



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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Second Sunday of Easter(Divine Mercy)

27 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.



PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE—There will be a one-day parish pilgrimage on Saturday 14 June in celebration of the Jubilee of Hope. We expect to leave Bishop's Stortford at 9.30 am and be back in the evening around 8:30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch with you. The day will include a visit and a moment of prayer at Redemptoris Mater, the House of Formation where Fr Marco lived and studied as seminarian and a walk (roughly 1 hour) to Westminster Cathedral passing through Tyburn and Hyde Park. At the Cathedral there will be an opportunity for Confession and celebrate the Vigil Mass together. If interested, please contact Fr Marco by email on marcolazzaron@rcdow.org.uk to book your place no later than Sunday 18 May. Depending on the number of parishioners who wish to attend, we may be able to arrange a coach, if not, we can travel together by train. Thank you.

SOUL FOOD MONDAYS—On Monday 28 April, at 7.30pm, we begin a five week faith-sharing programme on the theme of Christian Hope, linking to this year's Jubilee Year of Hope. The evenings will involve time to reflect on scripture and sharing in small groups. Please note the dates of our forth-coming sessions, as we will not be meeting on the bank holidays: 28 April, 12 & 19 May, 2 & 9 June. The programme will conclude with a special evening where we welcome Fr Daniel Humphrey's, the Jubilee Coordinator for our diocese, to come and speak to us about what the jubilee is all about, on Monday 16 June. All are welcome to one or all of these sessions - we look forward to seeing you!

TABLE TENNIS CLUB—for Sunday 27 April has been cancelled. This is due to the lack of available organisers. The next table tennis club night will be on Sunday 11 May

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE—On Saturday 10 May at 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will lead a Service of Healing and Hope at Westminster Cathedral. This is an open service to which all are welcome as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for those who have been impacted by abuse, as well as those who work with or support them. Before the service all are welcome to join in a creative workshop from 10am in the Cathedral Hall, run by 'LOUDFence', to make materials which will be used in the service. If you plan on attending, please bring a packed lunch

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

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS—The Cardinal invites you to a Mass for Catholics recently baptised or received into the Catholic Church Saturday 10 May, 6pm, Westminster Cathedral. There will be a talk and gathering for new Catholics and their guests from 4pm-5.30pm in Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, Westminster, SW1P 1QN. RSVP by email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 7798 9152

ST MICHAELS & ST ANDREWS/ HOLY CROSS BELLS— This Saturday 26 April there was a toll of 88 rings at Holy Cross just before 9am for Pope Francis' funeral to signify and give thanks for the years of his life. Next Sunday there will be a half muffled ringing before the Holy Cross 11.30am Mass and Saturday 6pm Mass at St Joseph's. This is a wonderful, thoughtful and most welcome ecumenical gesture instigated by our good friends and neighbours from the Anglican community. We are very grateful for their kindness, along with the time and talents of the bell ringers, in Pope Francis' honour.

'Lord Jesus, make my heart more like yours'



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!