



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

www.rcstortford.org.uk

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

24 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. 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

Starts this weekend

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WELCOME BACK FR ANTONIO! — We welcome back Fr Antonio to celebrate the 11am Mass this Sunday at St Joseph's and to join us for his 'official' leaving do at the Parish BBQ. Fr Antonio starts as the Parish Priest for Headstone Lane in October.

THANK YOU— very much to Debbie Hourihan and the members of the Parish Social Committee for kindly organising the Parish BBQ and to everyone who is helping with the celebration this weekend.

PLEASE SPONSOR ALISON JONES— who will be participating in the sponsored Sleep out at Holy Trinity (see below). Alison's sponsorship form is at the back of St Joseph's church.

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES— 19-26 July 2024 led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173 or email Lourdes@rcdow.org.uk or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes

PRISONERS' SUNDAY— 8 October 2023. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the President of PACT (the Catholic charity 'Prison Advice and Care Trust') invites you to join him in supporting this cause with donating to a second collection. www.prisonadvice.org.uk. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Prisoners Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 5.30pm.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING— Wednesday 27 September 2023 6pm to 8:30pm. Speeches from Headteacher Mr Tom Johnston will take place at 6pm, 7pm & 8pm Windhill, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 2NQ Email: info@stmarys.net Tel: 01279 654901 Please note the Open Evening is a ticketed event. Book your ticket at www.stmarys.net

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.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NON-RESIDENTIAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND —

For couples: 30 Sept & 1 Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information go to: <https://www.me.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

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