



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Parish Office: Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Friday 8am –12pm(remote)

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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+The Fourth Sunday of Lent

15 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST JOSEPH'S

led by our Parishioners after morning Mass on Fridays.
Every one is welcome.



We pray for all Mothers and those special women in our lives
*Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were Jesus' gift for us from the cross.
He gave you to us as our Mother.
Intercede for all our needs*

RCIA SCRUTINY MASSES ST JOSEPH'S

Saturday 14 March 6pm Mass
Sunday 22 March 11am Mass



*'I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have
the light of life'*

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL GIFT AIDERS — The HMRC requires that you must pay more income tax than the total of all Gift Aid amounts claimed in a tax year and the penalties for failure to comply with this rule can be severe. The 2025-26 tax year ends on 5 April and we will claim the Gift Aid for the tax year soon afterwards. If you are registered with the parish for Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed so that you are no longer eligible, you **MUST** please inform us before 5 April so that we can amend our records to ensure that our claims are correct. If you are not registered for Gift Aid with the parish but you are eligible to claim, please consider doing so as it will add 25% to your offertory donations without costing you anything. Please contact the Parish Office.

SEEDS OF HOPE DAY — Saturday 21 March, Potters Bar Come and be renewed in faith, prayer and mission. Join us for a day of inspiration, reflection and encouragement, as we rediscover the joy of sharing Christ's love. Grow in confidence to share your faith with those in our lives. Please visit: rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/seeds-of-hope/

WINTERSHALL PASSION OF JESUS — Trafalgar Square. Good Friday 3 April 12pm & 3.15pm. A free performance and dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed. Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square. Come prepared to sit on the ground in whatever the weather may be. It is also livestreamed: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

THANK YOU — for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day appeal. Donation envelopes are still available at the back of the church if you still wished to donate.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED WEEKEND — 8-10 May, Worth Abbey, West Sussex, RH1 4SB. Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by trained volunteers at special weekend gatherings, which encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For details, please contact Mary on 07730 884315 or email: BeginningExperience.soe@gmail.com.

LENT FAMILY PACK — contains creative ways to help families draw close to God in Lent including ways to count down the days to Easter, pray reflectively, discussion aids, craft, games, books and movies for all. <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebratereathome>

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSE (CCRS) This course run in partnership with Westminster Diocesan Education Service (WDES) is suitable for catechists and lay ministers wishing to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic faith. The course lasts 18 months to 2 years. For details regarding application and costs, contact Margaret Hanley ccrs@rcdow.org.uk or Anna annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

IMPORTANT - ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER IN OUR PARISH?

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) have made Level 3 Safeguard training mandatory for all Clergy, staff, and **Volunteers** regardless of their role within a parish and whether or not they have a DBS. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!**

Volunteers can access the Level 3 training free of charge by following this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk> The online training does not have to be done in one sitting as progress will be saved. When you are logging in, please be sure to add 'Diocese of Westminster' and your 'volunteer role' for our records.

We ask that when volunteers have completed the CSSA level 3 module please let your Parish administrator know your name, your volunteer role and the date you completed the Level 3 training module so that parish safeguard training record can be updated. Parish training records throughout the Diocese will be subject to a CSSA safeguarding audit and review so your assistance and commitment to completing the training is very much appreciated. **Thank you very much to everyone for their response so far!**