



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](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9 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](mailto: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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## APPLICATION FORMS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 NOW AVAILABLE

This parish-based programme is for children within the Catholic parish of Bishop's Stortford and not elsewhere. It is for children who will be eight-years-old on or before 31 August 2024. Parents are expected to play a vital and active role in their children's preparation. The children's sessions will take place each month from 14 October 2023 and there will also be regular meetings for parents (dates to be confirmed). Children are expected to attend every session and Mass every Sunday. To register, complete an application form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, if not baptised in the parish. Forms are now available in the sacristy after Mass. Completed forms are to be returned for the attention of Fr Antonio by **Friday 18 August 2023 at the latest please.**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in becoming a Catholic, or already a baptised Catholic but never confirmed? The RCIA programme might be for you! It will help you explore life's big questions and while everyone's faith journey is different, we can help you find the right path. At the Easter Vigil in April, we welcomed new Catholics into our community and we will begin the process again this September. For more info, visit: [www.rcstortford.org.uk/rcia](http://www.rcstortford.org.uk/rcia). You can also email Sophie at [bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) or call Debbie, parish administrator, on 01279 654063.

**FINAL YOUTH NIGHT (Yr 7-13)**—Our final Youth Night of the academic year is on Friday 14 July 2023 in the parish hall. It begins at 7:00 pm (not the usual 6.30 pm). We will have a praise and worship evening, which is an extended time of song and prayer — a great opportunity to thank God for the year that's been and to invite him into the adventures ahead! This will be followed by pizza and other nibbles as an opportunity to socialise together. On this occasion, families of those coming are more than welcome to join us — young and old! You do not need to book your place but email Sophie ([bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk)) so that we can gauge catering numbers. Please bring a donation of at least £2 per person or £6 per family towards food on the night. Youth nights will begin again in October 2023.

**ZAMKNIT AND CHAT**—Tuesday 11 July in MHR Extension 2pm-4pm. All welcome.

**RADIO MARIA**— Listen via digital radio, mobile app or online. Volunteers to help on air or behind the scenes wanted. Email [promotion@radiomariaengland.uk](mailto:promotion@radiomariaengland.uk) or call 0300 302 1251.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY**— 15 July 2023, 9:30am - 9:30pm; Friends House, 173-177 Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ, celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in his Church today. Includes inspi-

rational talks, Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass and a healing service.  
[www.coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com](http://www.coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com)  
WhatsApp: 07477 157598

**SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE**— **Saturday 9 September 9am -5pm.** Have fun cycling or walking to churches and chapels in your area and also raise funds for your church through sponsorship. Collect a sponsorship pack from the back of St Joseph's church.

**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS**— Children's free summer activities 1/15/22 August 10.30am - 3pm at the Methodist church. Free lunch.