



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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.

SCRUTINY MASSES

1st Scrutiny: 9am Mass Sunday,
3 March
2nd Scrutiny: 6pm Saturday,
9 March
3rd Scrutiny: 11am Sunday,
17 March



**OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL
BE CHANGING— BUT THE
NUMBER REMAINS THE SAME**

On Tuesday 5 March 2024 the Parish BT analogue telephone landline will change over to a digital 'Cloud Voice system' which will work from our internet. We hope that the changeover will be relatively simple, but please be advised that there will be an interruption to our telephone lines and possibly the live stream service as the changeover takes place on this day.

Apologies in advance. Thank you

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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

The Third Sunday of Lent

3 March 2024



SYCAMORE LENT COURSE - PREPARE FOR EASTER—Please join us for the Parish

Sycamore course which we are running over 4 weeks in Lent in the St Joseph's hall in the Windhill Churches Centre. It is an informal course that explores key themes of our Christian Faith and is a great way to prepare for Easter. Each session involves refreshments, a short film and some time for discussion. There's no pressure. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged. We will be exploring the theme "Living the Christian Faith in the World" on the four Mondays of March, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. You can join for one session or all of them. We will start at 8pm and be finished by 9:30pm. If you have any questions please contact David by email on wilkinsondavid@mac.com or call 07876 391050. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK—Holiday Bible Week 5-9 August 2024. Registration for volunteers and children will start on 3 March. There will be an AGM at The Charis Centre on Thursday 14 March 7:45pm with a launch night for volunteers, at the St Barnabus centre on Wednesday 19 June. Please visit the website holidaybibleweek.co.uk for more info.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CHARITY EVENT—for CAFOD Rushinga water project on Friday 15 March 2024 7pm at St Mary's Catholic School Windhill, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2NQ. Live Music with Barry Owen, Bar & Raffle. Tickets are £20 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarys-catholic-school

YOUTH NIGHT—(For Secondary Year group 7-13) is on Friday 15 March 2024 and will be an "Art and Adoration" Night, starting at 6.30pm until 8.30pm. We will be creating Lent/Easter themed art in the parish hall, followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church, which is usually a very chilled and special way of just spending time in Jesus' presence. As it is Lent, there will be a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation - a lovely thing to do during Lent. For the art, do please bring a small amount of greenery, stones or small rocks from your garden - if you have them - to make use of. So, come along for a relaxing and prayerful evening - we look forward to seeing you there! Newcomers more than welcome - all we would ask is that you fill in a consent form upon arrival.



CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF ACROSS—Saturday 9 March in the Windhill

Churches Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm. Quiz starts at 8pm. Form a group of up to 8 and get ready to battle it out! Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £7.50 per person from Debbie Hourihan 07847 714781 or John Wright 07739 789169. Raffle prize donations wanted.

NOVENA—There will be a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at St Joseph's immediately after Mass on Tuesday 5 March 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARY'S MEALS—We are still collecting foreign currency no matter how old or obscure and also UK coins or notes that are no longer legal tender for Mary's Meals. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education - by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. Please drop your donation into the collection basket. Thank you.



The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission'



ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY—

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25 May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office with the following details before 12 April—husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email)