



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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 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.

ADVANCED NOTICE

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

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Next weekend will be the start of the Diocesan Annual Mass count at all of our churches for four consecutive weekends.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday 5 October 2024
10am to 11am at St Joseph's

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ENCOUNTER— meet on Fri 27 September at St Theresa's Stansted. 'Glimpses of the Divine in the Gospels' led by David Morson. All welcome. Pick up a leaflet from information area in Church for details.

OUR RCIA PROGRAMME— If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Sophie Sullivan, our Catechetical Co-ordinator at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. Meet on Sunday, 22 September at 2.30pm in the WCC behind St Joseph's church for tea and cake and meet some of the Catechists.

BACK FROM YOUR HOLIDAY WITH LOOSE CHANGE?— Mary's Meals request unwanted foreign currency no matter how old or obscure so please just drop any currency in the collection basket. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. So far this year we have already raised £1,264.48 from your unwanted coinage which is wonderful. Thank you!

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE— Applicants for St Joseph's School for PRIMARY places in 2025/26 who require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' can either download an application form from the resource page on our website or alternatively collect an application form for a certificate from No 3 Windhill, the Sacristy after Mass or the parish office in person. Once completed it should then be posted through the letter box of No 3 Windhill with a stamped addressed envelope, please. The certificate will be posted to you in the envelope that you provide. The school deadline for completed applications is 15 January 2025.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY— Our next Monday session, on 16 September, will be a continuation of our viewing of "The Chosen", with some Bible reflection. We will watch episodes 4 & 5, beginning promptly at 7.30pm, with refreshments served from 7.15pm. For anyone wishing to catch up on the previous three episodes of season one, can do so at:

www.thechosen.tv

CATECHIST RECRUITMENT— Are you looking for a way to contribute to parish life? Maybe you are someone who enjoys working with children? Or are you the parent of a child who has already been through First Holy Communion and keen to give back in some way? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then please consider becoming a First Holy Communion Catechist. A Catechist is a volunteer who offer to help to pass on the faith to others. Helping with First Holy Communion preparation involves working with small groups of children to work through activities to solidify understanding of their faith and especially of the Mass. Volunteers invariably get as much out of it as they give and there is a wonderful team of parishioners working alongside you to support you. No prior experience needed – just a willingness to give it a go. A simple DBS check would need to be carried out. If interested, please contact Sophie: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING— Wednesday 25 September 6pm— 8.30pm. Meet the staff, tour the facilities and learn more about the wide range of opportunities available for students. To book tickets please visit www.stmarys.net



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

A wonderful day was had by all at the Parish BBQ last Sunday raising £475 profit.

BIG THANKS go to EVERYONE who helped make this possible. Special thanks go to Debbie Hourihan and the Social committee— Clare, Dom & Kiera, The Tisi family, The Wright Family, The Robertson's, The Wilkinsons, Kieran Hourihan & Monica Lynch and to David Ring, Dom and Rebecca Faulkner for the great music.

If you enjoyed this event and would like to ensure that they happen in the future, we really do need more volunteers! Please join the list of helpers for social events by contacting Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781. Thank you.