



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

www.rcstortford.org.uk

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.

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.

PARISH FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR ANTONIO: SAVE THE DATE!

Fr Antonio will sadly leave us at the end of August but he will return on Sunday 24 September for a parish farewell party with BBQ (weather permitting), before he officially starts as the new Parish Priest at Harrow in October. Further details to be announced. If you are interested in joining the parish social committee as a member or an event helper, please contact Debbie Hourihan—the Chair on 07847 714781



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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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

23 July 2023

REGISTRATION FOR FHC AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES FOR 2023-24 NOW OPEN

Registration forms for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes are now available to collect after every Sunday Mass in the church sacristy.

- **First Holy Communion:** Children who will be in Year 3 or above in September 2023 may join our FHC programme. Deadline for completed forms, addressed to Fr Antonio, is Friday, 18 August.
- **Confirmation:** Young people who will be in Year 10 or above in September 2023 may join our Confirmation programme. Deadline for completed forms, addressed to Fr Peter, is Monday, 18 September. Also email bstortfordcatechist@org.uk so that you can be sent details on information meetings.

Both programmes are open only to those living within the Catholic parish of Bishop's Stortford (which includes Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth). Please ensure that you submit your completed forms by the deadlines as late applications will not be accepted.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS



WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC

Join Westminster Youth Ministry on 2 September for a taste of Lisbon at their Summer Picnic. This event is aimed at any young person (12-35) in the diocese who couldn't make it to World Youth Day. It will explore the theme for World Youth Day, 'Mary arose and went with haste', with workshops activities, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan. Sign up at www.rcstortford.org.uk/summer-picnic. For safeguarding reasons young person 12-16 year old will need to be accompanied either by a parent or by a group leader of a parish/school group. For 16-18 year olds additional sign up requirements are in place.

WALSINGHAM WITH WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

Westminster Youth Ministry is taking a group of 45 young people (16-25) by coach to Walsingham as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage on 23 September. The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. The cost is £35, which includes the pilgrimage contribution. Bookings are open until 16th September, so sign up now at www.rcstortford.org.uk/youth-walsingham.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY—Sunday 23 July 2023—

Pope Francis asks young people to visit an elderly person on this day, stating that "their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter."

faith and to those who might have become isolated during the pandemic. It aims to help those in need of a safe space to talk. Operating from 4pm to 7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free on 0800 448 0704.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS TELEPHONE HELP-LINE - is a confidential telephone helpline service, for those who are returning to the

NO MASS—During the month of August there will be NO Masses at Holy Cross or Most Holy Redeemer. Masses will resume on Sunday 3 September 2023.