



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

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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 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 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR MARCO!

We extend our love and prayers to Fr Marco as he celebrates his birthday this Sunday.



NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is the month of Holy Souls. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones added to our Book of Remembrance this year please do email your list of names to the parish office or post through the door of number 3.

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ENCOUNTER— meet next Fri 25 October in the WCC. Film & discussion on "The Letter", by Pope Francis relating to the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. A DVD showing the devastating effects of global warming. 10am Coffee 10.30 Talk & discussion, 12.30pm shared lunch, 2pm day ends. All are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 656482 or 652060

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

SOUL FOOD—Our next Soul food Monday session on Monday 21 October continues our series exploring Prayer. The second talk is entitled "Food for Thought" and includes watching a video, a talk and small group discussion. The evening starts at 7.30pm and all are most welcome. Please note that the following week—Monday 28 October is a half term holiday, so there will be no Soul Food evening on that date. Soul Food will recommence on Monday 4 November, with part three of our course on Prayer.

ADULT CONFIRMATION—For any adult who has been baptised Catholic and made their First Holy Communion, but has never been Confirmed, but would like to be, we will be running an adult preparation course in the new year. To register your interest or ask any questions, please contact Sophie for more info: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

JOSH DEAN MP—Following the pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent last Sunday, we would encourage you to share your views on the "Assisted Suicide Bill" with MP Josh Dean. The second reading of the bill takes place on Friday, 29 November. Josh Dean has committed to holding engagement sessions with residents in Hertford and Stortford to discuss the issue of assisted dying. Appointments can be made and views shared by directly emailing josh.dean.mp@parliament.uk or his postal address is: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL—The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT—Sunday 27 October 2-4pm, a peaceful witness event in Parliament Square to mark the Anniversary of the Abortion Act 1968. We pray for the millions of children who have lost their lives & for those negatively impacted

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.