



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

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.



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

25 - 26 May 2024

The first World Children's Day will take place between two symbolic places of the city of Rome: St. Peter's Square and the Olympic Stadium. Information and registration details via www.worldchildrenday.org/registration/form/

+ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 9 May 2024.

As Fr Peter will be away next week on his holiday, Fr Marco will be looking after all of our churches and also Buntingford parish on his own. Mass for this Holy day of Obligation will therefore be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Joseph and the English Martyrs only.

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YOUTH NIGHT— Friday May 17 2024, 6.30pm - 8.30pm .We are planning a Sports Night open to all those of Secondary age (School Years 7 -13). With the brighter evenings and better weather, Plan A is that we would like to meet in a local park to play some team games together. We will meet on the main field in Bishop's Park (Address for parking: just off Woodpecker Close, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4QA). There will also be other outdoor games available - Giant Jenga/Hoopla etc and, though we will provide drinks, we propose a bring and share for snacks that evening. In the event of poor weather, Plan B will be to meet in the hall as usual, where we will do an indoor version of what we had planned. Because of the nature of the evening, we would appreciate - on this occasion - that you indicate to us in advance if you plan to come. It is a good opportunity to also bring a friend! Please email Sophie at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk to let her know if you'd like to come and also to tell her what sort of item you will bring for the "Bring and Share". Newcomers are most welcome, but your parent/carer will be asked to fill in a consent form, which can be sent via email in advance. The final two youth nights for this academic year will be: Friday 14 June & 12 July .

CAFOD PILGRIMAGE—CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from Friday 12 – Sunday 14 July, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday we will then be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles. For more information: Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage (cafod.org.uk)

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH SOHO— Friday 17 May at 7pm Fr Patrick van der Vorst a recently ordained priest (who spent some time in our parish as a Deacon) and former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art, will deliver a Marian Lecture on 'How Beauty Draws us Closer to God'. Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. Tickets available via www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events

THE BISHOPS STORTFORD CARNIVAL & PARADE— is on Saturday 15 June 2024 and is one not to miss! This years theme is 'Best of British' ... celebrating all that is great about this diverse, creative, historic country and its many national treasures. More info on the BS Town Council website <https://www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/events/carnival-parade-and-fun-day>.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING— SAVE THE DATE—Fr Peter and Fr Marco hope to run a training session for all new Eucharistic Ministers and current Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 1 June 2024 at 11am at St Joseph and the English Martyrs. Further details to follow...

VOCATIONS COME AND SEE

Whether you are interested in exploring the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, you are invited to come along to one of our 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on Saturday 1 June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB . Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

To find out more and and register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter robertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk
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