



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Parish Office: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15 October 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Marco Lazzaron (*Asst Priest*)



ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Come and join us at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

COURSE— The next two-part baptism preparation course will be on 15 and 22 January 2024 at 8:00 pm via Zoom. You are required to attend a course before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Please contact the parish office to book.

MARY'S MEALS— request unwanted foreign currency no matter how old or obscure so please just drop any currency in the collection basket. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Your foreign currency can help feed a hungry child. UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender accepted. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Count number 4 is this weekend

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Love, prayers and best wishes to Fr Marco who celebrates his birthday this Friday.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE — Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in 2024 /25 who require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' can either download an application form from the resource page on our website or alternatively collect an 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 Peter's attention with a stamped addressed envelope, please. The certificate will be posted to you in the envelope that you provide. The school deadline to receive all applications and required paperwork is 15 January 2024
YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK!—Friday 20 October 2023 6.30-8.30pm in the parish centre - After a wonderful summer break and a month or so to settle back into the school routine, we are excited to start our monthly youth nights once again. These are open to all those in Secondary School (school years 7 to 13). Each evening is different and they are an opportunity to spend time with other young parishioners in a comfortable atmosphere, building community together through shared activities and also experiencing different types of prayer together, to grow our faith. The first youth night of this academic year will be an "art night", where we produce pieces of art based on bible passages - it will be fun and relaxing. Refreshments are available and new faces are most welcome! If it will be your first time at one of our youth nights, you will need a parent to drop you off and fill in a permission form. For any queries, please email Sophie: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

ENCOUNTER— meet next Friday 20 October at St Theresa's Stansted. Theme: Pope Francis: What's in a name? Fr Richard Rohr OFM will be on DVD to aid discussion on 'Franciscan Spirituality', leading on to 'Laudate Si'. 10.00 Coffee 10.30 Talk & discussion 12.30 shared lunch 2.00 Day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries BS 656482 or 652060

CHORAL MUSIC WORKSHOP—28 October 2023 - 29 October 2023 11am -5pm St Dominic's Priory - The Rosary Shrine, Saint Dominic's Priory, Southampton Rd, London NW5 4LB, with Fr Lukasz Misko OP & Grace Feltoe, from the Dominican Liturgical Centre in Krakow. Workshop participants will sing at the 7.30pm Eucharistic Rosary Procession presided by Bishop Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. To register, visit <https://rosaryshrine.co.uk/> or email london.secretary@english.op.org

HARVEST APPEAL AT THE FOOD BANK

Most needed items-crisps, chocolate, tinned fruit & veg, sponge puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat & fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, household cleaning items, nappies size 4/5/6. bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS— November is the month of Holy Souls. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones added to our book of Remembrance this year please do email your list of names to the parish office or post to no.3.

TABLE TENNIS— Sunday 15 October after

6pm Mass 7-8.30pm). Future dates are: 29/10, 12/11.

ST MARY'S VACANCIES — Full details can be found at: <https://www.stmarys.net/vacancies>. Employment opportunities for a Learning support Assistant/ SEND Administrator/ SEND Integration Coordinator/ Pastoral Administrator/ Examination Invigilators/ Science Teacher and Teacher of PE (with maths, science or computer science)

CIVIC SERVICE—St Michael's Church at 3pm on 22 October. The Mayor, Richard Townsend is organising and hosting a service in collaboration with St Michael's, All are welcome to attend.