



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 October 2024

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Marco Lazzaron (*Asst*)



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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This weekend is the last week of the Diocesan Annual Mass count

YOUTH NIGHT IS BACK!

Our first Youth Night of this academic year will be a games night, taking place on Friday 18 October 2024, beginning at 6.30pm and ending at 8.30pm. We meet in the parish hall of the WCC and the evenings are open to all those in Yrs 7 – 13 of secondary school (ages 11-17). Newcomers are most welcome! Your parents will be asked to fill in a consent form on your first visit. Snacks and drinks available. Future dates are 15 Nov & 13 Dec 2024 <https://rcstortford.org.uk/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 20 October 2024

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission through a special collection. Visit missio.org.uk

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PASTORAL LETTER ON ASSISTED SUICIDE — Please do take with you a Pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent on Assisted Suicide. On Wednesday, 16 October 2024, a bill will be introduced to Parliament proposing a change in the law to permit assisted suicide. The debate will continue for a number of months, in society and in Parliament, before a definitive vote is held there. This puts in the spotlight crucial questions about the dignity of human life and the care and protection afforded by our society to every human being.

FLAME 2025 — A youth gathering for Catholics. We would love to invite you to attend Flame 2025 with our parish. It takes place on Sat 15 March 2025 & we have 40 tickets available. You would need to be in at least year 9 or above to attend and tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Flame is an incredible event for over 10,000 young people, who come together at Wembley Arena to give glory to God. It features live music, speakers, drama, testimony, prayer and offers the chance to make friendships and celebrate what it means to be a young Catholic, beyond the four walls of our parish. We plan to keep the cost of the day as low as possible (around £20-25), including coach transport will be £20-25. It is a whole day event (8am-8pm) and you would need to bring a packed lunch. If you'd like to find out more about this amazing event go to <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>. Interest must be registered by 25 October 2024 in order to secure a ticket. Please contact Sophie Sullivan at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk to do so.

SOUL FOOD — Our next Soul Food session begins a six-part series on Prayer called "Strength to Strength". The first part, on Monday 14 October, is called "Pray for the Day" and the series is designed for those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. The evenings begin at 7.30pm and all are most welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025 INFO EVENING — Those who have successfully applied to begin their confirmation preparation should have received an email by now about attending an information evening this coming week. Please check your emails and contact Sophie on: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk if you have not received an email this past week.

MARY'S MEALS RECYCLING BOX — As well as donating old and foreign currency, we are collecting other items for a new Mary's Meals initiative to raise funds to feed hungry children. A recycling box has arrived in the parish in which you can place any unwanted mobiles, iPads, game consoles, watches, gold, silver & costume jewellery, UK & foreign stamps and cameras, any age or condition. An ideal time for a good clear out to benefit a very worthy cause.

THANK YOU — from The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG. 'We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families, raising £4,812.00. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but be sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk.'

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.