



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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+All Saints

2 November 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.



THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

will take place
at 3pm
on Sunday 2 November
in Bishop's Stortford Cemetery.

NOVEMBER

is the month of Holy Souls.
If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones added to our Book of Remembrance this year displayed at St Joseph's please email your list of names to the parish office or post through the door of number 3. Donations for Holy Souls may now also be made using the DONA machines at St Joseph's, the 'Holy Souls' option.

ZAMKNIT

Tuesday 4 November 2-4 pm.
Most Holy Redeemer Extension
All are welcome.

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ST JOSEPH'S REPOSITORY—Items for the Christmas season are now being ordered.

Christmas cribs/ stables are priced from £30. If you would like to order a crib, please ask to see the catalogue which is held in the repository, after 9am and 11am weekend Masses. Smaller, less expensive versions of the crib/stable have already been ordered.

COMPANY AT CHRISTMAS 40TH ANNIVERSARY— Company at Christmas is inviting anyone who might find themselves home alone on Christmas Day to join them at the Methodist Church in South Street on 25 December. There is also an appeal for volunteers and drivers to help. There is a meeting at the Methodist Church on Thursday 6 November at 7.30pm for people interested in volunteering at the venue or as a driver. If you or anyone you know is going to be on their own on Christmas Day and would like to attend, please email companyatchristmas@gmail.com. It's the same email address for any people or businesses who would like to support the event by making a financial donation or volunteering their time. If you would like to be personally invited for the Christmas Day event but do not have access to email, please ring Debbie in the parish office and she will help by sending an email on your behalf.

MARY'S MEALS— would like to thank everyone in the parish for their contributions of unwanted recyclable items such as mobiles/jewellery/watches/cameras. This initiative generated £75.25 which will enable Mary's Meals to provide 752 daily meals. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. We are still collecting foreign coin, please just put in the collection basket at Mass.

JUBILEE MASS— Pilgrims of Hope— on Saturday 22 November at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral. During the Jubilee year a large number of individuals and groups have engaged in various walking pilgrimages as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This is a celebration Mass for all who have completed the Westminster Way walking pilgrimage during the Holy Year, and any other form of pilgrimage, including to the Jubilee churches in the diocese. All are welcome. Further details at jubilee2025@rcdow.org.uk

OPEN DAYS— for prospective parents applying for a Reception place at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in September 2026 will be on Thursday 6 & Tuesday 18 November @9:30am. To book a space, please contact the school office on 01279 652576 or email admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk. Please note completed forms and supporting documentation cannot be submitted to the school office until Monday 3 November 2025. As well as completing and submitting the Supplementary Information Form to the school office, you must also apply for a school place online. The online application process commences on Monday 3 November & closes on Thursday 15 January 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE— Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in SEPTEMBER 2026/7 who may require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' can either download an application form from the resource page on our website or alternatively collect an application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy after Mass or the parish office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Peter or Fr Marco's attention with a stamped addressed envelope, please. The certificate will be posted to you in the envelope that you provide. Please allow plenty of time if you do require a certificate.

FUNDRAISER— St Joseph's Altar Server, Davi has been growing his hair long for some time and is going to have it cut off to raise funds for the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer. Davi's hair will make 4 wigs, each one costs £600 to make. If you would like to support this cause please visit his just giving page. Thank you. <https://tinyurl.com/5n983bc6>

JIGSAW FESTIVAL— B/S Methodist Church, Saturday 8 November 10am—2pm £2 entry including coffee. Free entry for children. Something for everyone. Cakes for sale too.

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest'