



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!



We give thanks and keep
in our prayers
Fr Peter and Fr Marco who both
celebrate their special
anniversaries of Ordination to
the Priesthood this month.

Fr Peter '30 years' on
Wednesday 19 June 2024

Fr Marco '1 year' on
Monday 24 June 2024

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PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN—Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming week we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their financial commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. The life of a steward calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our family, our community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including details on why our parish needs more financial help in order to cover our day-to-day running costs.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS—the young people of our parish who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday 22 June 2024 at St Joseph's with Bishop Paul McAleenan.

URGENT HELP NEEDED—Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Across (12-21 September 2024) We are in desperate need for a female helper/carer/nurse for our upcoming trip in September - please contact John Wright on 07739 789169 Thank you.

DAY FOR LIFE—This Sunday 16 June 2024, we celebrate the Day for Life which focusses on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia.

www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

TABLE TENNIS—The last session before September will be 16 June 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.

PARISH BBQ—SAVE THE DATE—The Parish BBQ this year is on Sunday 8 September. Please save the date. A great event on the Monastery gardens behind St Joseph's church, to meet other parishioners and enjoy a pimms or two. Further information to follow. If you are able to help sell tickets after Mass prior to the event or can help the day before or on the day, please contact Debbie Hourihan on 07847 - 714781.

HEALTHY START SCHEME—Nearly 30 000 children in Hertfordshire are living in poverty - some may be eligible for the NHS Healthy Start scheme. As of April 2024, over 3500 (40%) Hertfordshire families are eligible but are not accessing the scheme. Visit: www.healthystart.nhs.uk/. You may be entitled for help to buy healthy food and milk.

ADVANCED NOTICE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025—Application forms for registration to our Parish First Holy Communion programme 2025 for children who will be 8 years old or older on or before 31 August 2025 and who live in the parish will be available **for collection at Mass in the Sacristy from Saturday 29 June 2024 onwards**. Completed forms with a copy of a Baptism certificate **must** be submitted to 3 Windhill, **before Monday 5 August 2024**. Late entries will not be accepted.

FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, please guide and protect the hearts of all men in fatherly roles who are striving to love with your heart and do your work. Give them pure, chaste, courageous, and creative hearts like Saint Joseph. Give them hearts that never tire of serving those they are called to love. Give them hearts that seek out their loved ones and gently turn their gaze to see You, who is Love.