



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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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

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ(A)

11 June 2023

Our priests are:

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

ZAMKNIT & CHAT



MOST HOLY REDEEMER
Tuesday 13 June 2pm- 4pm

All are welcome.



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 before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Contact parish office to book.

IMPORTANT— CANDLE SAFETY

Please ensure that when candles are lit in the church, **no other items are left on the candle stands**. Regular checks are made throughout the day. Just recently we have removed packets of boiled sweets individually placed in between the lit candles, loose cigarettes(!) and boxes of matches.

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The gift of the Eucharist is truly amazing. But in life's hustle and bustle, we can sometimes start taking it for granted. This Sunday, let's renew our sense of awe and gratitude in the face of this great gift. It's not complicated; it's just a matter of being more aware of things that we already do. For example, when we enter and leave the church, we genuflect towards the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is kept. Starting this Sunday, let's polish up that gesture, genuflecting with a bit more purpose and care, showing true reverence and gratitude for our Saviour. And starting this Sunday, let's remember to speak only when we need to and in a quiet tone of voice whenever we are inside a Church with the Eucharist, out of respect for Christ's presence and out of courtesy towards those who wish to pray.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in becoming a Catholic, or already a baptised Catholic but never confirmed? If so, the RCIA programme might be for you! The RCIA offers opportunities to support you with people within the parish who are dedicated to helping you explore life's big questions. Everyone's faith journey is different but we can help you find the right path. At the Easter Vigil in April, we welcomed some new Catholics into our community and we will begin the process again this September. For more info, visit www.rcstortford.org.uk/rcia. For an informal chat, email Sophie Sullivan, our Catechetical co-ordinator at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk or call Debbie, parish administrator, on 01279 654063.

DAY FOR LIFE—is on 18 June and has the theme 'Listen to Her'. The focus is on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation. www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/

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



TABLE TENNIS —Sunday 11 June after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm). St Joseph's parish table tennis club meets on various Sunday evenings at the Windhill Churches Centre between 7pm and 8.30pm.

There is no joining fee, but we do suggest donations 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)

It is a parish community club, and all are welcome from ages 7 to 70+. At present children and teenagers under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.