



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

**CONTACTLESS QR code**  
↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



# the CARPENTER

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

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 September 2022

**CONFIRMATION 2023** – Confirmation is an important step in a Christian's sacramental life. Preparation for it will require participation in a number of sessions and there is an expectation that you will attend Mass on a weekly basis, and commit to a monthly parish duty or responsibility throughout 2023. To register, your date of birth must be on or before 31 August 2007 (i.e., you must be in Year 10 or above). You will need to provide a copy of your Baptism certificate, if not baptised in the parish. The preparation sessions will take place from November 2022 to July 2023 with an introductory meeting for your parents before the October half term (dates to be confirmed). **Application forms will be available in the Sacristy after Mass from 3/4 September 2022. Completed forms to be returned for the attention of Fr Peter before Monday 26 September 2022.**

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023** – This parish-based programme is for children who will be receiving the sacrament within the Catholic parish of Bishop's Stortford and not elsewhere. It is open to children who will be 8 years old on or before 31 August 2023. Parents are expected to play a vital and active role in their children's preparation. The children's sessions will take place each month from January to July 2023 and there will also be regular meetings for parents (dates to be confirmed). Children are expected to attend each session and Mass every Sunday. To register, you will need to provide a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, if not baptised in the parish. **Application forms will be available in the Sacristy after Mass from 3/4 September 2022. Completed forms are to be returned for the attention of Fr Antonio before Monday 26 September 2022**

**ENCOUNTER**— meet next Fri 23 Sept at St Theresa's Stansted. 'Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God; Old Testament fulfilment or break with tradition? Talk & discussion led by David Morson. 10.00am coffee; 10.20am meeting opens, shared lunch 12.30pm; day ends from 2.00pm. Enquiries: B/S 652060 or 814865

**ADVANCED NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE**— The Parish office will be closed from next Monday 12– Friday 16 September inclusive. If your enquiry is urgent please contact Fr Peter or Fr Antonio on 01279 654063. The answerphone will be checked daily.

**DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER YOUTH EVENT 'THE BIG SUMMIT'**— Friday 21 October 2022 6pm–8.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Join us for an evening of prayer, Adoration and some amazing guest speakers as we explore the theme, 'Mary arose and went with haste'. There will be music by One Hope Project followed by a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided meditation and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more info visit: <https://dowym.com/events/the-big-summit/>

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)

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PICNIC**



SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Between 1pm—4pm

Tea / coffee + cake provided

Please bring your own picnic, drinks & chairs.

Invitation extended to our friends at St. Josephs & Holy Cross.

Please come + join the FUN ! !

**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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