



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

7 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.



THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE ABC

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



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

ZAMKNIT AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER—Tuesday 9 April 2pm to 4pm. All welcome

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.



CHRISTOPHER DEANE– BOWERS RIP—It is with great sadness that we report that Christopher Deane-Bowers RIP, died peacefully at home on Easter Monday surrounded by his loving wife and family. He had been suffering with ill health for some time. Christopher was a much respected stalwart and MC of our parish who dedicated so much of his time supporting our Priests and Altar Servers at St Joseph's for many years. He had been an Altar server himself for over 70 years and was awarded a gold medal from the Guild of St Stephen. Christopher showed a great love of our faith, great reverence for the Eucharist and great passion of the liturgy. A Requiem Mass will take place at St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church in Stansted on Friday 19 April at 10.30am with a reception in Birchanger. Everyone is very welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please advise Diane by telephone if you intend to come to the reception.

Eternal rest grant unto Christopher O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen



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)