



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The First Sunday of Lent

9 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.



**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

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

a polite reminder that during Lent we do not display any flowers in the church.

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COMBONI MISSION COLLECTION— This weekend will be a collection for the Comboni Missionaries. We were blessed to meet Fr Xavier a few weeks ago at St Joseph's and learn about the work of the Mission. A return visit is planned for Holy Cross and Most Holy Redeemer on Sunday 15 June.

YOUTH NIGHT— On 21 March, we will be doing a Stations of the Cross prayer in the church, plus a Lenten Soup Night. We invite those coming to contribute something towards the soup, as part of their Lenten alms-giving. All money donated will go to charity. All those in years 7 - 13 at secondary school are most welcome to come along.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY—Friday 14 March. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

ZAMKNIT—Tuesday 11 March 2pm-4pm. Most Holy Redeemer Extension.

SOUL FOOD MONDAYS —During Soul Food in Lent (Mondays 10, 17, 24 and 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.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB —is on Sunday 9 March after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) in the WCC.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR — will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of St John Passion on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Discounted tickets are available at the following link, <https://tinyurl.com/3647jznx> using the offer code: SJP30

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 very welcome to attend.

THANK YOU— to everyone involved in the preparation of the church and hosting of the World Day of Prayer at Most Holy Redeemer on Friday.

YOUNG ADULTS LENT RETREAT DAY— with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5 April 2025 10 am – 5.30 pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Donations only. Register by emailing to: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org.

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. Options to travel by plane or train are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. Applications to be submitted by 30 April 2025.

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 opens 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.

Please register on our website: holidaybibleweek.co.uk