



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter)

16 April 2023

## Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (Parish Priest)

Fr Antonio Pineda (Asst Priest)

## PRAY FOR UKRAINE



## PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The next parish table tennis club night will be on Sunday 23 April in the WCC from 7 to 8:30pm. All welcome (children and teenagers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). For info phone Chris Brolly on 07591 838771.

## ADORATION AND CONFESSION



Come and join us at St Joseph's for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday with one of our priests between 3:00 and 4:00 pm

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next two-part Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 26 June & Monday 3 July at 8pm via Zoom with Sophie and Mike. It is a pre requisite to attend a course before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

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## ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN



This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a time when we are invited to reflect on receiving as well as giving mercy. We are invited to reflect on God's mercy in particular, something he gives us over and over again. We have done nothing to deserve it, but he gives it to us anyway, no matter how many times we sin. He wants us to do the same for our neighbours. The question is, can we give mercy, especially to those who don't deserve it?

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To Monsignor Harry Turner who joins us this weekend to celebrate Mass whilst Fr Antonio is away from the parish.

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PRIEST?

On Wednesday 17 May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for men interested in or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The 6:00 pm Mass will be followed by a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments in the Social Centre. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

## BISHOP'S STORTFORD ACROSS GROUP'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

12-21 September 2024. We will take 7-8 VIPs from our parish on a holiday with Our Lady; travel, meals and accommodation in a four-star hotel all included. We will also need able bodied helpers, nurses, priests. Open to the young and old of the parish and a great way to help build our community. Email John Wright: [johncharles.wright70@gmail.com](mailto:johncharles.wright70@gmail.com)

## MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Monday 1 May 12nn-1pm St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, 56 St Antony's Rd, London E7 9QB, The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants. Banner bearers are invited to gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15 am for refreshments and preparations ready for the banner procession at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Anthony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB. The celebrant is Bishop Alan Williams, SM.

*'Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands towards your Most Holy Place'*

**PARISH CHARITY GOLF DAY**— Our Parish Charity Golf Day starts at 12 noon on Friday 12 May at Bishop's Stortford Golf Club and there are Entry forms at the back of the church. Buggies and trollies available (subject to rain!). Please contact one of us on the entry form for more details. If you would like to donate a raffle prize that would be very welcome. This year's charity is for the Syrian/Turkey Earthquake Appeal Fund. All welcome.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**— Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13 May 2023 at 2:30pm. Mass with the Cardinal for all couples in the Diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023 (and every year over 60). Contact the parish office with husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number.