



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

2 June 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next two-part Baptism preparation course which is run via Zoom will be on Monday 24 June & Monday 1 July 2024 at 8pm with Sophie, our Catechetical Coordinator. It is a requisite for parents to attend the course before their child is baptised in the parish. Please contact the office for more info.

OUR NEXT YOUTH NIGHT

will be a games night on Friday 14 June 2024 from 6.30-8.30pm. It is open to all those in school Years 7-13 (secondary ages) and all are most welcome! We gather in the parish hall. Parents of any newcomers are simply asked to fill in a short consent form upon arrival. Our final youth night of the year will be a Praise and Pizza evening on Friday 12 July. Do put both dates in your diaries!

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION—Fr Peter and Fr Marco have recently noticed at Mass that a very small number of people have been receiving Communion by Intinction (receiving the Sacred Host in one's hand and then taking it and dipping it into the Precious Blood). This practise is discouraged by the Bishops of England and Wales. It obscures the distinct fulfilment of the invitation of the Lord to 'take and eat', to 'take and drink'. It also presents a serious risk to those who live with Coeliac disease, of whom there are a number in our Parish, since it inadvertently introduces gluten into the chalice of the Precious Blood. Following the Bishops' lead we would ask you not to practice Intinction when receiving Holy Communion at Mass.

D-DAY 80 COMMEMORATION EVENT—Castle Park, Bishop's Stortford, Thursday 6 June 2024, 6.30pm - 9.30pm. The Royal British Legion - Bishop's Stortford Branch, East Herts Council and Bishop's Stortford Town Council will lead tributes to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. The D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe. The Bishop's Stortford community commemoration event will include: a peal of bells at St Michael's Church in Windhill, Musical performances from the Bishop's Stortford Band, musical performances from vintage vocal trio, The Rockabellas, who were praised by Dame Vera Lynn for their authenticity, poetry recitals at the War Memorial from Bishop's Stortford primary and secondary school students, an act of Remembrance and wreath-laying from Bishop's Stortford officials, civic dignitaries, Armed Forces Veterans, Army and Air Cadets. The International D-Day Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm. Everyone is welcome - please bring blankets and chairs with you.

ENCOUNTER— meet next Friday 7 June from 10-12 noon at 26 Warwick Rd, BS. A planning session for monthly meetings from Sept '24 to May '25. See recent programme at back of church for some meetings enjoyed over the last year. All welcome. Enquiries: BS 652060, or 01799 542385

TABLE TENNIS—This is a reminder that table tennis is on this week, Sunday 2 June after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm). After the 16 June we will be having a Summer break and will re-start on Sunday 15 September. 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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR—Our next Novena will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 4 June immediately after the 9.30am Mass. Everyone is welcome

MARY'S MEALS— Please continue to drop any old or foreign currency in the collection basket. We hope to send off our next batch of 20kg of coin very soon to the charity which helps to feed hungry children. Thank you

PARENTING TEENS FOR A LIFE OF FAITH-ONLINE COURSE

There is a brand new course offered by the "Parenting For Faith" team being run online for six Tuesday evenings altogether in June and July from 8pm-9pm, with the first session being on Tuesday 4 June. The cost to the parish would be £60 altogether to join onto the course. So the more parents who take part, the cheaper it is (i.e. 6 parents it would be £10 each, 12 parents £5 each etc). The zoom would include parents from other churches, but the breakout rooms would be with parents from our parish only (so we can chat together about our context and get to know each other). Please invite your friends (they don't have to be Catholic - this is a Christian course for all parents of teens!) If you are interested, please email Sophie at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk