



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

Pentecost Sunday

8 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.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk
Tel: 0788 7296983



LOVE STORTFORD '25,

Monday 16– Saturday 21 June
The Churches Together event is taking place once again. Love Stortford is an excuse to get out and bless your community with free events and random acts of kindness. The Baptist church are organising the Carnival procession and need people to join it to help hand out 3000 gifts. Turn up on 21 June at 10.30am at the Baptist Church Bridge centre ready to process at 11.15am. You can also litter pick or organise your own project. Info leaflets at the back of St Joseph's church

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS— the 41 young people from our parish who will be confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 6pm at St Joseph's. We thank Fr Peter, Fr Marco, Sophie, our catechists, sponsors, helpers and parents for their support. Thank you also to everyone who will be preparing the church by cleaning and flower arranging to make the day a special one.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE— Saturday 12 July 11am - Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather. Confessions will be available. There is ample parking. 12noon - Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds – please bring suitable clothing etc. in the event of rain.

1.30pm - Picnic lunch (bring your own); tours of the College. Adoration and Confessions in the Chapel during this break.

2.45pm - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; please gather outside the College Chapel for the procession to the school grounds where Mass was celebrated and where Benediction will now be given. 4pm - Departures. **If you wish to attend there is a registration booking form to complete.** Please contact the parish office or see our website for more info. Parking is available but for health and safety reasons, you **must** complete & send the booking form first & provide your car details in order to be permitted on site.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY—On Monday 9 June, we will reflect on the passage of the road to Emmaus. Finally, a reminder that, on Monday 16 June, all are invited to hear Fr Daniel Humphreys talk about the year of Jubilee - it would be lovely to have a strong turn-out to welcome him to our parish! All evenings begin at 7.30pm - bring a friend!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE— The Parish office is now closed and will open on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 9am. For urgent enquiries please speak with Fr Peter or Fr Marco.

NEXT WEEKEND 14 & 15 JUNE— we welcome Father Jude Burgers from the Comboni Mission who will be celebrating the Saturday 6pm Mass at St Joseph's whilst Fr Peter is away and Fr Marco is leading the parish pilgrimage to Westminster. He will also celebrate the Sunday Masses at Most Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross, where there will be retiring collection for the work of the Mission. Apologies but there will be no confessions or adoration on Saturday 14 June.

EMMAUS JUBILEE YOUTH FESTIVAL—2-3 August 2025 at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, the festival will offer a transformative encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. Inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose encounter with the Risen Christ transformed their despair into hope, this festival aims to ignite the same transformative experience in all participating. Organised by SPEC Retreat Centre of Westminster Youth Ministry, the festival will feature: live Praise & Worship by One Hope Project, engaging panels and interactive workshops, fellowship and reflection at campfires, Eucharistic Adoration and closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. For more information and registration please visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/>

HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL— has launched an urgent HELP campaign to find more foster carers to help children stay in their local area, continue their education, and maintain connections with family and friends. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fosterHELP



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!