



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

# the CARPENTER

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

19 June 2022

## 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  
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## ST ELIZABETH'S SUMMER FAYRE

25 June 2022 12pm-4pm  
Family Fun— Live Music— Craft Stalls  
BBQ & Afternoon Tea  
[www.stelizabeths.org.uk](http://www.stelizabeths.org.uk)  
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## 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 EXPOSITION 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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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**— We especially remember all Fathers this weekend and keep all Priests in our prayers too.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/gapyear)  
**REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**— There is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy with dates until the end of the year to volunteer to help with refreshments after Sunday Mass at St Joseph's. If there is no one to assist, unfortunately there will be some weeks with no refreshments on offer. Please help where you can. Thank you very much.

**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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/mryf253v)

**REFUGEE WEEK**— For Refugee Week 2022 (20-26 June) why not do one or more of the eight Simple Acts inspired by the theme 'Healing'— send a message, share a dish, have a chat, watch a film, read a book, walk together, plant a seed, join the movement.

**PRAYER VIGIL**— 20 June, 12.30-1.30pm: Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Contact Barbara Kentish (J & P) [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

**LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK** – 20-26 June 'making sure the world hears what life is like if you have a learning disability'. Grove Cottage is the home of Mencap in Bishop's Stortford and provides social and educational activities for people of all ages with a learning disability. Visit [www.mencapgrovecottage.org](http://www.mencapgrovecottage.org) for more info about services available.

**DAY FOR LIFE**— Sunday 19 June, is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly.

*'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.'* Psalm 71:9

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](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk/register)

## THE WELL BELOVED CLUB

On the 1st Sunday of the month, they provide a tasty two-course lunch with unlimited refreshments to people aged 65+ who are feeling lonely or socially isolated in the Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and surrounding areas. They also run a number of different activities throughout the year.

Arrival: 12pm

Lunch: 12.30pm

Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall,  
The Forebury, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9BD  
01279 755452 • 07906 873939

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 Body and Blood of Christ

Happy Father's Day to all who are fathers or grandfathers or stepfathers in our parish! According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the vital importance of the father's role comes from the fact that, with his wife, he co-operates with God the Creator in bringing a new human life into the world.

A favourite gift for Father's Day is a mug emblazoned with the words "World's Greatest Dad." There is one dad, however, who doesn't always get a lot of honour on Father's Day. That is the "World's Greatest Dad," our Heavenly Father (Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:6). He is our spiritual Daddy, actively involved in all areas of our lives. It is He on Whom we lean in times of pain and hurt; it is He on Whom we call in times of need; it is He Who provides for us in all ways — practical, emotional, and spiritual. He wants us to think of Him as "Dad." This being so, let us take this Father's Day to honour Him, the REAL "World's Greatest Dad."

Many of us pray the "Our Father" day after day, without paying attention to, or experiencing, the love and providence of our Heavenly Father. Let us pray the Our Father during this Holy Mass realising the meaning of each clause and experiencing the love of our Heavenly Father for us. May all earthly fathers draw strength from their Heavenly Father!

A personal plea from me: on this Father's Day, please don't forget to pray for priests — men who are called to be Fathers of an immensely large parish family through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

*Fr Antonio Pineda*