



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

# the CARPENTER

☎ 01279 654063 | ✉ [bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk)

📍 3 Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2ND

**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

[www.rcstortford.org.uk](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk)

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 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.



#### WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 25 - 26 May 2024

The first World Children's Day will take place between two symbolic places of the city of Rome: St. Peter's Square and the Olympic Stadium. Information and registration details via [www.worldchildrenday.org/registration/form/](http://www.worldchildrenday.org/registration/form/)

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 29 April— Monday 6 May inclusive. Any non-urgent enquiries will be dealt with on Tuesday 7 May upon Debbie's return.

*As the Bible teaches us, and as Jesus showed so often, "you are precious" in God's eyes (Is 43:4). Pope Francis*

#### CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



**A NEW BISHOP**—Pope Francis has appointed Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster. Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I express my warmest thanks to Pope Francis for the appointment of Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for service in this Diocese. His appointment, I am sure, will be widely welcomed. I welcome it myself, with gratitude to him for his generous response. He brings to this role a long experience of life in the Diocese and the pastoral wisdom of many years of priestly ministry. "Please keep Bishop-elect Curry in your prayers. Appointment as a bishop is a call to service in a new and demanding way. Let us accompany him with our prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination." Bishop-elect Curry joins Bishops John Sherrington, Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**— Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**YOUTH NIGHT**— Friday May 17 2024, 6.30pm - 8.30pm .We are planning a Sports Night open to all those of Secondary age (School Years 7 -13). With the brighter evenings and better weather, Plan A is that we would like to meet in a local park to play some team games together. We will meet on the main field in Bishop's Park (Address for parking: just off Woodpecker Close, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4QA). There will also be other outdoor games available - Giant Jenga/Hoopla etc and, though we will provide drinks, we propose a bring and share for snacks that evening. In the event of poor weather, Plan B will be to meet in the hall as usual, where we will do an indoor version of what we had planned. Because of the nature of the evening, we would appreciate - on this occasion - that you indicate to us in advance if you plan to come. It is a good opportunity to also bring a friend! Please email Sophie at [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) to let her know if you'd like to come and also to tell her what sort of item you will bring for the "Bring and Share". Newcomers are most welcome, but your parent/carer will be asked to fill in a consent form, which can be sent via email in advance. The final two youth nights for this academic year will be: Friday 14 June & 12 July .

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER** —With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

#### 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](mailto:robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk) or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk)  
07961 594725