



The Catholic Parish  
of Bishop's Stortford

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

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The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 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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**PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN**—As you may know, many parishes across the diocese run a planned giving drive at least every three years. The last one at St Josephs and Holy Cross was in 2017 and in 2019 for Most Holy Redeemer. This is a chance for parishioners to learn about the parish finances, and to learn more about the most effective methods of offertory giving (such as Gift Aid and donating by Standing Order) in the context of the parish vision and mission. Most importantly, a planned giving drive is an invitation to all parishioners to reflect and renew their commitment of their time, talents and treasure to the parish. Members of our parish will be speaking at Masses next weekend to explain these areas in more detail.

**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.

**PRAY AS YOU GO**— is a free prayer website, podcast and app based on the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola and is written by the Jesuits. There are short, daily meditations that combine music, scripture and questions for reflection. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

**ZAMKNIT**— Tuesday 11 June 2-4pm. Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All are welcome.

**COMPANY AT CHRISTMAS**— It might only be June and 199 sleeps away until 25 December(!) but...Christmas Day each year, since 1984, has been a major working day for around fifty members of our town's churches, while most people are with their families or away. These volunteers are providing lunch, entertainment and tea to around 70 people who would otherwise be alone on this special day, in the Methodist Church hall in Bishop's Stortford. Our guests are mostly elderly, but in fact anyone who would otherwise be alone on this day is very welcome to participate. Many of our helpers are younger people. We also take a hot Christmas Dinner to about 40 people who are alone at home, and spend a little time with them. If you would like to receive an invitation (which usually come out in Oct/ Nov) please write your name, address and a contact telephone number on the sheet in the Sacristy or contact the parish office and your details will be forwarded on. Likewise, if, you would like to help, please do let us know.

**DAY FOR LIFE**—On Sunday 16 June 2024, we celebrate the Day for Life. This year, we focus 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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life)

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD CARNIVAL**— Saturday 15 June 2024. The Carnival Parade departs from South Mill Arts at 11.30am, processes through South Street, Potter Street, Market Square, North Street and Northgate End, finishing on Link Road at approximately 12.20pm. The Carnival Fun Day on Sworders Field is from 12pm – 5pm; There will also be a Carnival Cruise, a special array of decorated working and pleasure boats, moored along the river between the Register Office (CM23 2DL) and Station Road.

**LOVE STORTFORD**—begins on Monday (June 10) as churches across the town join forces to demonstrate their faith to the wider community.

## 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.