



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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13 April 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 FOR CHILDREN

12 noon on Good Friday at
St Joseph's



HOLY WEEK SHEETS

detailing events and Mass times
for the Easter Triduum are
available in church.
Information can also be found
on our website

MOST HOLY REDEEMER APF BOXES

Len will be collecting the APF
boxes for Most Holy Redeemer
from this weekend.

CONTACTLESS QR code
↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



PARISH RE-COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION—

All Eucharistic Ministers from the three churches in our parish are invited to renew their commitment as extraordinary Ministers at the parish Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at St Joseph's at 7.30pm.

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 —

Monday 28 April at 7.30pm when we look at the theme of Jubilee of Hope. Refreshments are served from 7.15pm and finish at 9pm. All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES—If you regularly donate using the numbered planned giving envelopes, the new ones are awaiting collection in the Sacristy at St Joseph's. The envelopes for Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross have been taken to each respective church. If you would like to start donating using envelopes, please contact the office.

CHRISM MASS—

Westminster Cathedral Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 12 Noon
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

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL—Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding to support families affected by the disaster. Please donate to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

THE PARISH OFFICE— will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday and will reopen on Tuesday 22 April 2025 from 9am—3pm

THANK YOU VERY MUCH— to everyone who helped clean Holy Cross last Saturday and also to everyone at Most Holy Redeemer and St Joseph's who are busy getting ready to prepare our churches for Holy Week.

SION FAMILY DAYS/ SION FAMILY CAMP — For the entire family, whatever your age, these days and the summer family camp are great opportunities to experience fellowship and have fun in a faith-filled atmosphere. The next family Day is on 25 May and the Family Camp is running this year from 24-27 July 2025: <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/family-and-children/>

DONATIONS FOR EASTER— If you are away for the Easter weekend, and wish to make an Easter offering, our DONA machines are set up for this purpose! The QR code on this newsletter and the donation page on our website also link directly to the DONA machine.

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS— our Priests, Parishioners, Catechists, Sponsors and RCIA candidates who will be baptised, confirmed or received into the church this Easter.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 6 July 2025 for the Annual Parish BBQ. The Social Committee would be delighted to receive ideas, offers of help and support for this event. Full details to be advised in due course. Please contact the Chair, Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781.
Your involvement is very much welcomed!