



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.



JUBILEE YEAR AT WALSINGHAM

The National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, appears to be the first major Marian Shrine, throughout the world to have an online feature as part of its website encouraging people to come to the Shrine as part of the Jubilee Year 2025. For further information about visits to Walsingham next year see www.walsingham.org.uk/come-to-walsingham-for-the-jubileeyear-2025/ and the Shrine's homepage www.walsingham.org.uk/shrine-home/

ADVANCED NOTICE

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 29 April— Monday 6 May inclusive. If you have any newsletter items (for 5/5), or any specific requests, please contact Debbie ASAP. Thank you

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Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

PRIEST TRAINING FUND— This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please pray for vocations and for all our priests. Donation envelopes are available or you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity

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.

ENCOUNTER— meet next Friday 26 April in St Theresa's Parish Centre, Stansted. "Preparing for Pentecost with music, art, readings and prayers" led by Frances Roberts. Please bring your own relevant contributions to share at the meeting. 10.00am Coffee 10.30am – 12.15 Meeting, 12.30 shared lunch. All welcome for all or part of the morning/afternoon. Enquiries BS 652060, SW 542385.

A SHROUD FOR PALESTINE—A textile hanging is on display in Most Holy Redeemer Church entitled 'A Shroud for Palestine' created by Karin Keddy. The text is taken from a sermon 'Christ in the Rubble' given by Reverend Munther Isaac, a Palestinian Christian, on Christmas Eve in Bethlehem. It has been stitched and written upon an old duvet cover representing a shroud with a border of Palestinian motifs; symbols used in Palestinian embroidery such as the olive tree or a key - a hope to return to a home. The hanging was made in great sorrow as a response to the conflict in the Holy Land. Let us all pray for peace. Please See our website for photographs taken.

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING - Saturday 11 May 10am- 12pm with reasonably priced plants, homemade cakes, jams & wood turned gifts available.

PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB—meets this Sunday evenings 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). All are welcome from ages 7 to 70+. Those aged under 18 years need to be accompanied by an adult.

FR MARCO— will be away from the parish next week for a short break, please keep him (and Fr Peter) in your prayers. He will return for Mass next weekend.

VOCATIONS COME AND SEE

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 Saturday 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
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