



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

22 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.



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.

MARY'S MEALS— request unwanted foreign currency, no matter how old or obscure, please drop any currency into the collection basket. Thank you

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY— is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection. Please drop your collection envelope in the basket or to donate by direct debit call 020 7821 9755 or visit Missio's website missio.org.uk

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

THANK YOU — to everyone who kindly sponsored Alison Jones who participated in the 'Big Sleep Out' on 7 October 2023 to raise funds for the Holy Trinity Night Shelter. So far £1,100 has been pledged and it's still not too late to make a donation! If you feel you are in a position to help with anything at the Night shelter, please contact David Perry via email htnsmanager@outlook.com or call 01279 651671.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME- Aged 18-22 years old? Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Prepare to begin a life changing journey of formation, training, and prayer with 20 other young Catholics in the Diocese. Join us, and experience inspiring places and talks across several locations in the Diocese, build relationships with others in small groups, access unique resources to learn and grow in practical skills for leadership and mission, and discover your unique calling to build up the Church (Eph 4:12). Applications close on the 11th November. Visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> to apply or email youth@rcdow.org.uk

THANK YOU FROM FR MARCO— Fr Marco sends his appreciation to everyone who sent him birthday wishes this week and prayed for him.

HOLY ROSARY— October is the month for the Holy Rosary. Booklets are available at St Joseph's courtesy of the Catenians. Cardinal Vincent said recently '*Please pray the great prayer of the Rosary that the conflict, in the homeland of Mary herself, will quickly come to an end.*'

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

REPOSITORY GIFTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Anne has recently completed an order for Christmas gifts and cards for the Repository, at St Joseph's but if you wish to order a one off item or anything in particular such as a large crib etc, please do let her know and she can show you what is available.

CANON MICHAEL MUNNELLY—

our former Parish Priest at St Joseph's will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee with a Mass at the Sacred Heart and St John the Evangelist, Bushey at 12pm on Saturday 28 October 2023 with Bishop George Stack. The Mass will be streamed live on Youtube <https://tinyurl.com/584d3dnu>. Please keep Canon Michael in your prayers and give thanks for his 50 year service.

TERRIFIC TUESDAY— is back for half term at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church, All primary school aged children are welcome to attend with a responsible adult. Craft activities and toys. Lunch at 12.30. Open for coffee/tea between 10am-4pm.