



The Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford

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Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



THE CATENIANS

will be giving a short talk after Mass
at St Joseph's
on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 June

ST ELIZABETH'S SUMMER FAYRE

25 June 2022 12pm-4pm
Family Fun—Live Music—Craft Stalls
BBQ & Afternoon Tea
www.stelizabeths.org.uk

MUCH HADHAM OPEN GARDENS DAY

Sunday 26 June 2022 12pm—5pm
Entrance £5 (accompanied children free)
Registration & free parking at the Village Hall
Gardens large & small will be open, with access to the High Street
Enquiries Boo Williams
01279 842805

Come and join us at
St Joseph's for ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament and take the



opportunity to celebrate the
Sacrament of RECONCILIATION
each Saturday
with one of our priests
between 3pm and 4pm

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the CARPENTER

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Parish Office: Monday—Friday 9am to 3pm—Administrator, Mrs Debbie Jackson

Catechetical Co-ordinator— Mrs Sophie Sullivan

The Most Holy Trinity

12 June 2022

VACANCY—The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details visit tinyurl.com/2p84hez4

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK— needs more volunteers for all or part of the week. We need adults especially but do have room for children too. Sign up will stay open. The launch night is Thursday 16 June at 8pm at the Bishop's Stortford High School. Come and hear the wonderful theme tune!! <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/>

CAFOD GAP YEAR PROGRAMME— CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. For more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS—our First Holy Communion children who celebrate the sacrament of their first Reconciliation this weekend. Thank you to our Catechetical team who have continued to support them.

ONE-STOP INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE IN HERTS— Useful links and resources for people living in Herts visit tinyurl.com/ykzr6p6r

HERTSHELP Call 0300 123 4044 to speak to an adviser, email info@hertshelp.net or visit <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx>

BOOK LAUNCH of "The Father Wants to Heal You – A Retreat with the Lord's Prayer" by Fr Nigel Woollen (Veritas, 2022): Either Friday 8 July at 7.30pm, St Joseph's Church (hall), Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ – launch by Fr Michael Doherty SDS; or Saturday 9 July at 12.30pm, St Paul's Catholic Bookstore, Morpeth Terrace SW1P 1EP (next door to Westminster Cathedral) – launch by Mgr Martin Hayes, Vicar-General. Refreshments provided at both events. Book available online from Veritas.ie or Amazon

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 22-26 JUNE 2022 #WMOF22 – this year we are invited to celebrate the WMOF locally using resources developed under the title 'Rome at home' to enable as many families to participate at the local level. Visit tinyurl.com/mryf253v

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – We keep in our prayers those men to be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday 25 June 2022, 10:30am - 12:00pm at Westminster Cathedral.

Please remember to complete a Parish Census Form for your household— Thank you very much!

OR preferably you can do it online via our website, it only takes a few minutes..

www.rcstortford.org.uk/register

AUCTION OF BELL FITTINGS FROM ST MICHAEL'S BELLS.



Windhill Churches Centre, Friday 24 June.
Viewing from 1.00pm. Auction at 8.00pm
Auction lots to include Clappers, Wheels, Stays, Sliders, Ropes, Pulleys, Ladders and Running Boards.
Ideal for wall/house/garden decorations/craft projects.
Contact bells@stmichaelweb.org.uk for more details.

Save the date....



A PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 10 July 2022

after the 11am Mass

A chance to gather together in the Monastery gardens and enjoy a summer picnic & drinks

Sunshine 'hopefully' guaranteed!

The Sunday Message from Fr Antonio on the Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper. Jesus tells his disciples that they had much more to learn but he did not teach them there and then. Why? Had He run out of time? Had the Last Supper taken too long?

No, Jesus' timing was always perfect. He knew his hour had come. It wasn't a matter of time sneaking up on Him. And He was always ready for whatever he had to do. Rather, Jesus had "much more" to teach his disciples because they weren't ready to hear it. They couldn't understand everything yet. They needed time and experience—and a lot of help from the Holy Spirit. Think of a child. He will not know everything in the first three years of his life. He will need his parents' age-appropriate guidance for many more years.

Like Jesus' first disciples, we have much more to learn. We don't quite comprehend a lot of what Jesus teaches, and we need the Spirit's help to live out the things that we do understand. This Sunday's feast of the Holy Trinity is a classic example. Every Sunday we proclaim the Creed and in so doing we proclaim that we believe in one God in three divine Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the Trinity is a mystery we will never fully comprehend. Jesus certainly has a lot he can teach us—about the Trinity and so much more. He unfolds these mysteries for us over our lifetime, as we seek him and open ourselves to the Spirit.

When we think about this properly, we realise how blessed we are. Jesus loves to reveal His truths to us, and He offers us everything we need to understand Him. Through His death and resurrection, He has overcome the sin that clouds our minds and hinders us from seeking and knowing God. Not only that, but He has given us the Spirit, who lives in us and helps us understand the truths of our faith. And He has given us the Church, where we receive the Scriptures, the sacraments, and brothers and sisters who love us. All these things help to reveal more and more to us about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fr Antonio Pineda