



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

20 August 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.

## 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.

**THANK YOU**— to our small group of volunteers who generously give their time to keep the church, toilets and outside areas clean and tidy.

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**WELCOME BACK**— We welcome back Fr Peter this weekend from his holiday.

**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](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walktolourdes).

**ENCOUNTER** — will start their programme again on 22 September 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in St Theresa's Church, Stansted. The topic will be *Peter, James and Paul and the emerging church* led by David Morson. Come for all or part of the day.

**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 3/9, 17/9, 1/10.

**BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SIGNED MASS**— 3 September 2023, 4:30 to 5:30 pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW. A monthly Mass in British Sign Language and Spoken English, organised by Caritas Deaf Service. Opportunity for confession before Mass. Entrance to the hall is via the choir school car park (the Hall is also wheelchair accessible).

**GROVE COTTAGE FAMILY FUN DAY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**— in Sworders Field on Saturday 2 September with food and drink stalls, all-day music, kids zone and entertainment! Book tickets now at [www.grovecottageinthepark.org](http://www.grovecottageinthepark.org). Children under 12 go free.

**SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER AND HEADTEACHERS PA WANTED**— for St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School Hours: 26.5 Part time, (four days per week). Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcomed. Please email [headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) and/or [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) to arrange a visit. For more info, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2w8ynv8t>

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

**NOVENA**— The Novena will now be on the first Tuesday of every month at St Josephs.

**GRIEFLINE**— is a local resource offering emotional support across West Essex and East Herts to anyone struggling with their grief around the loss of someone. Talk to a trained volunteer about your grief in a safe and confidential space with someone who understands what you're going through and get help accessing other services. Call 01279 945089, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Visit [www.griefline.co.uk](http://www.griefline.co.uk).

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND WANTED**— If you would like to become an Eucharistic Minister for those in our parish who are sick or

housebound, so that they may receive the blessed sacrament, in their home, please contact Debbie in the parish office. You would be required to fill in a few forms for a DBS check. Training would be given.

**PILGRIM WAYS**— This is an ongoing project for there to be a walking pilgrimage route in each of the 22 Catholic dioceses of England & Wales starting at the cathedral of the diocese and ending at a shrine within the same diocese. The Ways have all been planned and there are downloadable GPX files for them all. For info visit [www.pilgrimways.org.uk/](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/)