



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 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.

PASTORAL STATISTICS

The Annual Diocesan Mass count will take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends in October

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Fr Marco and all parishioners attending Walsingham next Saturday 20 September

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from Monday 15—Friday 26 September inclusive whilst Debbie is on her 'summer' holiday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next two-part Baptism preparation course via Zoom will be Monday 6 & 20 October 8.15pm—9.30pm.

It is a pre requisite to attend the course prior to arranging a Baptism.

Please book a place via the parish office

CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU— to Fr Tony Convery who joins us this weekend to celebrate Mass whilst Fr Marco is away for the week.

ENCOUNTER MORNINGS - 26 Sept & 17 Oct @ St Theresa's, Stansted and 14 Nov & 5 Dec @ St Joseph's Parish Hall in the Windhill Churches Centre

HERTFORDSHIRE SUMMIT—for all young people aged 14-17, on Saturday 22 November from 1-7pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles in Welwyn Garden City AL7 3TP. The afternoon will include games, time to socialise, prayer, adoration and Mass. Any young person interested should send an email to Sophie at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk by the end of September. We will aim to go as a group, so will need to know numbers so we can organise transport etc.

HOLY TRINITY NIGHT SHELTER BARN DANCE— Saturday 20 September 8pm—11pm at Holy Trinity Church. Tickets £14, volunteers £7, children free. Red River Band, bring your own drinks, soft drinks available. For tickets email htns.fundraising@outlook.com

YOUTH NIGHTS 2025-2026 - are back for the new academic year! We do not meet in September, so the first meeting will take place on Friday 17 October 2025 from 6.30-8.30pm. All young people of secondary age are welcome to attend (school years 7-13). We especially look forward to welcoming our new year 7's to join us - bring a friend! The only thing required is that a parent/carer fill in a consent form the first time you attend. A full list of dates will soon be available to collect at the back of the church. You can also visit our webpage for more details: <https://rcstortford.org.uk/youthnight/>

ST MARYS SCHOOL OPEN EVENING—Applications for entry in September 2026 will open on 1 September 2025. An Open Evening for entry to Year 7 in 2026 will be held on Wednesday 24 September between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. To apply for a place in September 2026 you will need to complete both our Supplementary Information Form and your County Council Application form by 31/10/2025. If you have any questions, please email admissions@stmarys.net

ALTAR SERVERS MASS—at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 4 October 2025 at 2.30pm. Any Altar Servers keen to find out more should contact Sophie by email bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

CATHOLIC LISTENERS— www.catholiclisteners.com/ is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith and life's big questions. Tel: 0800 448 0704

WEDNESDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS— Please join us for refreshments after Mass in the WCC every Wednesday. Thank you to Alison, Fiona & Andrew who organise it every week!

MARY'S MEALS— Please continue to put any foreign coin or old currency in the collection basket to raise funds to help feed hungry children.

'We adore you, O Christ and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world'

FREE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE DIOCESE

For volunteers (especially volunteers that work in close contact with children and/or adults at risk), Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) LMS online training is strongly advised to be completed. Volunteers can access the training free of charge by following this link: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/> When you are logging in, please be sure to add Diocese of Westminster and your role for our records. We encourage all volunteers to complete the Level 3 course regardless of role. Please note the training will refer to reporting concerns to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator; In the Diocese of Westminster you should report concerns to: 1) Your PSR in Parish (Debbie Jackson) or 2). The Safeguarding duty inbox safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk For assistance with safeguard training contact safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk