



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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

17 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 or just drop 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 PARISH OFFICE**— will re-open on Monday 18 September between 9am–3pm

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**CONFIRMATION**—Registration forms are available from the sacristy for this weekend only. **The Deadline for all forms to be submitted is tomorrow, Monday 18 September.**

**THANK YOU FR LAZARUS**— Father Lazarus sadly leaves us next Saturday 23 September to fly back to Rome. We thank him very much for kindly giving so much of his holiday-time to the parish. We keep him in our prayers and wish him a safe onward journey.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT**— This weekend starts the annual Diocesan Mass count for the next 4 weekends.

**FR ANTONIO FAREWELL PARTY**— Next 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 this 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. Thank you to everyone who has very kindly made a donation towards Father's gift.

**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](mailto:htns.fundraising@outlook.com).

**ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**—11-18MARCH 2024. Parishioners are warmly invited to accept this opportunity to join a unique ecumenical pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Spring 2024. The pilgrimage will be led by the Rt Revd and Rt Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, the Bishop of London and the Rt Revd Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Westminster. Places are limited. Flyers are at back of church or for more info visit <http://www.jcjourneys.com/london/westminster/ecumenical>

## 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).

**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

**TALK BY ROSA MONCKTON**— A disability rights campaigner on 26 September 2023, 5:00pm at Caritas St Joseph's Grove The Burroughs Hendon NW4 4TY. Rosa is an active disability rights campaigner a Patron of Acorn's Children Hospices, the Down Syndrome Educational Trust and Together for Short Lives. All welcome.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**— 7 - 8 October 2023 St Dominic's Priory - The Rosary Shrine, Southampton Rd, London NW5 4LB, 12pm - Choral Mass with the Dominican Family Launch of the special exhibition of the Stone Dominican Sisters' heritage and ongoing mission 3pm Rosary with Radio Maria broadcast from the church.