



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 Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes are now ready for collection in the Sacristy for those parishioners who currently use them for their offertory donations.



PARISH YOUTH NIGHT

Our next parish youth night is a quiz night and takes place on Friday 19 April from 6.30-8.30pm in the parish centre.

Youth night is open to all those in secondary school, (school years 7 - 13) and any newcomers are welcome - your parents will simply be asked to fill in a consent form when they drop you off.

We look forward to seeing you then!

CONTACTLESS QR code

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PRIEST TRAINING FUND— Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE— The next two-part baptism preparation course will be on 15 and 22 April 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.

RETRouvaille – Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about the 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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 very much.

DIGITAL SKILLS GROUP— at Bishop's Stortford Library and Sawbridgeworth Library. Would you like to know your way around a computer, tablet or phone and gain confidence in the digital world? Join a friendly and free volunteer led group and improve your digital skills. Learn how to do simple things online, how to use your device, online shopping, access virtual appointments, stay better connected with family & friends. All you need are your charged devices. Booking is essential call 0300 123 1034 to join. The sessions are from 10.30am to noon on 3/5, 3/6, 1/7 at Bishop's Stortford and 15/4, 20/5, 17/6 and 15/7 at Sawbridgeworth Library.

The Santa Marta Group

Was established in 2014 by Pope Francis to combat human trafficking and modern slavery. SMG is now delivering 'Awareness and Guidance for Communities' to encourage local action and to prevent human trafficking and modern slavery taking place in our midst. On Thursday 2 May 2024 the Santa Marta Group will hold a meeting at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph 1, King Edward's Road, Ware, SG12 7EJ from 6.45pm – 9.30pm. Kevin Hyland, the UK's first Independent anti-slavery Commissioner & currently chief advisor to the Santa Marta Group will lead the meeting. All are welcome to come to learn more about the prevalence of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities and the steps we can take to prevent it.