



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May 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 LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant
Leo,
in succession to the Apostle
Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favourably on the
supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ
on earth,
he may confirm his brethren
and that the whole Church may
be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and
peace,
so that in you, the shepherd of
souls,
all may know the truth and
attain life eternal.
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

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PRIEST TRAINING FUND— This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and when the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese, 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. To make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

PRIMARY FAMILY DAY—On Saturday 7 June, we will be hosting our next primary family day, especially aimed at all those of primary age, along with their parents/siblings. The theme will be Pentecost and it will take place in the parish hall, which is located behind St Joseph's church. The day starts at 10.30am and it will finish with a bring and share lunch, ending around 1.30pm. The morning will be made up of drama, crafts, songs and games, as well as food! You are most welcome to just turn up on the day, though if you plan to come, it would be good to know, so we can prepare for the numbers attending. Please email: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. Please note that at least one adult should accompany their children. No child should be dropped off without an adult.

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— Monday 12 May 7.30pm to 9pm in the WCC. We continue with our scripture study on the Jubilee theme of Hope, looking at the story of the young Jesus lost in the temple. Everyone is welcome.

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

ZAMKNIT —Tuesday, 13 May 2pm-4pm Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS - On Sat 3 May, six adults from our parish were confirmed at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate them and we ask for your prayers for them, as they continue their journey of faith.

ADVANCE NOTICE - there will be NO Wednesday Tea and coffee on Wednesday 21 May 2025, as we welcome some of our younger parishioners from St Joseph's school for their annual retreat day in the hall.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the 64 children in our parish who next week-end will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to Fr Peter, Fr Marco, Sophie, Marie, our amazing team of Catechists & helpers and everyone who has kindly given their time to ensure that this will be a wonderful celebration including our Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, flower arrangers, Repository helpers & cleaners.