



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 October 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.

MARY'S MEALS

We are still collecting foreign currency for Mary's Meals to help feed hungry children. Please continue to drop any spare or old currency in the collection basket. Thank you

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17-19 October
Tel: 0788 7296983
WWW.RETROUVAILLE.ORG.UK



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. If you live outside of the parish, you must first have the permission of your Parish Priest before a Baptism is arranged.

CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



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

YOUTH NIGHTS 2025-2026 - 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 is available to collect at the back of the church. You can also visit our webpage for more details: <https://rcstortford.org.uk/youthnight/>
DIOCESAN PASTORAL STATISTICS WEEK THREE — This weekend will be the third weekend of the four consecutive weekend Mass counts.

ADVANCED NOTICE — November is the month of Holy Souls. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones added to our Book of Remembrance this year displayed at St Joseph's please do email your list of names to the parish office or post through the door of number 3. Donations for Holy Souls may now also be made using the DONA machines at St Joseph's, by selecting the 'Holy Souls' option.

BIBLE COURSE: THE BIBLE TIMELINE — Grasp the big picture of the Bible - from Genesis to Revelation - with this FREE, world-renowned course (created by Jeff Cavins), presented live online by Mauro Iannicelli. Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 7pm (for 7 Wednesday evenings). For more info or registration, please go to: comenadsee.org OR email: info@comeandsee.org

ZAMKNIT — Tuesday 7 October Most Holy Redeemer Extension 2pm - 4pm All welcome.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY — 13 October 7.30pm in the WCC. Stories of Hospice & Palliative care, Guest Speaker: David Oliviere, Former Director of Education at St Christopher's Hospice. Following much debate this past year over the legalising assisted suicide, David Oliviere, retired social worker and former director of Education at St Christopher's Hospice in London, joins us at Soul Food to share something about Palliative Care – what it is, how it all started and the gift that it can be to those who are dying and their families. As ever there'll be time to listen and then to share in small groups and all are most welcome to what should be an interesting evening. Refreshments available from 7.15pm.

TABLE TENNIS — The next table tennis club is on Sunday 5 October after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) in the WCC.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST — Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — 19 October. Pope Leo invites all Catholics to support Missio — his charity for world mission through a special collection. Envelopes are available in church.

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