



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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 September 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday 5 October 2024
10am to 11am at St Joseph's
Our training is open to any member of the parish who would like to become an Altar Server, those who could not come to the last training session and any existing server who wish to refresh skills

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next two-part Baptism preparation course which is run via Zoom will be on Monday 7 October & Monday 14 October 2024 at 8pm with Sophie, our Catechetical Coordinator. It is a requisite for parents to attend the course before their child is baptised in the parish. Please contact the office for more info.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This weekend is the 2nd week of the Diocesan Annual Mass count for 4 consecutive weekends.

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CATECHIST RECRUITMENT—Are you looking for a way to contribute to parish life? Maybe you are someone who enjoys working with children? Or are you the parent of a child who has already been through First Holy Communion and keen to give back in some way? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes”, then please consider becoming a First Holy Communion Catechist. A Catechist is a volunteer who offer to help to pass on the faith to others. Helping with First Holy Communion preparation involves working with small groups of children to work through activities to solidify understanding of their faith and especially of the Mass. Volunteers invariably get as much out of it as they give and there is a wonderful team of parishioners working alongside you to support you. No prior experience needed – just a willingness to give it a go. A simple DBS check would need to be carried out. If interested, please contact Sophie: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

EMMAUS WEEKEND FOR MEN - The Oratory School, Reading – are you seeking a personal encounter with Jesus, or to find a new path in life? 25-27 October 2024, cost £210. To book, complete the online form at : <https://tinyurl.com/vwe6d79m>

TABLE TENNIS—This is a reminder that table tennis is on Sunday 29 September after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm). 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 children and teenagers under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

SOUL FOOD—Our next Monday night Soul Food session on 30 September will be the last in our viewing of the Chosen, along with Bible reflection. We will watch the final episode of season one, episode 8 and finish this month with a Lectio Divina on the passage of Woman at the Well. The evening will begin at 7.30pm and all are welcome. All episodes of season one can be caught up at: www.thechosen.tv The following week, Monday 7 October, we have a special one-off evening looking at the work of an organisation who work tirelessly to help those affected by child exploitation on the streets of Brazil. The evening will include testimony from some of those affected and we will also reflect on our calling as Christians to fight for social justice both at home and abroad. This evening would be most suitable for those aged 16 + Come and be inspired!

FORTNIGHTLY FREE DIGITAL DROP IN—3 October at the Apton Centre, BS, 10am-2pm Training for careers in childcare, various e learning, offering a wide range of free high-quality digital skills training and support services that can make a positive difference to your life, employment opportunities and wellbeing. Contact Dee Owusu-Ansah on 07710 115220 for more information.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR— After the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church on Tuesday 1 October 2024. All are welcome.

THE PARISH OFFICE —Re opens on Thursday 3 October 2024 9am –3pm.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP— A Missionary from Bethlehem will visit St Joseph's 5/6 October to briefly talk about the Holy Land & sell religious articles made out of Olive wood to help support poor Christian families.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in 2025/26 who require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' can either download an application form from the resource page on our website or alternatively collect an application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy after Mass or the parish office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill with a stamped addressed envelope, please. The certificate will be posted to you in the envelope that you provide. The school deadline for completed applications is 15 January 2025.