



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A date for your diary

Saturday 5 October 2024

10am to 11am

St Joseph's—further details to follow..

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next two-part Baptism preparation course which is run via Zoom will be on Monday 7 October & Monday 14 October 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.



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Tuesday 3 September 2024

immediately after the 9.30am
Mass at St Joseph's.

CONTACTLESS QR code

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WE WELCOME BACK FR MARCO— from his summer break this weekend.

OUR RCIA PROGRAMME— will be commencing once again in September so if you're interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Sophie Sullivan, our Catechetical Co-ordinator at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. Our initial gathering will be on Sunday, 22 September at 2.30pm in the WCC behind St Joseph's church for tea and cake and the chance to meet some of the Catechists.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY— 'New' Faith exploration sessions start on Monday 2 September 2024 7.30pm—9.30pm in the WCC.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER— Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ. wwme.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024/25— If you will be in Year 10 or above from September 2024 and would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is the last weekend for collecting an application form. The completed form should be addressed to Fr Peter and posted into Number 3 Windhill **before Friday 6 September 2024**— no late applications will be considered. You should live within the parish boundaries (Bishop's Stortford, Much Hadham and Sawbridgeworth) to apply. Anyone living elsewhere should contact their local Catholic church and request to join their preparation programme. Along with your paper application form, please also email Sophie Sullivan at: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk, so that she can send you further details. The first meeting will take place the week commencing 14 October 2024.

PILGRIMAGE TO CATHOLIC YORK— 26-27 October 2024, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to, St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill—the oldest Church in York. This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

ENCOUNTER monthly meetings begin on 27 September. Held on Fridays in the WCC or in St Theresa's, Stansted. New programmes for the coming year are available in the information area at back of St Joseph's church. Please take one & see what is on offer!

ADVANCED NOTICE— The Parish office will be closed from Friday 20 September until Thursday 3 October when Debbie is on her summer holiday.

SEEDS OF HOPE EVANGELISATION DAY— Saturday 28 September 10.30am—3.30pm Holy Apostles Church and Hall, Pimlico. An interactive event that enables participants to voice their thoughts and concerns on different aspects of evangelisation. <https://tinyurl.com/2hw2vsyd>

PARISH BBQ— Next weekend!



The Parish BBQ is on Sunday 8 September from 12pm. A great event on the Monastery gardens behind St Joseph's church, to meet other parishioners and enjoy a pimm's or two. If you are able to help prior to the event or can help on the day, please contact Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781. Raffle prizes & bottles for a tombola are still needed, please leave any donations in the tub at the back of St Joseph's church. **Tickets are available in the parish office, after some Masses or from Debbie Hourihan at a cost of £4 each or £15 for a family of 4. Cash only please. Unfortunately tickets can not be reserved without payment.** Thank you very much.