



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 February 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



ADVANCING A CULTURE OF- SAFEGUARDING

The Church has a responsibility to ensure all those who undertake work in the name of the Church are adequately trained in safeguarding matters.

The EduCare E-learning program is available to **ALL** members of the Catholic community, **free of charge**.

To access this training & register your interest please email:
safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Your email should contain your name, the name of your parish, and your role, i.e. volunteer/ Parishioner).

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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CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL — CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE— Applicants for St Joseph's School for **NURSERY** 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 10 March 2023.

THE BIG LENT WALK— 22 February (Ash Wednesday to Easter): CAFOD - Walk 200 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Find out more from **CAFOD** tinyurl.com/wa8pfe4k

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

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

RESTORED LIVES — 5-session workshop online. RL provide workshops to support for teenagers & young adults when their parents separate: 12-18 yrs Wednesday 1 March 2023 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ; 18 – 30 yrs Wednesday 1st March 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm go to <https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES — **21- 28 July 2023**. Call Elizabeth in the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173 or visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> to register your interest.

DONATION ENVELOPES - If you no longer wish to donate to the Church using weekly donation envelopes, please let the office know ASAP, particularly if you have changed to a standing order, or the DONA machine so that we do not buy another yearly set for you.

ADORATION, PRAYER AND PIZZA NIGHT

Friday, 24 February 2023 from 6.30-8.30pm

We invite all young people of secondary age (school Years 7-13) to join us for another of our monthly youth evenings, aimed at building community and growing in faith together. After gathering in the parish centre, we will head over to the church to experience a special type of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, before going back over to enjoy pizza and chat.

This month, we ask that you give a contribution of £2 towards the pizza. This is something you can just bring with you on the night.

If you plan to come and have any specific dietary requirements, please do let us know in advance, by contacting Sophie (bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or calling Debbie in the office (on 01279 654063)