



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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

**Our priests are:**

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

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**



**ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022**

1 September–1 November

The relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time.

This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

Individuals and groups are invited to register their attendance on the Relic tour website  
[stbernadette.org.uk/thetour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/thetour/)

*"Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!"*

*"Saint Bernadette, pray for us!"*

*"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"*

**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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# the CARPENTER

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

**Catechetical Co-ordinator—** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14 August 2022

**REVISED MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

**The following Masses are suspended:**

Sundays, 9:00 am at Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth

Sundays, 11:30 am at Holy Cross, Much Hadham

Sundays, 6:00 pm at St Joseph and the English Martyrs

**This means that there will only be three Sunday Masses as follows:**

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm, St Joseph and the English Martyrs

Sunday, 9:00 am, St Joseph and the English Martyrs

Sunday, 11:00 am, St Joseph and the English Martyrs

The weekday Masses are unaffected. There will still be a morning Mass at 9:30 am, Monday to Friday at St Joseph's, throughout August.

These changes are necessary to enable Fr Peter and Fr Antonio to go on their well deserved summer breaks. Fr Antonio is away during the first half of August while Fr Peter will be taking the second half of August off.

**The normal Mass schedule will resume on Sunday 4 September.**

If you know anyone from Sawbridgeworth or Much Hadham who will find it difficult to attend Mass at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church, please do offer to give them a lift so that they can continue to fulfil their Sunday obligation throughout the summer.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023**—Application forms will be made available in **September 2022**. Further information will follow in due course.

**PARISH PARENT & BABIES/TODDLERS GROUP**—Majellans is back! After a 2 year break, we are finally in a position to be able to restart our wonderful Parents and Babies/Toddlers group. All parents / Carers with children aged between 0-4 years old are most welcome. The first session will be on Monday 12 September 2022 from 9:30am-11:30am and then continue every Monday, except for half terms and school holidays throughout the year. We meet in the parish hall of the Windhill Churches Centre (WCC), behind St Joseph's Church. The charge per session will be £1.50 and there is no booking required - just feel free to turn up and stay for as long as you wish! There is NO parking at the WCC. We need plenty of volunteers including parents/parishioners willing to help come early to set up and/or tidy up afterwards and also require assistance in the kitchen, serving teas and coffees and preparing snacks for the children. If you can help (even if not every week), please email Sophie [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or call Debbie in the office on 01279 654063 and leave your name and number and Sophie will get back to you.

**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)

**RETROUVAILLE**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme open to married couples of any faith, or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The programme is presented by trained volunteers who themselves have experienced the programme and want to share the benefits they have experienced first-hand in their own relationships. The presenting team on the weekend also includes a priest who has experienced the programme and believes that it has something to offer couples in difficulties. The next Retrouvaille programme begins with a weekend from 13-16 October 2022. It will be held online using Zoom and we will be commencing the following programme with a face-to-face weekend from 24-26 February 2023 in Welwyn Garden City. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL**

If someone is sick in hospital, please do let us know and ask the staff on the ward, to contact the Hospital Chaplain, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill  
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Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy  
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