



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 Thirty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 November 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.

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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LECTIONARY — A new edition of the Lectionary, the book containing the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. It is a big moment of change as we move away from the now familiar Jerusalem Bible translation to the new English Standard Version – Catholic Edition translation. The new lectionary will use biblical scholarship and more up-to-date translations to make the Bible more faithful to its original languages. To learn more about this please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

SOUL FOOD MONDAY—Soul Food will take place on Monday 4 November 7.30pm, with part three of our course on Prayer in the Windhill Churches Centre. All welcome.

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

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

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 its purpose as one of service to our School community and wider community. For information contact Rebecca Faulkner HeadsPA@stmarys.net

YOUTH NIGHT —Friday 15 November 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. The next date will be 13 Dec 2024 <https://rcstortford.org.uk/>

SAYING GOODBYE—(part of the Mariposa Trust) are hosting a special Baby loss remembrance and support service on Sunday 24 November at 3.30pm, in the Central Hall, Westminster. The service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. The service gladly welcomes anyone grieving that they have no children.

MARY'S MEALS 100 MEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD—This Christmas, you can give something meaningful to the people you love, while helping children in some of the world's poorest countries to thrive. In return for a donation of £10, which provides 100 meals for hungry children in school, Marys Meals will send you a beautiful gift card for you to pass on to your loved one, telling them about the gift you have made on their behalf. Visit <https://shop.marysmeals.org.uk/>

MOST HOLY REDEEMER PARISH REUNION & QUIZ— Friday 15 November 6pm –10pm at Most Holy Redeemer. All welcome, free entry. A bring & share supper is planned. Allergy sufferers to bring own refreshments. RSVP Gary on 07504 654504

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.