



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

24 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.

TOURS OF ST MICHAEL'S BELL TOWER

— There will be 2 tours on Monday 1 April at 2pm and 3pm, £5.00 per adult but free for children. Places must be booked at atbells@saintmichaelweb.org.uk or call 07773 572135.



RIGHT TO LIFE

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Post cards are being given out this weekend.

CHRISM MASS

Westminster Cathedral
Tuesday 26 March 12 Noon

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 26 March 7.30pm
St Joseph's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday 27 March 7pm
Holy Cross Much Hadham

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HOLY WEEK 2024—Sheets are available detailing events and Liturgies throughout Holy week as well as on our website.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—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. Training will take place after Easter. Thank you.

SYCAMORE LENT COURSE - PREPARE FOR EASTER—Please join us for the Parish Sycamore course which has been running over the past few 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" Please join for the last session on Monday 25 March 25. 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 welcome.

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 for all Gift Aiders.

LOVE STORTFORD—Save the date—Monday 10 June—Saturday 15 June 2024

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB—meets this Sunday at the Windhill Churches Centre between 7pm and 8.30pm. There is no joining fee, but we do suggest donations of £3 per person (£6 per family group) to help cover the cost of equipment and for the use of the hall. (cash only please) It is a parish community club, and all are welcome from ages 7 to 70+. At present those under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

SPRING CLEAN ST ANDREWS CHURCH—Saturday 20 April. Please join to support the annual spring clean of St Andrews Church, Churchyard and Church Lane.

A Day With Mary 2024—Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) available at www adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

"Holy Week is a good occasion to go to confession and to take up the right path again."



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)