



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

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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

3 September 2023

## Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)

Fr Marco Lazzaron (*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.

**MARY'S MEALS**— request unwanted foreign currency no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break, Mary's Meals envelopes will be available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Your foreign currency can help feed a hungry child. UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender accepted.

**NOVENA**— The Novena will be Tuesday 5 September after Mass at St Joseph's. All welcome.

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**WELCOME FR MARCO**— On Monday 4 September, Fr Marco will officially move into No. 3 as our new Assistant Priest. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he adjusts to his new life in the parish. Please pray for Fr Peter, Fr Antonio and Fr Lazarus too!

**ENCOUNTER**— meet Friday 22 September at St Theresa's, Stansted. 'Peter, James & Paul & the emerging church' led by David Morson. 10:00 Coffee; 10:30 meeting opens; 12:30 shared lunch, (please bring lunch to share); 2:00 pm day ends. All welcome; Enquiries: 01279 652060 or 01279 816916

**THANK YOU**— to everyone who signed the CAFOD Fix the food system campaign letter. This has now been posted to CAFOD.

**MAGELLANS PLAYGROUP**— will recommence on Monday 11 September between 9:30am and 11:30am in the Windhill Churches Centre. All welcome £1.50 per session for children aged 0– 4 years old.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**, celebrated on 1 September, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

**FR ANTONIO FAREWELL PARTY**— On Sunday 24 September after the 11am Mass, there will be a Parish BBQ and farewell to Fr Antonio on the Monastery Gardens. BBQ Tickets are £3 per person or £10 Family of 4. Please bring your own drink, sides & dessert with your blanket / table / chair. Tickets will be available after all Masses on 10 & 17 September with cash payments only, or from Debbie Hourihan on 07847-714781. If the weather is wet, we will move into the parish hall. There will also be tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake available in the hall.

**HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTING YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT PRIORITIES**—Have your say about how young people are supported in Hertfordshire. Please see the poster at the back of the church and scan the QR code to complete a short survey to let them know what is most important to you with the chance to win a shopping voucher. Closing date 9 October 2023

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMPANY AT CHRISTMAS**— Please email [companyatchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:companyatchristmas@gmail.com). The planning meeting is Wed 6 Sept at 8pm at the Methodist Church.

**THE PARISH OFFICE**— will be closed from Monday 4 September to Monday 18 September as Debbie is now on her summer holiday.

**CONFIRMATION**—Registration forms are still available from the sacristy after every Sunday Mass. **Deadline is 18 September.**

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TABLE TENNIS

**CLUB**— this Sunday evening at the Windhill Churches Centre between 7:00 and 8:30 pm. No joining fee, but suggested 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). All are welcome from ages 7 to 70+. Under 18s need to be accompanied

by an adult. Future dates are 17/9, 1/10

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**—is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.