



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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.

TABLE TENNIS— is on Sunday 28
May in the WCC (7-8.30pm).
Suggested donation of £3 per
person (£6 per family group) to
help cover the cost of equipment
and for the use of the hall (cash
only please). Anyone over age of
7 welcome but under 18s must
be accompanied by an adult.

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

CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



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

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

Pentecost Sunday (A)

28 May 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The First Reading describes the spectacular way the Holy Spirit made His entrance on Pentecost Sunday. The disciples were all in one place, and then a thunderous noise like a strong wind, like a tornado, came from the sky. Flames appeared out of nowhere, divided up and started floating through the air until they came to rest on each of the people gathered. All of a sudden, the Christians started speaking in languages that they didn't know. A crowd had gathered by now, with visitors from all over the world who were in Jerusalem for the festival. Each one heard the Christians explaining the gospel in their own language.

Very dramatic ... but we would be wrong to conclude from this that the Holy Spirit's normal way of acting in our life is through dramatic fireworks. In fact, it's just the opposite. God's action in our life is most often gentle and hardly perceptible at first. The Holy Spirit does not bring fireworks and fancy balls into her life; it brings meaning, mission, wisdom, courage — virtues that take root and grow in the quiet centre of the soul, just as seeds take root and grow in the unseen darkness of the soil. Quiet, gentle, unseen, yet powerful, transforming, and everlasting — that's the work of the Holy Spirit.



"God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls." ~ *Blessed Mother Teresa*

RETRouvaille— Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential info or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 6 – 9 July 2023 or a Face-to-face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 38044.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD— To talk to someone about a vocation to the priesthood, contact the Vocations Promotion Team: Canon Roger Taylor (vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk) or Fr Mike Maguire: (vocations@rcdow.org.uk)
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES— Visit the website for information of pilgrimages to Lourdes, Walsingham and the Holy Land <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/>
POLITE REMINDER RE PARKING— Please be advised that we do not own the car park behind St Joseph's Church which belongs to Windhill House Ltd. They kindly allow us to use it for Mass on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings and Sunday

evenings **but at no other time.**

Please **ONLY** park in the main car park past the Parish Centre and not in front of Windhill House, also leaving the 4 parish spaces, including those specifically designated for our Priests free at all times. Thank you.

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES— There are several vacancies working for the Diocese of Westminster. Visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

AGE UK HERTFORDSHIRE— are looking for volunteers to combat loneliness across the Bishops Stortford and Sawbridge-worth areas. Please call 07525 070472 to volunteer if you are aged over 18 years

