



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

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2025

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.



**ANNUAL MASS OF
THANKSGIVING FOR
MATRIMONY AT
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**
Saturday 17 May 2025 at
2:30pm

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. **Please give the parish office** these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email) **before 1 April 2025**

Details of attendees are then sent by the parish to family@rcdow.org.uk

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
£765.23 was raised at
St Joseph's last weekend for
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ENCOUNTER— meet next Fri 14 February in St Theresa's, Stansted. Fr David Clemens will lead a talk & discussion on prayer. "Prayer with L-plates; prayer for dummies"
10.00 Coffee 10.30 Meeting opens 12.30 Shared lunch 2.00 Day ends All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 816916/ 656482

A DAY WITH MARY— is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Visit www adaywithmary.org/ or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

SOUL FOOD MONDAYS - Monday 10 February 2025. Each faith exploration evening starts at 7.30pm every Monday of term time, with refreshments served from 7.15pm. The first six weeks will be a series on the Creed. You are welcome to come every week or just drop in as and when you are able. We look forward to seeing you there this week for part 6

VOCATIONS COME & SEE MORNING— If interested in exploring a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, then please come along to one of the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on: Saturday 1 March, 10am-2pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph parish hall, 1 King Edward's Road, Ware, SG12 7EJ Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days please contact Canon Roger Taylor, the Vocations Promoter, at rogetaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Tito Pereira, Assistant Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at titopereira@rcdow.org.uk or phone 07977 599110.

ZAMKNIT —Tuesday 11 February 2pm-4pm Most Holy Redeemer. All are welcome.

OUR NEXT YOUTH NIGHT— takes place on Friday 14 Feb. As we are doing a bowling night off-site, please note that if you have NOT signed up for this evening, there will be no one at the parish centre and you should not just turn up on this occasion! Those who are signed up to go will be receiving an email of details regarding the evening very soon. The following youth night takes place on Friday 14 March and will be an evening of Stations of the Cross for Lent - all welcome if you are in years 7 -13 at school. Parents will need to fill in a consent form when dropping off.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB— is on Sunday 9 February after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) in the WCC. Future dates for the club are: 23 February, 9 & 23 March & 6 April

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR— St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking to recruit new governors. This is a really exciting time to join the school family and make a positive difference to the community. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Cassidy-Jones, head teacher by email on: admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

MOST HOLY REDEEMER —is hosting the World Day of Prayer this year. It will be on Friday 7 March at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome to attend. It will last for about 30-40 minutes and there will be refreshments served afterwards

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR PETER—** who celebrates another special birthday 'minus one' next Saturday.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Applicants for St Joseph's School for NURSERY places in SEPTEMBER 2025 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 marked for Fr Peter's attention **with a stamped addressed envelope, please.** The certificate will be posted to you in the envelope that you provide.