



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

10 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE— will be closed until 18 September as Debbie is on her holiday.

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MAGELLANS PLAYGROUP— will recommence tomorrow 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.

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

ST ELIZABETH'S APPLE DAY— Saturday 30 September 11:am—3:00pm. Apple picking, stalls, games, music, activities & history talks. Free entry & fun for all the family. For more info contact fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk

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 at St Joseph's today and next weekend. Cash payments only please 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.

PARISH YOUTH NIGHT FOR YOUR DIARY— The Parish Youth night will start again on Friday 20 October 2023. More details to follow.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A SLEEP OUT—Holy Trinity Night Shelter and Community Outreach is recognising World Homeless Day with an overnight sponsored Sleep-Out at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 7 October until Sunday morning. This will be their key fund raising event for the shelter this year. On 7 October there will be information stalls, one in Jackson Square and another on the High street about homelessness to encourage further donations and sponsorship. Sleep-outs can be fun and informative. In the evening everyone will share a simple meal, watch a presentation with a film clip, then sleep out. In the morning there will be breakfast. If it rains really badly, there is a back-up plan! To volunteer or receive more info please request the Sleep-Out pack by emailing htns.fundraising@outlook.com.

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

ST ELIZABETH'S 'WALK TO LOURDES'

To mark their 120th year, St Elizabeth's are taking on the challenge of walking 681 miles, the equivalent distance from Much Hadham to Lourdes, France. All funds raised will be put towards fun and engaging community trips for students, College learners and adult clients. To support the cause visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/walktolourdes.

TELEPHONE & ONLINE FRAUD—If you or a family member or friend has been a victim, please report to Herts Police by ringing 101 and please forward any suspicious texts to Action Fraud at 7726 (spells SPAM on your keypad). Please report scams and

attempted scams to Action Fraud.

Beacon Victim Support can help you and can provide advice to try and reclaim any lost money. Telephone 03000 11 55 55 or email info@hertfordshirebeacon.org

AMPLEFORTH ABBEY— A new Marian Garden, a place of devotion dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, has opened to the public in the grounds of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. It has been home to a community of Benedictine Monks since 1802. Guests are able to visit & stay at a modern 29-bedroom Retreat Centre.

EDUCATION SUNDAY—"Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." *Matthew 18:20*