



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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.

**HOLY CROSS
40 YEARS OF SHARING**

At noon on Saturday 16 November there will be a joint service in St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the sharing Agreement with the Anglican community



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. Donations for Holy Souls may now also be made using the DONA machines at St Joseph's, by selecting the 'Holy Souls' option.

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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

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 October 2024

SOUL FOOD — Please note that 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

THANK YOU — to everyone who kindly sent good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts to Fr Marco for his birthday last weekend.

ALL SAINTS DAY — Friday 1 November 2024 is a Holy day of obligation. There will be a Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Joseph's

ALL SOULS DAY — Saturday 2 November 2024. There will be the blessing of graves at Bishop's Stortford cemetery at 12 Noon.

NOVENA — The next Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour will be Tuesday 5 November 2024 after morning Mass at St Joseph's.

JOSH DEAN MP — Following the recent pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent, 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.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS — are seeking Foundation Governors for the school. You would need to be a practicing catholic and also not have children currently attending the school. The Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational and form a Governing body which sees it's purpose as one of service to our School community and wider community. For information contact Rebecca Faulkner HeadsPA@stmarys.net

WHAT IS A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR? — The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 in response to surveys which revealed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas. To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar has a line of the Christmas story behind each of the doors and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story. The calendar is not available in supermarkets and has to be directly ordered from the website. www.realadvent.co.uk. For a reduced price you are also able to buy a Real Advent Calendar & it will be sent to a Trussell food bank hub for distribution, a great way to make sure a family in need receive a Fairtrade seasonal gift & a copy of the Christmas story.

LOURDES REUNION MASS AND SOCIAL — Those who have been on a Lourdes Pilgrimage may like to be reminded on the Lourdes Reunion Mass which will take place at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Crypt (entrance via the gates by the Cathedral Hall) on 3 December, followed by a social gathering in a nearby location. All are welcome.

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.