



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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On Saturday 11 February 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.

JIGSAW FESTIVAL

Saturday 18 Feb 10am–4pm
Methodist Church B/Stortford
Entry: £2 including coffee
Free entry for children

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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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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CONCERT —16 February 7.30pm Music from the London Welsh Male Voice Choir and supported by Irish trio "The Priests". Westminster Cathedral. Tickets from £20. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/westminster-concert2023

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.

ZAMKNIT AND CHAT —Tuesday 7 February 2 - 4p.m. in MHR Extension. All are welcome

APPEAL FOR WARM WINTER COATS FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS —Do you have a warm, but rarely used, winter coat lurking in a wardrobe or cupboard? Sadly, some of the locally-based asylum-seekers do not have any warm winter coats in this cold weather. Coats should be Puffer/waterproof in Small, Medium, Large or XL (**no leather or wool**) and be **clean** and with **zips that work**. If you would wear it but can pass it on please leave it at the back of St Joseph's church. Thank you.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

The theme chosen for 2023 is "*All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together*"

Prayer for Racial Justice

God of our past, present and future,
You created each one of us in your image and likeness.
Help us to recognise you in each person
as we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism.
Lead us this day
to walk with one another,
pray with one another,
and work together
so that we will create a future based on justice and healing
and fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen