



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 July 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

As usual, all are welcome, we start at 7.30pm, with refreshments served and finish around 9pm in the WCC.

SEA SUNDAY 12-13 JULY

Pray for those who live and work at sea in difficult and hazardous conditions. Your support will make a big difference to those in need

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

To **EVERYONE** who braved the sun, showers, lightning and torrential rain(!) for the BBQ last Sunday and to **EVERYONE** who helped in some way to make this memorable & fun event happen.

A great time was had by all!

Special thanks go to Debbie Hourihan & her family, the Social committee, The Ring, Robertson, Sullivan, Tisi, Wilkinson & Wright families

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM— Fr Marco will be leading the parish to this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent on Saturday 20 September, with the theme in this Jubilee Year of 'With Mary, we are Pilgrims of Hope, Sharing Mary's Joy'.

Outline programme for the day:

10.00am Arrivals begin

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation available (priests are asked to volunteer for this)

11.30am Welcoming of parish and other pilgrim groups and banners

12.00pm Pilgrim Mass

1.30pm Picnic lunch

2.15pm Gather for the procession along the Holy Mile

3.45pm Prayers, Benediction and final prayers in the Abbey Grounds

4.30pm Departures Saturday

If you would like to come, please **contact Fr Marco to express your interest ASAP and before Monday 21 July**. If we have sufficient numbers, we will look towards arranging a coach. There is only room for 60 coaches at Walsingham, so the sooner we book, the better. The cost will be a pilgrim levy of £5 per pilgrim to cover the costs of entry to the Abbey Grounds plus the cost of transport (to be confirmed depending on numbers).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025-2026— If you are in year 10 from September 2025 (and turning 15 by 31 August 2026), and you live in the parish, then you are eligible to apply to join our confirmation preparation programme this coming academic year. If you are not from the parish, you will need to apply to make your confirmation at your local church. The Sacrament of Confirmation offers a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those who seek to go deeper in their faith. The preparation programme helps candidates to come to a place of readiness to make their own "yes" to being a practising catholic. It requires some maturity and a willing to be open to learn and grow in faith during the academic year ahead. Anyone who would like to apply should write an email to: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org and ask for more details. We will then let you know when you can pick up an application form. In the email please write a few lines outlining a bit about yourself and why you feel this is the right time to make your confirmation. All applications will need to be completed by Monday 8 September 2025 and no later.

WE BELIEVE CATHOLIC FAMILY FESTIVAL - A Festival of Catholic Life! 25-28 July 2025 at St Mary's college, Oscott, near Birmingham B73 5AA. This family festival will include speakers, times of worship from across the Catholic traditions, music, testimonies and opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation, as well as time for food, fun & relaxation. All in the stunning grounds of Oscott Seminary. There are options for camping or off-site Accommodation and day tickets. A discount is available by adding the discount code TENTEN50 at checkout. So a family of 5 can go to We Believe for as little as £80, depending on the ages of your children. See the website: www.webelievefestival.com/ to book or email Sophie for more details. If you've never been to a Catholic gathering, consider doing so! It'll be a very joyful experience!

MARY'S MEALS— As we approach the holiday season, please consider donating any unwanted foreign or old currency into the collection basket. Thank you very much.

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** are now available for collection at Mass in the Sacristy. 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.