

The Catholic Parish of Bishop's Stortford

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The Most Holy Trinity (A)

4 June 2023

Our priests are:

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

Thank you!

We welcome and thank Fr Antony Convery who will join us to celebrate Mass this weekend whilst Fr Peter is away for a few days.



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.

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. www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/

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The Most Holy Trinity

Of the world's monotheistic religions, only Christianity believes in the Trinity. It is true that the Trinity is hard to understand. How can God be both one and three? How can the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be fully God, and yet distinct persons? Our minds cannot grasp this completely. And yet, that very fact makes the doctrine of the Trinity ring true. It shows that no merely human mind would have been able to come up with it. And it also shows that God, the Creator of the universe, exists in



a way that we, mere creatures, cannot fully understand — and that makes perfect sense: God should exceed our ability to understand him; if he didn't, he wouldn't be much of a God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!

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, visitwww.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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK 1-7 JUNE

AGE UK HERTFORDSHIRE— are looking for volunteers to combat loneliness across the Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth areas. Please call 07525 070472 to volunteer if you are aged over 18 years FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS WANTED — Until the end of June, Bishop's Stortford Food Bank is recruiting for a limited number of volunteer roles. See their website: www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com HOLY TRINITY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER — is appealing for volunteers and funding. They are keen to start recruiting early to

ensure the refuge has enough trained

ISABEL HOSPICE— have their next volunteer information session on Tuesday 18
July from 5.30pm, at the Living Well Community Hub in Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 4PH. Free parking on site and refreshments will be available.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD YOUTH PROJECT— provides a safe space, Thirst Youth Cafe, for young people to meet & make friends helping to reduce loneliness and isolation

www.bishopsstortfordyouthproject.com