



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

22 June 2025

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.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY

Starting on Monday 23 June, we embark on our final four sessions of the academic year, where we will be doing a four part video series called "The Joy of Hope", complementing the theme of Hope for this year's jubilee. The series is filmed on the island of Patmos and focuses on St John's writings in the Book of Revelation, considering the promise of hope in eternal life with God. As usual, all are welcome - we start at 7.30pm, with refreshments served and finish around 9pm. See you then!

TWO NEW PRIESTS FOR OUR DIOCESE

Please pray for Reverends Sean Power and James Boyle who will be ordained to the priesthood at Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent on Saturday, 28 June at 10:30 am. They will serve in the Diocese of Westminster.

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THANK YOU — to Fr Marco for arranging a wonderful pilgrimage last Saturday to the Redemptoris Mater and the Cathedral and to everyone who attended.

RCIA — Thank you to our sponsors, catechists and all who have kindly given their time to be a part of the RCIA journey this year.

ADVANCED NOTICE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026— Application forms for registration to our Parish First Holy Communion programme 2026 for children who will be 8 years old or older on or before 31 August 2026 and who **live in the parish** will be available for collection at Mass in the Sacristy from Saturday 28 June 2025 onwards. Completed forms with a copy of a Baptism certificate must be submitted to 3 Windhill, before Monday 4 August 2025 Late entries will not be accepted.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE— Sadly, the decision has been taken by the Diocesan Pilgrimage office to cancel the proposed Jubilee pilgrimage to St Edmund's College on 12 July. There has not been enough interest in it, and the bookings thus far have been insufficient to make the day viable. Sincere apologies to those members of our parish who had already booked and were looking forward to attending.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME 2025-26— Organised by Westminster Youth Ministry, the programme is aimed at **18-30 year olds** interested in leading a parish youth group. **Starting in October 2025**, the year-long programme will accompany future leaders on their journey of faith and equip them with the necessary practical skills such as activities planning, safeguarding training, public speaking and more. The entire programme concludes with an opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as chaplains to the Redcaps, and hopefully establishing/leading a regular parish youth group beforehand. There is no cost of joining the programme but parish priest's recommendation is required. More information at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/upper-room-leadership-programme/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS— The Archconfraternity of the Guild of St Stephen recognises the generous and loyal service of its members with various awards due based on the length of service and merit. This Sunday at the 9am Mass eight of our young Altar servers will be presented with their bronze medal at St Joseph's.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS FR PETER & FR MARCO— as they respectively celebrate their 31st year and 2nd year since their ordination to the Priesthood.

STREET LINK— www.thestreetlink.org.uk StreetLink is a platform that connects people rough sleeping to support provided by local authorities/charities. This includes anyone who is sleeping outside, preparing to bed down, or sleeping somewhere not designed for habitation e.g a vehicle. Alerts can be made by members of the public and people sleeping rough themselves.

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK— are still looking for adults helpers so that all children who have applied to go this year can be accommodated. New volunteers filling in the online form should ignore the 1 June deadline: <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/register>. Helpers can use the onsite crèche facility for any children under 5 yrs of age.

THE FINAL YOUTH NIGHT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR— is on Fri 11 July (6.30-8.30m) and will be a sports night in a local park - details to follow soon. All those of secondary school age will be most welcome to attend."



PARISH BBQ TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Sunday 6 July 2025 12pm Monastery Gardens

Please contact the Chair, Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781 or buy your ticket after Mass or from the Parish Office. £5 per ticket or £20 for a family of 5. Cash only please.

Raffle prizes and help still needed!!