



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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Parish Office: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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www.rcstortford.org.uk

The Thirty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be Eucharistic Minister training with Fr Peter on Saturday 23 November 2024 at 11am in St Joseph's Church for those parishioners who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister

YOUTH NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came on Friday.
The next youth night takes place on Friday 13 December and we look forward to welcoming you then. All the details can be found here:

<https://rcstortford.org.uk/youthnight/>

CATHOLIC LISTENERS

www.catholiclisteners.com/ is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith and life's big questions.
Tel: 0800 448 0704

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THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION —Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 72 retired priests, at a cost of £976,000. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available at the back of the church. Thank you.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH— to everyone who helped, planned, organised and contributed to the Holy Cross 40th Anniversary celebration on Saturday.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 —are now open. There is an open day on Wednesday 27 November at 2pm. To book a space please call the school office on 01279 652576. Applications need to be submitted via the County and the Supplementary Information Form to also to be completed.

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 by post: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

LGBT+ CATHOLICS WESTMINSTER —Mass at 5.30pm on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at Farm Street Jesuit Church, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH followed by refreshments in the parish's Arrupe Hall. www.lgbtcatholicswestminster.org

YOUNG ADULTS ADVENT RETREAT DAY— with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 7 December 2024 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme: including talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

SOUL FOOD MONDAYS —continues on Monday 18 November with Part 5 of our course on Prayer. This week is entitled "Lord, Teach us to Pray". After Part 6 next week, we can look forward to a special one-off evening of prayer and reflection on beginning Advent on Monday 2 December, followed by a series of two talks by Fr Peter on Church History on 9 and 16 December, to conclude this first term of Soul Food. All are most welcome, even if you have not been before. We begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments served from 7.15pm. All the details can be found here: <https://rcstortford.org.uk/soul-food/>

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.