

The Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)

21 May 2023

### Our priests are:

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



MY SON CARLO

Wednesday 31 May 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street London W1K 3AH

An evening with Antonia Salzano
Acutis, mother of Blessed Carlo.
With Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction led by
Bishop Nicholas Hudson. A rare
opportunity to hear the parent of a
Blessed recount to us the journey
to beatification of their child.

## **ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Come and join us at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

# BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Two-part baptism preparation course on Monday 26 June and Monday 3 July at 8:00 pm via Zoom. You have to attend a course before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Contact parish office to book.

CONTACTLESS QR code ◆PARISH OFFERINGS ◆



# 21 MAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On World Communications Day, we take up Jesus' command to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Pope Francis says, "The call to speak with the heart, radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards



indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth."

For the full Papal message go to www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message.

AGE UK HERTFORDSHIRE — is an independent charity providing services to anyone over the age of 50. Their mission is to support older people with services that help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Maybe you know someone who is lonely or need some support? If so, please get in touch. They are also looking to recruit volunteers to support their clients to combat loneliness across Hertfordshire, particularly in the Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth areas. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a volunteer and there are different ways they can contribute. Please call 07525 070472.

**LOVE STORTFORD** — is a week of activities and random acts of kindness designed to bring the love of God to our community. It is organised and carried out by members of Bishop's Stortford churches . Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or visit the 'lovebishopsstortford' Facebook page for more info. We Catholics are a large congregation compared to the other churches, so it would be good to be well represented. See what other fun things you can do to help during that week!

# **OVERFLOW CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023 10:30 am to 6:30 pm

Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Birmingham B70 7JW

OVERFLOW is the first national gathering organised by CHARIS England and Wales (CNSC). It seeks to bring together individuals, communities and prayer groups who

share in Catholic charismatic renewal, a movement within the Church inviting more of God's Holy Spirit into our churches and families. There will be streams for school-age participants and a crèche for infants alongside events for adults on the main stage-parents must stay with children under five. Doors open from 9:00 am, but the programme runs from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Under-18s attend free; there is a £12 charge for each adult. There is an exciting range of speakers for the day. Please bring your own food and hot or cold

the day. Please bring your own food and hot or cold drinks for the day. For more info visit: www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/