



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul

30 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.



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INVITATION TO A MASS OF INSTALLATION

Fr Carlos Quito, who served in our parish, will be installed as Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Queensway on **Friday, 12 July 2024, at 6pm**, presided by Bishop James Curry, followed by a 'bring and share' reception in the Parish Hall. Anyone who wishes to bring an item to share can contact Vivian Pertile at vivianpetile@hotmail.com or 07796116915.

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PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN—Thank you so much for your renewed commitment to our parish and returning your forms. Fr Peter, Fr Marco & the Finance Committee, have been hugely encouraged by the wonderful response to the 'Planned Giving' appeal. So far, we have received 106 forms back, with 58 new donors and 41 new Gift Aiders (an increase of 20%). The value pledged includes £30,650 of which £22,894 is from new donors and £7,825 is increased from existing donors. This is an increase of 29%. The Volunteering form is just as important as any financial giving, so thank you for that too. We have received 176 individual offers of help, returning to God some of the gifts He has given. If you have not yet returned your form please do so. Your support enables our parish to remain a living church at the centre of this community, welcoming to all and reaching out to those in need, and enables us to provide ministry to the whole parish. It also allows us to plan ahead with confidence to the future. It is important that we pass this parish onto the next generation in good spiritual and financial health.

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 are now available **for collection at Mass in the Sacristy. Parents/ Carers are requested to sign to say that they have collected a form.** Completed forms with a copy of a Baptism certificate (unless baptised within the parish) **must** be submitted to 3 Windhill, **before Monday 5 August 2024.** Late entries will not be accepted.

A DAY WITH MARY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL—Saturday 13 July 9.45am to 5.00pm More info is available at www.adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

JOB VACANCY—Trust Chaplaincy Lead—St Mary's Catholic School £25,496 - £27,419 per year. Start date: September 2024 Apply by 1 July 2024.

www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/trust-chaplaincy-lead-hertfordshire-cm23-2nq-2088854

NOVENA—There will be a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour immediately after Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 2 July 2024. Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH NIGHT—Please join us for the final youth night of this academic year on Friday 12 July 2024 in the parish hall, starting at 6.30pm until around 8.30pm. This month is a "praise and pizza" evening, with music and time to praise God led by our wonderful 9am musicians, followed by pizza and some social time afterwards. Families are invited to join us and our young people, so the more, the merrier. It would be very helpful to get an indication of numbers, so we can prep the space and order enough pizza! If you and your family intend to come, please do email or call Sophie at: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk or on her work mobile: 07946 515181. To cover the cost of pizza, we would suggest a donation per person of £5 and up to £20 for a whole family, but please give what you can afford, as we would not wish lack of finances to be a barrier.

CATHOLIC JOB OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE—The Assumption Sisters from Kensington are recruiting a 'Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry' to join their team based in London. (Closing date 7 July) <https://bit.ly/AssumptionYAM>. More details are also on their website: <https://assumpta-eu.org/recruiting-coordinator/>



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 pims 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.