



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

9 April 2023

Our priests are:

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

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



NO MASS— There will be no Mass at St Joseph's from Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 April inclusive but the church will be open for private prayer between 9am –3pm.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes are **now ready for collection** in the Sacristy for those parishioners who currently use them for their offertory donations. If you would like to start using envelopes, please phone the Parish Office (01279 654063)

PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The next parish table tennis club night will be on Sunday 23 April in the WCC from 7 to 8:30pm. All welcome (children and teenagers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). For info phone Chris Brolly on 07591 838771.

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

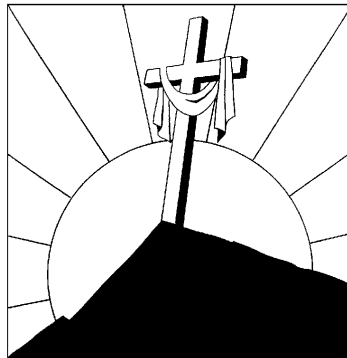
Come and join us at St Joseph's for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday with one of our priests between 3:00 and 4:00 pm

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A BLESSED AND JOYOUS EASTER!



Fr Peter and Fr Antonio send their sincere thanks to *everyone* who has generously given their time and helped over this Easter period. We are blessed to have so many volunteers in our parish: those who clean the churches, read, sing, play music, serve, create beautiful flower arrangements, teach others, run groups, organise, visit the sick, look after the repositories, hand out hymn books, sit on committees, collect or count money ... The list is endless!

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 followed by a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments in the Social Centre. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

JOIN WORLD YOUTH DAY WITH POPE FRANCIS

This is the last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from 25 July to 9 August 2023 to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and two million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. There are last few places remaining at this price and applications will close on 14 April 2023. For more info and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk or Holly Cook at hollycook@rcdow.org.uk or call us on 020 3757 2516

BISHOP'S STORTFORD ACROSS GROUP'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

12-21 September 2024. We will take 7-8 VIPs from our parish on a holiday with Our Lady; travel, meals and accommodation in a four-star hotel all included. We will also need able bodied helpers, nurses, priests. Open to the young and old of the parish and a great way to help build our community. Email John Wright: johncharles.wright70@gmail.com

BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND

Monday 17 April at 6:00 pm at BS Methodist Church. Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend. Contact: julie.churchouse@alzheimers.org.uk

PARISH CHARITY GOLF DAY— Our Parish Charity Golf Day starts at 12 noon on Friday 12 May at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club and there are Entry forms at the back of the church. Buggies and trollies available (subject to rain!). Please contact one of us on the entry form for more details. If you would like to donate a raffle prize that would be very welcome. This year's charity is for the Syrian/Turkey Earthquake Appeal Fund. All welcome.

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 anniversary 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.