



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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+The Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

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.

WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES

The new series of numbered donation envelopes start in April and we now need to place an exact order and pay for those boxes required. If you wish to continue with envelopes, then please do so. If you would rather switch to an electronic method of payment please contact the parish office ASAP so that we do not order & pay for a numbered box for you. The Finance team will assist and help to preserve any Gift Aid status. Thank you.

LENTEN TALK

Saturday, 21 March, 11.30 am at St. Andrew's with Holy Cross, there will be a Lenten Talk, given by Fr. Peter. This will be followed by lunch. This will be a 'bring and share' meal, a simple meal of bread, cheese and fruit. The talk is intended to help us as we journey through Lent. All welcome.

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LENTEN APPEAL— Our annual Lenten Appeal across the Diocese supports one shared mission: helping people encounter Christ and live that faith in love and service. Through Education, Youth & Evangelisation, and Marriage & Family Life, the diocese forms hearts, nurtures faith, and strengthens families within our parishes. Through Social Action, that formed faith reaches outward, ensuring that no one in our communities faces life's hardest moments alone. Your generous support this Lent will enable the Church to continue walking with people at every stage of life and be a visible sign of Christ's love, both within our parishes and among our neighbours. To donate please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal. Alternatively, envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your support & for helping our diocesan family to continue this vital work.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—Friday 6 March 10.30am Great St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth Refreshments to follow. All welcome!!

MASS TO WELCOME OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP—There will be a Mass to welcome our new Archbishop Richard Moth on Wednesday 11 March 6.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 141 Woodhall Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 3TP. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST JOSEPH'S—led by our Parishioners after morning Mass on Fridays. Every one is welcome.

NO MASS ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH AT ST JOSEPH'S—Apologies but there will be NO MASS celebrated on Tuesday due to Fr Peter and Fr Marco being away from the parish. The Church will be open as usual for private prayer between 9am—3pm.

CONCERT OF REFLECTION—Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm. The Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. MacMillan's Stabat Mater & Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. Parishioners have been given an opportunity to buy your tickets at a discounted rate of 50%. Discounted tickets are available in Sections A, B and N at the following link, using the password: WCSBDO. Visit the link below to buy tickets. The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, our Precentor, and Founder of Christian art.

www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off

A DAY WITH MARY— is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). www adaywithmary.org/ or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

☀ **SAVE THE DATE**— On the weekend of Saturday 11 July at 7.30pm & Sunday 12 July at 3pm we will be hosting an evening Parish Hog roast followed by a traditional afternoon tea party to give thanks and to celebrate the impending retirement of Fr Peter. Further information will be given in due course, but please do make a note in your diary now! Good company is assured and sunshine (hopefully) guaranteed!!



ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23 May 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details before Monday 13 April: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Closer to the time, the Agency for Evangelisation will send out an invitation from the Archbishop to the couples.