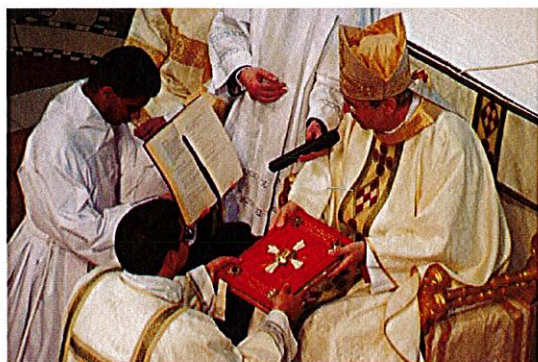


Parish Message for Corpus Christi

Dear Parishioners,

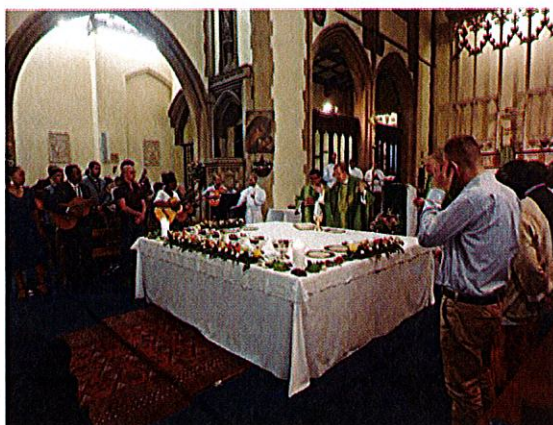
This week I celebrated the 4th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Diaconate. I'm sure I would have loved to celebrate this moment with you face to face and at Mass. The current situation, however, has changed things. I guess that I can invite you to raise a glass this weekend for the anniversary, if desired.



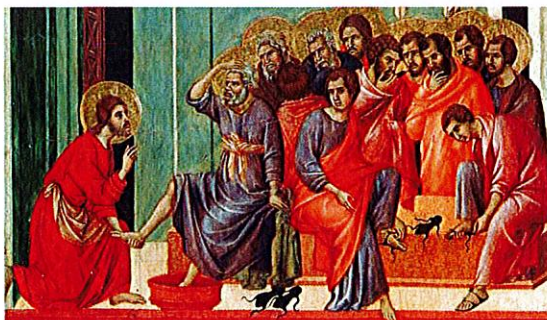
Reflecting on the Solemnity that is to be celebrated this Sunday, I was thinking of the days that led to my Diaconate – the preparation, the arrival of the family, the stress in organising the event, and, most importantly, the fact that I was getting ordained! I had returned from my retreat and suddenly it hit me: in two days I will be a deacon – not only to serve at the altar but also to imitate the life of Christ as a deacon, soon to be a priest the following year.

After two sleepless nights and a nervous moment, I remember that all I could say is: 'I'm ready to give myself to you.' After the imposition of the Bishop's hands and the Prayer of Ordination, I became a deacon; and all my fears were allayed. It was as if I knew that God had answered my call.

What was even more joyous was the fact that for the first time, I was able to serve at the altar and be able to raise the chalice along with the celebrant. I felt close to see that the Eucharist is really the call to be like Christ – to give my life in service for the other. This is the experience we all have as Christians, just like he did before they were at supper: washing the disciples' feet (which was the icon used for my Ordination Card. When we receive the Body of Christ again (hopefully soon), let us remember to be Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve (Mt 20:28).



Fr. Carlos



Fw: Parish Note Friday 12th June 2020 and the Sunday Message from Fr Carlos

Bishop's Stortford - St Joseph & The English Martyr <bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk>

Fri 6/26/2020 3:17 PM

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From: Bishop's Stortford - St Joseph & The English Martyr

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 5:51 PM

To: Bishop's Stortford - St Joseph & The English Martyr <bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk>

Subject: Parish Note Friday 12th June 2020 and the Sunday Message from Fr Carlos

Good afternoon everyone

I hope that you are well.

Please find attached the Sunday message for this week written by Fr Carlos on the solemnity of Corpus Christi, with a wonderful personal reflection following the 4th anniversary of his Diaconate. It contains some really special photographs. The message can also be found on the news section of our website.

This week.. boomerangs, bagpipes and bubblegum! It's not the items on my shopping list or the title of a dubious sounding book, but, through the wonders of technology and having been introduced by Fr Carlos to an amazing American documentary television series called ' How it's made', I now have a new found fascination for the manufacture of unusual products. If you have never seen it, it is definitely worth a look. The series consists of 416 episodes, first broadcast in 2001 on the Discovery Channel, but it is also available on Youtube. The first episode, strangely recommended to me, featured ' Toilet paper', which would have been really useful to have watched, before the crazy panic buying in the shops some months ago! It reported on how everyday paper to be recycled (letters etc) is transformed, pulped, stretched, embossed, bleached and packaged into perfectly cut rolls wound around two diagonal strips of cardboard, also showing how staples (!) are removed. I now look at loo rolls and my recycling bin in a completely different light!

I am always in awe when ' somebody' creates, invents or has an idea to make an improvement for the benefit for ' everybody,' with sometimes the simplest ideas being the best . It also reminded me of how it only often takes one person to make a real difference and have a positive impact, something which we have all witnessed, particularly over the past few months during lockdown, through the kindness, care and generosity shown by so many in our parish and beyond .

Reading Fr Carlos' Sunday message, there is a sentence which really stands out to me, *'When we receive the Body of Christ again, let us remember to be Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve (Mt 20:28)*

There is a well known allegory(often used as a motivational tool in business)which is a relevant reminder on how we all have a part to play. In our own unique way, we can all make a positive difference, no matter how small it may seem.

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody

did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

IMPORTANT - Hoax E-mail purporting to be from Fr Peter- Please be aware that there is a new ' hoax email entitled ' **Blessed be God' using the email address' parishpastor1373@gmail.com' in circulation with a message similar to below..**

Subject: Blessed Be God

*Hi, Hope you are having a nice day?
i need your help with a very important errand.
Email me as soon as you get my message.*

Fr. Peter Harris

Please DO NOT respond to any such email received, but please consider forwarding on to 'Action fraud' as a phishing attempt via the address below for their information.

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing>

As the email originates from Gmail, it can also be reported to them also using the link below and you can add the address to your blocked sender list.

<https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

Any emails sent from Fr Peter, Fr Carlos or myself will always use an authorised and approved Diocesan email account which is monitored and kept secure by our ICT department in Westminster. We **NEVER** use a Gmail account or anything similar.

If you are ever in any doubt that any email purporting to be from Fr Peter, Fr Carlos of the Parish office is not a genuine one , please contact the office by telephone to double check.

Thank you very much to our vigilant Parishioners who contacted us to report this!

Hymns for this weekend - Corpus Christi from Fr Carlos

Please find the list of hymns for Corpus Christi at 11am and 6pm

Entrance Hymn - 246 - Bread of Life

Words and Melody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iYKxMAn3Kfo>

Mass Setting for the 11am Mass: I am going to try the Belmont Mass

Melody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBzLrQVOQOY>

I cannot provide music sheets due to Copyright Laws, but it is number 1002, 1005, and 1011 in the hymnal.

Communion Hymn - 607 - Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Words and Melody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHkXHdVwm8o>

Recessional Hymn - 246 - Of the Body Glorious Telling

Words (except the last two verses) and Melody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m376km0NP7g>

Zoom -Thank you again very much to John and the 9am Music group who very kindly each week host the Zoom session. Last week we were joined by Fr Carlos before and just after he celebrated the Mass. With modern mobile telephone technology and a slight time delay, Father appeared to 'teleport' and managed to watch himself for the last minute of Mass!

This week, we Zoom again.. John has very kindly issued the Zoom details and code for the next few weeks. There is also a telephone number, should you wish to 'dial in' at a standard call rate.

The 9am Music Group bring you hymns via Zoom before and after the parish Live Streaming of Mass.

How it works:

- * Different members of the 9am Music Group will lead different hymns before and after Mass.
- * We will start the Meeting about 8:40am to allow people to join and get technology working.
- * Our hymns will start about 8:50am. At the end of Mass we will play a Communion and Exit Hymn.
- * We ask everyone to stay muted during the Mass otherwise your audio will affect others ability to hear the Priest.
- * Feel free to join with or without video! But if you are on video, we ask that you be appropriately dressed!
- * After the hymns at the end of Mass we will un-mute everyone so you can say hello and have a chat about your week.

Thanks everyone and we hope you enjoy a brief sense of community while things are in lock-down.

God bless x

9am Music Group

Topic: Family Mass via Zoom during lock-down (music starting at 8:45am)

Time: Jun 14, 2020 08:30 AM London

Every week on Sun, until Jul 26, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

Jun 14, 2020 08:30 AM

Jun 21, 2020 08:30 AM

Jun 28, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 5, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 12, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 19, 2020 08:30 AM

Jul 26, 2020 08:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508074176>

Meeting ID: 895 0807 4176

Link to [Calendar invite](#) is parishioners want to add it to their diary.

One tap mobile:

+442030512874,,89508074176# United Kingdom

Dial-in by phone:

0203 051 2874

The numbers are standard rate numbers (not free unless you have inclusive minutes), but they are not premium numbers.

Cardinal Vincent - On Sunday 14th June, the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. Please share this welcome news with fellow parishioners, and family and friends who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch livestreamed Masses.

A Temporary Change to Daily Mass times at St Joseph's - As from Monday 15th June 2020 the daily Mass time at St Joseph's (Monday to Friday inclusive) will be **temporarily changed from 9.30am to 5pm** for a period of 2 weeks. This is in order to facilitate the continuous work on the underfloor heating project and prevent the workers having to stop mid way during the morning. There will be NO change to the Mass intentions , just the time of the Mass, which will continue to be live streamed and recorded. St Joseph's will continue to remain closed during this time for health and safety reasons because of the work taking place.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of Denis Kashala and Carol Ann Butterworth who recently died in the parish. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Vacancy at Conewood Manor, Bishop's Stortford - A Full Time Housekeeper is wanted for a local Catholic owned Care Home.Previous experience within housekeeping is required.Salary C £20,000 pa, depending on level of experience.Please contact info@conewoodmanor.co.uk .Interviews will commence on w/c 15th June 2020.

Dad's Group Meeting -The next Dad's Group meeting is via Zoom at 8pm on the 24th June, kindly hosted by John Wright. We would love to see those who have been before but haven't been for a while for a catch up, and any new/old Dads in the parish that would like to share in some fellowship once a month! There is no age limit on this!!

Join the Zoom Meeting via the details below..

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83424994218>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc9iW1LALK>

Don't Forget Me: Accompanying people with Intellectual Disabilities as they face death and bereavement. This online course, provided by the University of Roehampton and created by Cristina Gangemi from the Kairos Forum, helps participants learn how best to accompany people with intellectual disabilities as they face death and bereavement. The course runs from 22 June to 2 August 2020 – there is no requirement to travel, you can complete the course from the comfort of your own home. The full course fee is £170 but generous bursaries are available for students on a low income, please email catherineofsiena@roehampton.ac.uk to request an application form.

www.estore.roehampton.ac.uk/short-courses/

How to be with grieving friends as we come out of lockdown -As we emerge from lockdown, how can we best support friends who are grieving for loved ones who have died during the coronavirus pandemic?. Please see our website which contains advice and links to organisations, also a link below.

- [The Good Grief Trust](#)
- [Cruse Bereavement Care](#)
- [Grief Chat](#)

You can also read more about coping with [bereavement and grief](#) on our website.

'The God Who Speaks' -In this time of pandemic when we can't reach out to the Sacraments, we can always reach out to the word; and indeed it is through the word that the Word is always reaching out to us, even in the darkest and most challenging of situations. 'The God Who Speaks' website continues to provide a range of information, ideas and resources encouraging a greater exploration of Holy Scripture, including:

- The Gospel according to Matthew – a four-part audio series featuring voices of Catholics living and working in England & Wales.
- Word at Home - ideas to help you create a prayerful, scriptural and reflective time at home.
- 'Top Tens' – from parables to paintings, from animals to films, the 'Top Tens' features creative ways to help us engage with Scripture.
- Home Alone with St Jerome – A What'sApp-style conversation with St Jerome and friends, and his faithful lion, on how to cope with being at home during the pandemic.
- Bible Basics & Scripture Seekers – facts and reflections for those new to the Bible, or who would like to explore the Bible further.
- Word 3600 – Prayers, thoughts and resources for Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word in today's world.

To view these and other resources provided by CBCEW in partnership with the Bible Society, see the regularly updated 'The God Who Speaks' website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

First Holy Communion 2021 - Applications are now open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2021 for those Children who live in the parish, which will take place on Saturday 8th May 2021 at St Joseph and the English Martyrs and on Sunday 9th May 2021 at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross. The preparation programme is only for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament within the parish and not elsewhere. It will start between November 2020 - May 2021 and will consist of 10 separate sessions.

There will 3-4 sessions for Parents. The Children are expected to attend each session and the 9am Mass that Sunday. **Children should be 8 years old on or before 31 August 2021.**

What do I need to do to register my Child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2021?

- Firstly check that your Child qualifies under the above conditions i.e. they will be 8 years old on or before 31st August 2021, that you live in the parish and your Child will be receiving the Sacrament in the parish and not elsewhere.
- Email the parish office on bishopsstortford@rcdow.org.uk requesting a First Holy Communion application form **for your child only** giving the **FULL NAME** and **DATE of BIRTH of your CHILD**.
- A personalised application form containing your Child's name and date of birth will then be emailed to you as a PDF document.
- Please print off the PDF form, fill in the remaining details requested on both sides of the form, sign and post back the hard copy in an envelope to 3, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2ND
- When you have submitted the 'hard copy' of the form, please then email fhcstjosephs@gmail.com so that the First Holy Communion Catechist can send you an acknowledgment email and keep you updated of proposed sessions.
- The Cut off date for the hard copy of all forms to have been received at 3, Windhill is **Tuesday 1st September 2020 with no exceptions..**
- If your Child has any special needs, requirements, medical conditions or needs additional support, please ensure that your form is submitted as soon as possible. This is to ensure that we can contact you early and have plenty of time to better understand what support may be required and also make any necessary arrangements.
- If you have any questions re the application process please contact the Parish office - Thank you

Volunteer Stewards/ Cleaners required - As we start to look forward to the eventual re opening of our Churches for private prayer, there is a lot of preparatory work to be done and ongoing risk assessments to be completed. To ensure that we remain COVID- 19 secure, we are currently sourcing and purchasing welfare products, protective equipment, cleaning materials and tape for social distancing. We will also need to prepare the Church, identifying a one way system throughout, with hand sanitiser stations, having an exit and entry point and may have to cordon off certain areas. A clear cleaning regime is also to be implemented with a thorough domestic clean at least once each day or more regularly depending on usage. This involves washing with hot soapy water to break down any virus followed by disinfecting the area. Areas of frequent touch will also need to be cleaned more regularly e.g door handles etc. Access to the Sacristy will be restricted and the Toilets and Confessionals will remain locked at all times.

In order to facilitate this, **we will require some help please** to support this process and are therefore still looking to put together a volunteer team of Stewards (for the entry point, exit point and in the Church) and Cleaners for the hours when the Church will be open, which to start with, will probably be restricted. Guidance, instructions and protective equipment will be given to all volunteers.

The latest guidance that we had from the Diocese (dated 27/5) advised that members of the team should be deemed healthy and fit for work prior to commencement of work. At present, this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years and/ or with certain pre- existing health conditions, self- isolating or shielding). This however may change.

So, that we can start to see potentially how many people would be willing/ available /able to help, please may you kindly email the office with the following information.

- Your Name and Contact details
- Your potential availability to help (i.e days of the week/ time/ hours available - even if limited)
- Which volunteer role you wish to help with i.e. Steward/ Cleaner or Both

- If you are available to help with just a ' One- off' clean of the Church before we actually open our doors / during opening hours or at the end of a working day.

This could be your chance to be ' that person' to help to get the Church nearer to opening, so please don't be shy in coming forward! Many hands together make light work for the benefit of all -Thank you.

Parishioner of the Week - This week, the award goes to Robert Purcell. Robert is one of our Altar servers and a much loved and respected long serving Parishioner, who generously gives so much of his time. He is always really cheery and positive too! It was brought to my attention that Robert has been very kindly helping other parishioners with their shopping during the lock down and he was also the very first person in the parish to offer his help as a Steward for when we do eventually open. Thank you Robert - you are a star!

We are truly blessed that Fr Peter and Fr Carlos answered their calling to the Priesthood, choosing to live a life of sacrifice and service, caring for us all. We send our love and prayers to them both as they approach the anniversaries of their ordinations, with our sincere gratitude for the positive difference that they have both made and continue to make in all of our lives.

I hope that you all have a very happy and healthy week

Best wishes

Debbie

Parish Administrator

(Mon- Fri 9am - 3pm)

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