



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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.



PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant
Leo,
in succession to the Apostle
Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favourably on the
supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ
on earth,
he may confirm his brethren
and that the whole Church may
be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and
peace,
so that in you, the shepherd of
souls,
all may know the truth and
attain life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025

PENTECOST FAMILY DAY—On Saturday 7 June, we will be hosting our next primary family day, especially aimed at all those of primary age, along with their parents/siblings. The theme will be Pentecost and it will take place in the parish hall, which is located behind St Joseph's church. The day starts at 10.30am and it will finish with a bring and share lunch, ending around 1.30pm. The morning will be made up of drama, crafts, songs and games, as well as food! You are most welcome to just turn up on the day, though if you plan to come, it would be good to know, so we can prepare for the numbers attending. Please email: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. Please note that at least one adult should accompany their children. No child should be dropped off without an adult.

ONE DAY PARISH PILGRIMAGE—There will be a one-day parish pilgrimage on Saturday 14 June in celebration of the Jubilee of Hope. We expect to leave Bishop's Stortford at 9.30 am and be back in the evening around 8:30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch with you. The day will include a visit and a moment of prayer at Redemptoris Mater, the House of Formation where Fr Marco lived and studied as seminarian and a walk (roughly 1 hour) to Westminster Cathedral passing through Tyburn and Hyde Park. At the Cathedral there will be an opportunity for Confession and celebrate the Vigil Mass together.

If interested, please contact Fr Marco by email on marcolazzaron@rcdow.org.uk to book your place before the end of Sunday 18 May. Depending on the number of parishioners who wish to attend, we may be able to arrange a coach, if not, we can travel together by train. Thank you.

YOUTH NIGHT - Friday 23 May 2025. Our next youth night will include a special time of prayer to in the Lady chapel - especially praying for those sitting exams at this time. We will also have some games and social time, in the parish centre beforehand. We start at 6.30pm and finish at 8.30pm and there is no need to sign up - just come on the night. We will ask parents of newcomers to fill in a consent form when you arrive. All those in school years 7-13 are most welcome - bring a friend! The final youth nights of the academic year will be a praise and pizza evening and a sports night

TABLE TENNIS CLUB— is on Sunday 18 May after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) Next dates are June 1, 15, 29, July 13 & 27

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK —will be at the Herts and Essex High School from 4-8 August. Registration is still open. To date we have over 300 children registered (more than last year). We still need more adult volunteers – on current numbers we can only guarantee places to 186 children. We need about 12 more adult volunteers. There are spaces to help with most age groups. If you cannot commit to the full week, we would still appreciate if you could volunteer, particularly for the end of the week (Thurs/ Fri). We have a couple of very particular requests:

- A female youth helper to help with the young helpers (12-16s). This would not necessarily involve any planning, just being a member of our Youth team.
- Someone with a paediatric first aid certificate. This could either be in a dedicated First Aid / Reception role, or as a general volunteer that we can call on should the need arise. If you can help as a volunteer, please register on our website: holidaybibleweek.co.uk If you want to know more about the other roles, please contact Hugh Scott (chair@holidaybibleweek.co.uk)



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 6 July 2025 for the Annual Parish BBQ. The Social Committee would be delighted to receive ideas, offers of help and support for this event. We also need raffle prizes.

Please contact the Chair, Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781.

Your involvement is very much welcomed!