



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 Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

6 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.

## PARISH FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR ANTONIO: SAVE THE DATE!

Fr Antonio will sadly leave us at the end of August but he will return on Sunday 24 September for a parish farewell party with BBQ (weather permitting), before he officially starts as the new Parish Priest at Harrow in October. Further details to be announced. If you are interested in joining the parish social committee as a member or an event helper, please contact Debbie Hourihan—the Chair on 07847 714781



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## FHC AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES

- **FHC Programme:** If you have submitted a completed registration form, you should have received an email confirmation from Fr Antonio — if not, let him know. Registrations are still available from the sacristy after Sunday Masses and the deadline is 18 August.
- **Confirmation:** Registration forms are still available from the sacristy after every Sunday Mass. Deadline is 18 September.

**BON VOYAGE** — We wish Fr Peter well as he goes on his summer break next week until 18 August, followed by Fr Antonio who will be away 14-25 August. We thank Fr Lazarus for his time and service helping in the parish during this period.



**FREE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE DIOCESE—**For volunteers (especially those who work in close contact with children and/or adults at risk), EduCare online training is strongly advised to be completed. To access the free training, email [safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk) your name, the name of your parish, and your role. You will be registered with EduCare and can access the online modules.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND—** 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, but this is quite painless and free of charge!

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE—** The parish office will be closed for the first two weeks in September when Debbie has her summer holiday, so if you have any notices for the newsletter or any specific requests during this time, please let Debbie know ASAP. Thank you.

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH TABLE TENNIS CLUB** —meet this Sunday evening at the Windhill Churches Centre between 7pm and 8.30pm. There is no joining fee, but we do suggest 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). Future dates 20/8, 3/9, 17/9, 1/10.

**MARY'S MEALS—** request unwanted foreign currency no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break, special 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 the next hungry child. UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender also accepted.

**NEW LECTIONARY TO BE LAUNCHED—**The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has approved the new Lectionary (the book we use at Mass which contains the readings). The new edition which will contain readings from the English Standard Version of the Bible (currently, we use readings from the Jerusalem Bible). The new Lectionary will take effect in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

**POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION —** Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for August is for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal

**FR ANTONIO WOULD LIKE TO THANK** the people of Much Hadham for the beautiful card and gift that they gave him after his final Mass at Holy Cross last Sunday.