



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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 October 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. We are still awaiting the Mary's Meals envelopes so please just drop any currency in the collection basket. 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 ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Count number 2 is this weekend

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**THANK YOU**— very much to the Hourihan, Tisi and Wright families, Katia, Maureen and the members of the Parish Social Committee for kindly organising the Parish BBQ, Yvonne for her amazing cake, Duncan, Anne and our choir for their music and to everyone who helped, donated or attended Fr Antonio's official leaving party last Sunday. Fr Antonio said, 'Thank you, I was really touched and moved. The day was more than I ever imagined, something which I will always treasure'. Please keep Fr Antonio in your prayers as he starts his new role as Parish Priest for Headstone Lane this weekend.

**TABLE TENNIS**— Sunday 1 October after 6PM Mass (7-8.30PM). St Joseph's parish table tennis club meets on various Sunday evenings 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) It is a parish community club, and all are welcome from ages 7 to 70+. At present children and teenagers under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Future dates for the club are: 15/10, 29/10, 12/11.

**ZAMKNIT**— Tuesday 3 October 2pm- 4pm in the Most Holy Redeemer Extension. The group is now knitting gloves etc. for the homeless and hats for new born babies in hospital, where one of our knitters saw her great-grandson wearing one of our hats in the Rosie Baby Unit, Cambridge!

**DO YOU LIKE FOOTBALL?**— Would you like to play for a team? Are you hoping to meet more men in Bishops Stortford? Come and join Community Church Stortford FC! CCS is an 11-a-side football team which is joining a Churches League based in Chelmsford. We are hoping for this team to be an opportunity for Christian men from across the churches in Stortford to meet and encourage each other and also as an opportunity to meet and encourage young men in the town. If interested in playing, or know of other people who would, come and join in at Leventhorpe School for training every Wednesday at 8pm. We also play games on Saturday mornings (around two per month). Training is £3 and matches £5. Please contact Tom Amos on [tom@thecommunitychurch.org.uk](mailto:tom@thecommunitychurch.org.uk) or 07910050122.

**CARE4CALAIS**— a volunteer run refugee charity working with refugees in the UK, France and Belgium need volunteers to join their team to support asylum seekers around Stansted airport, West Essex and East Hertfordshire. For further information please contact [annie@care4calais.org](mailto:annie@care4calais.org)

## 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).

**WHAT IS TRUTH? A CATHOLIC JOURNALIST'S GUIDE TO THE MEDIA** — with Zuzana Revayova Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

**HOLY TRINITY QUIZ NIGHT** — 21 October

7pm for a 7:30pm Start £12 per person including fish & chip supper (or equivalent) Teams of up to eight people Please provide your own tippie and nibble of choice! Contact John Wrentmore [john.wrentmore@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.wrentmore@ntlworld.com) 07879 412087

## HARVEST APPEAL AT THE FOOD BANK

Most needed items -crisps, chocolate, tinned fruit & veg, sponge puddings, biscuits, tea, coffee, fruit juice, cereal, tinned meat & fish, jam, honey, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, rice puddings, UHT milk, soup, sanitary items, toilet rolls, toiletries, household cleaning items, nappies size 4/5/6. [bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com](http://bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com)