Angela Tyson (who is a 11 am Choir member, on 07940 584225)

Order of the day will start around lunchtime with:-

Coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes golf, Two course evening dinner and distribution of prizes! Cost to be confirmed but around £75 each.