



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 March 2024

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.

HOLY CROSS / ST ANDREW'S, MUCH HADHAM

Lent lunch 2024
to be held in the Church, 12.30
on Saturday 16 March
please sign up if you haven't
already

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

meets this Sunday at the
Windhill Churches Centre be-
tween 7pm and 8.30pm.

ZAMKNIT

Tuesday, 12 March 2 - 4 pm at
Most Holy Redeemer Extension.
All welcome



*MARY, Mother of Jesus, you
were Jesus' gift for us from the
Cross. He gave you to us as our
Mother.
Intercede for all our needs.*

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—Fr Peter and Fr Marco want to recruit more volunteers to offer themselves to be considered as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at our weekend Masses in our three churches. This is of greater importance now since from Easter Sunday we will re-introduce Holy Communion under both kinds for those who would wish to receive it. Would you be interested in offering yourself for this Ministry in our Parish? It may be that you have exercised this Ministry here in the past or it may be new to you. Whichever it is, please think and pray about it and discern if you would be willing to leave your name and contact details on the clipboard in the Sacristy of your church so that we can get in touch with you and discuss it further. Thank you.

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 Mondays of March, 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.

VOCATIONS 'COME AND SEE' - 2024—Whether you are interested in exploring the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, you are invited to come along to one of our 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on: Sat 16 March, 10am-2pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster SW1P 1QN Sat 20 April, 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent church hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT Sat 1 June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk 07961 594725.

NOTE TO ALL GIFT AIDERS—The HMRC requires that you must pay more income tax than the total of all Gift Aid amounts claimed in a tax year and the penalties for failure to comply with this rule can be severe. The 2023-24 tax year ends on 5 April and we will claim the Gift Aid for the tax year soon afterwards. If you are registered with the parish for Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed so that you are no longer eligible, you MUST inform us before 5 April to ensure that our claims are correct. If you are not registered for Gift Aid with the parish but you are eligible to claim, please consider doing so as it will add 25% to your offertory donations without costing you anything. Contact the Parish Office by phone on 01279 654063 or e-mail at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk

NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS—Do we have your correct contact details? If you are new to the parish or have changed address in the last year, please help us to keep up to date by contacting the Parish Office by phone on 01279 654063 or e-mail at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk. This is particularly important if you are registered for Gift Aid. Thank you.



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)