



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Third Sunday of Easter

23 April 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 2023

Monday 7– Friday 11 August
WINDHILL 21 SCHOOL, B/S
Puppets, Music, Bible stories,
Crafts and Games. Sign up open!
www.holidaybibleweek.co.uk

ADORATION AND CONFESSION



Come and join us at St Joseph's
for Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and celebrate the
sacrament of Reconciliation
each Saturday with one of our
priests between 3:00 and 4:00
pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next two-part baptism prep-
aration course will be on Mon-
day 26 June and Monday 3 July
at 8:00 pm via Zoom with Sophie
and Mike. It is a pre-requisite to
attend a course before you ar-
range a date for your child's bap-
tism. Please contact the office if
you would like to attend.

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SHOW US, LORD, THE PATH OF LIFE



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our entire life should be a pilgrimage, a journey, a path. If we truly see life this way, as it truly is, we will expect what pilgrims expect: joys and adventures, yes, but also hardship, danger, and suffering. But if we expect somehow to achieve perfect happiness with no hardships here and now — then we open the door to constant disappointment, frustration, and deep sadness. We are on a meaningful journey, a pilgrimage. Christ doesn't want us to have any regrets, and so he reminds us of this again this Sunday, and at every Mass, when the priest tells us, "Go and spread the Gospel of the Lord".

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priest-hood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our diocese. Last year eight men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shep-herd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Use the QR code to make your donation or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PRIEST?

On Wednesday 17 May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for men interested in or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The 6:00 pm Mass will be fol-lowed by a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments in the Social Centre. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHURCHES FOOTBALL KICKABOUTS—GRANGE PADDOCKS

Sundays 30 April/ 14 May/ 21 May/ 4 June at 2pm. All welcome ages 15 and up. Email Tom Amos at tom@thecommunitychurch.org.uk or call 07910050122.

PARISH YOUTH NIGHT— will be a Games Night on Friday 28 April 6.30-8.30 pm at St Joseph's hall in the parish centre. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Have fun playing board games, card games & table tennis. You are wel-come to bring your own games too. We finish with prayer time together. All young people of Secondary School age are welcome (School Yrs 7-13). Any newcomers are asked to fill out a con-sent form on arrival. See you there!

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY— Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13 May 2023 at 2:30pm. Mass with the Cardinal for all couples in the Diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th wedding anniver-sary of Catholic marriage in 2023 (and every year over 60). Contact the parish office with husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number.