



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

www.rcstortford.org.uk

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 August 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.



CATHOLIC LISTENERS

www.catholiclisteners.com/ is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith and life's big questions.
Tel: 0800 448 0704

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN & THEIR SAFETY IN THE CHURCH

Please ensure that your children are kept safe and supervised when visiting the church, especially in the Lady Chapel and near to the Sacred Heart Altar where there are matches and lit candles on the stands. It has been reported that some children are lighting candles on their own without any parental supervision.

Children should also be accompanied when using the toilets in the church. Thank you.

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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 available for

final collection at Mass in the Sacristy this weekend. 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.

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, application forms are now available to collect in person from the Sacristy after weekend Mass. 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, with the programme starting November 2024 to July 2025

CANTONESE MASS— will be celebrated on Sunday 11 August 2024 at 2pm at the Catholic parish of St Joseph's Church, 39 East Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1JU. Everybody is welcome. For info, please email: cantonese.chaplaincy@rcdea.org.uk

BRICKS & BOOKS FOR ZIMBABWE— Back in 2019, many of you were very generous in your support for Sophie & Mike Sullivan's fundraising campaign for books and bricks to fund projects at Christ the King Catholic Church and Petra College Christian school in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Just over £2,000 was raised in total. However, due to covid, the projects were either put on hold or had to be adapted. The majority of the funds also had to be diverted from the planned building project to a relocation and renovation of the junior school's library, which was in desperate need of renewal. Thanks to you, hundreds of new, varied and age-appropriate, books have been purchased to restock the library — a task that is much easier to do from the UK, as it is very difficult for the school to find suitable and up-to-date titles - or to find them at reasonable prices - in Southern Africa. The books are about to be shipped to Zimbabwe which may take a few months to arrive. Your generosity will have a wonderful impact, for many years to come, on the lives and learning of the children who pass through its doors. Thank you very much!

CHARITY GOLF DAY— "The Company of Catholic Companions" is holding a golf day at Great Hadham Golf Club on the morning of 4 October 2024 in support of the Hummingbirds charity. We are looking for teams of 4 to play, with entry at £40 per player. Enquiries to Garth Lane at 01279 864740

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR — Tuesday 6 August 2024 at St Joseph and the English Martyrs immediately after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH BBQ— Tickets are now on sale!!



The Parish BBQ this year is on Sunday 8 September. 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 needed, please leave any donations in the tub at the back of St Joseph's church. **Tickets are now 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.