



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's, there will be Stations of the Cross, led by a parishioner. All are welcome. On Friday 4 April, there will be an evening Stations of the Cross starting at 7.30pm.

SCRUTINY MASSES ST JOSEPH'S

Saturday 29 March 6pm Mass

Sunday 6 April 11am Mass



We pray for all Mothers and those special women in our lives

Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were Jesus' gift for us from the cross.

He gave you to us as our Mother.

Intercede for all our needs

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CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

—This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available and you can also contribute online using the QR code. Thank you for your kindness & support.

SOUL FOOD MONDAYS —During Soul Food in Lent (Mondays 31 March and 7 April), we will be running a five-part sycamore course, reflecting on some of the key aspects of our Catholic Faith. Again, all are welcome to join us. It can be used as a great opportunity for deeper reflection and sharing in preparation for Easter. If you've never come before, there's always a first time - you'll find a warm welcome! We start the evening at 7.30pm, with refreshments served from 7.15pm and finish around 9pm.

NOTE TO ALL GIFT AIDERS —The HMRC requires that you must pay more income tax than the total of all Gift Aid amounts claimed in a tax year and the penalties for failure to comply with this rule can be severe. The 2024/25 tax year ends on 5 April and we will claim the Gift Aid for the tax year soon afterwards. If you are registered with the parish for Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed so that you are no longer eligible, you MUST inform us before 5 April please to ensure that our claims are correct. If you are not registered for Gift Aid with the parish but you are eligible to claim, please consider doing so as it will add 25% to your offertory donations without costing you anything. Contact the Parish Office by phone on 01279 654063 or e-mail at bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE — 25 July - 1 August 2025 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the online form at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Applications to be submitted by 30 April 2025

THE PASSION OF CHRIST —Performance in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday, 18 April 2025. www.witershall.org.uk

SINCERE APOLOGIES — if you have been trying to reach us by telephone or email and have not received a response. Since Sunday our Internet service has not worked which has affected everything! This includes our Livestream, DONA machines, website and also everything connected in the Presbytery, the Parish Office, the Windhill Churches Centre and St Joseph's Church. We have now received a new router which we have installed. An engineer from BT will be coming hopefully on Wednesday afternoon to finish setting everything up as we have a lot which is still not working including the phones and Wi-Fi in the office. Being a detached building it needs additional, compatible, separate boosters/bridging units to connect to the new main router in the Presbytery. Thank you for your continued patience. We really hope to be back up and running very soon....

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 4-8 AUGUST

The location is Herts and Essex High School. We will mostly be under canvas again this year! The theme is 'Once Upon a Time', looking at some of the parables Jesus told. **Registration for children and adults opened on Sunday 9 March.** We have tent leaders in place for all age groups. We need volunteers to help the children with games, craft and learning. We also need people to help look after the site. If you have previously helped with puppets, music or technology we would like you to register again. A crèche is available for the children of helpers while they are on site.

For info. speak with Clare Wright.

Please register on the website: holidaybibleweek.co.uk

