



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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

www.rcstortford.org.uk

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 July 2023

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Antonio Pineda (*Asst Priest*)



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.

EXPLORING VOCATIONS

To talk to someone about a vocation to the priesthood, email the Vocations Promotion Team: vocations@rcdow.org.uk

BAPTISM PREPARATION

COURSE— The next two-part baptism preparation course will be on 2nd & 9th October at 8:00 pm via Zoom. You are required to attend a course before you arrange a date for your child's baptism. Please contact the parish office to book.

CAN RELIGIOSITY, SPIRITUALITY AND EMOTION REGULATION STRATEGIES PREDICT LIFE SATISFACTION? — Please can you help a student with their research in Clinical Psychology MSc at the University of Hertfordshire? A short questionnaire has been created and the link can be sent to anyone interested. Please contact the office for info.

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SREBRENICA MEMORIAL WEEK 4 JULY TO 11 JULY

Remembering Srebrenica is a charitable organisation supported by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office. Their aim is to commemorate the Bosnian genocide which was a planned systematic and industrialised murder of just under 100,000 Muslims, displacement of two million people and the genocidal rape of up to 50,000 women simply because of their Muslim identity. In the space of just a few days in July 1995, over 8,000 Muslim men and boys were murdered and buried in mass graves in Srebrenica alone.

Bringing people from different backgrounds together to tackle hatred, helps build safer, stronger and more cohesive communities here in the UK since 2013, Remembering Srebrenica has educated over 200,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,000 annual community memorial actions in schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres and police forces right across the UK and has created 1,500 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities. Website: www.srebrenica.org.uk.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Please pray for our 74 First Holy Communion children who received the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, 1 July. We thank Fr Antonio, Sophie, catechists, altar servers, eucharistic ministers, flower arrangers and everyone who made the day really special.



NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH

31 July– 4 August Walsingham

Blessed by Pope Francis and endorsed by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, New Dawn in the Church is a Catholic conference that takes place each year at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. For details, visit: www.newdawn.org.uk

MISSION UNLEASHED— an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational

speaker. Join CAFOD online on 14 July 7:00–8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording.

SCHOOL CARE TAKER WANTED — St Mary's are looking to fill this full-time, all-year-round role, for 37 hours per week (including working in school holidays and outside school hours). There may also be the opportunity for additional paid hours outside of this, for example relating to lettings, etc. The forms can be found on the school website www.stmarys.net. Please email recruitment@stmarys.net for details or to submit an application.