



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 HOLY TRINITY NIGHT  
SHELTER**

is still looking for volunteers for  
overnight and evening. The  
Overnight shift is 9.45pm -  
7.30am and Evening is 7pm -  
10pm. With the cold weather,  
a big surge in demand is  
expected. Anyone new will  
always be with at least one  
volunteer who knows the  
systems etc. If interested,  
please contact via email  
Dave Perry  
on [htnsmanager@outlook.com](mailto:htnsmanager@outlook.com)

**HERTS HELP**

We all need a little support  
from time to time. For  
dedicated advice and support  
for those in need call  
HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044.

Come and join us at  
St Joseph's for **EXPOSITION** of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
and take the oppor-  
tunity 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 Baptism of the Lord

8 January 2023

**FLAME 2023—Young People of the Parish (Year 9-14)** On Sat 4 March 2023, you are invited to join thousands of young Catholics at the OVO Wembley Arena for the largest national youth gathering in England and Wales - it promises to inspire and enthuse you in your faith! Do have a think about whether you might like to come, as we need to be able to organise transport in advance, based on numbers attending - it would be great to get a coach load! Check out the CYMFED website for more info and a promo video: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> We are hoping the cost for the day would be between £25-35, to be confirmed once we know numbers. We need to arrive at Wembley Arena by 11am and we will leave the venue by 6pm, so it is an all-day event. Collections and drops offs will be from St Joseph's Church. Please let Sophie know if you are interested as soon as you can **(and by Monday 23 January at the very latest): [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk)**

**ENCOUNTER—** meet on Friday 13 January at St Theresa's, Stansted. **The gift of faith.** Extracts from "Silence", the film which tells the story of 2 Christian missionaries who travel to Japan to find their mentor; Christianity was outlawed & their presence forbidden. **10am** coffee **10.30** meeting opens **12.30** Lunch: please bring food to share **2pm** day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 814865/ 652060

**ZAMKNIT AND CHAT—** Tuesday, 10 January, 2 pm - 4pm in MHR Extension. All welcome **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ?** Why not volunteer with Bishop's Stortford Youth Project and Thirst Youth Café? There is an open day on Sat 14 January, 10.15am at Thirst Youth Cafe- 76 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3AZ. To register your interest in the event please go to the Thirst Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/5xvy54yf>

**SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL—** Next weekend at St Joseph's, there will be a pulpit talk and a retiring collection for the 'Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child'.

**NOVENA—**There will be a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour immediately after Mass next Tuesday 10 January 2023 at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

**RITE OF WELCOME—** At the Vigil Mass on 14 January, we will have the Rite of Welcome when those in the RCIA programme discerning to join the Catholic Church are formally introduced to the whole parish community. It begins the second phase of the RCIA process when from being an enquirer, they become a catechumen (a word meaning someone being prepared for baptism). It is a journey that the entire parish is a part of, and one way of being a part is to sponsor one of the catechumen-to-be. For more details, please contact Fr Antonio.

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE —** Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in 2023 /24 should collect a white 'embossed' application form for a certificate . Once completed it should then be sent to No 3 Windhill marked for Fr Antonio's attention with a stamped addressed envelope, please. **The school deadline is 15 January 2023**

**A PRAYER FOR THE SOUL OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love.

In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care  
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church.  
He did the work of Christ on earth.

May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.

May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.

Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.

In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.

Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen