



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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

27 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.

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

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**FR ANTONIO**— This is sadly Fr Antonio's last weekend in the parish, but he will be back to celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday 24 September and for his leaving party. Further details to be announced very soon.

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER & HOLY CROSS**— Mass will resume at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross as normal starting next weekend 3 September 2023 at 9:00am and 11.30am respectively.

**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

**MY BROTHER MATTHEW**—an independent film by Simon Baker about his disabled brother Matthew which will be shown at South Mill Arts at 3.00 pm on Sunday 10 September 2023. Matthew has limited mobility but likes to challenge himself and to raise money for different charities. The film shows Matthew and his struggles and frustrations but highlights his sense of humour and optimism. It focuses on the last challenge that Matthew accomplished by swimming a mile each week until he had swum the length of the English Channel. He raised over £3,000 for MS. The exclusive screening will be followed by a Q & A session with Matthew and Simon. Tickets can be purchased directly from South Mill Arts with funds going to MS Society. For info tickets visit <https://southmillarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873648664> or call 01279 710 200.

**GRAND ORGAN FESTIVAL**— 6/ 13/20/27 September. 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Westminster Cathedral, Victoria St, London SW1P 1LT, UK A series of recitals given on the world-famous Henry Willis III Grand Organ. Tickets at £15 (£12 concessions) available on the door. Find out more at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/music/grand-organ-festival>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC** —Westminster Youth Ministry is bringing a taste of Lisbon to London for youth (12-35) who were unable to attend World Youth Day this year. Join us for a day filled with fun, prayer, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday, 2 September 2023 (11:00 am – 4:00 pm) at SPEC Retreat Centre, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner HA5 3EP. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic>.

**THE PARISH OFFICE**— will be closed from Monday 4 September to Friday 15 September inclusive when Debbie goes 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**— next 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

**PILGRIM WAYS**—This is an ongoing project for there to be a walking pilgrimage route in each of the 22 Catholic dioceses of England and 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).

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK DAY**— Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 10.30 am Mass on 2 Sept at Westminster Cathedral marking the beginning of the March for Life UK day and invites all parishioners.