



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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Parish Office: Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Friday 8am –12pm(remote)

Administrator/ Safeguarding: Mrs Debbie Jackson | **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Mrs Sophie Sullivan

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The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

12 April 2026

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

The Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging parishes to stand in solidarity with them by holding local Holy Hours on Sunday, 19 April around 4:30pm so Catholics in England and Wales can unite in prayer for the promotion of a culture of life.

YOUTH NIGHT

Our next youth night takes place on Friday 17 April 6.30pm—8.30pm and will be a quiz night. So, if you are young person of secondary school age (school years 7-13) do come along and bring friends to make up a team for the quiz! Prizes for winners!

*Most merciful Jesus,
I turn to You in my need. You are
worthy of my complete trust.
You are faithful in all things.
When my life is filled with confusion,
give me clarity and faith.
When I am tempted to despair,
fill my soul with hope.*

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SOUL FOOD MONDAY—Our next Soul Food Monday will be taking place on Monday 20 April starting at 7.30pm (with refreshments served from 7.15pm). We will be continuing our look at the lives of the Saints and will be looking at St Thérèse of Lisieux and what we can learn from her simplicity of faith. All are most welcome. The evening will take the form of video content, mixed with small groups discussions.

ADVANCE NOTICE—Our Soul Food in May takes place on the 11 May at 7.30pm and we will be welcoming an outside speaker, Fiona Whitehead. Fiona will be sharing an introduction to the Theology of the Body, which is a ground-breaking teaching developed by Pope St John Paul II, and centered around the dignity of the human person, especially as it pertains to relationships and sexuality. It is an incredible treasure of the church, so do come along to find out more. All welcome, from older teens upwards.

THE WELBELOVED CLUB is a monthly lunch run in the Sawbridgeworth memorial hall for people age 70+ who are experiencing isolation and loneliness. There are over 130 guests registered. We are currently looking for kind, reliable volunteers to help us bring connection, warmth, and joy to older people. Whether you have a little time or a lot we are currently seeking volunteer drivers to either drive the minibus or help with transport to get guests to and from the lunches safely. This is a very flexible role as we have many volunteers that currently facilitate this but there are times when they have alternative commitments and are therefore unable to help. We also have guests on our waiting list that need transport and are unable to join us. All Expenses will be covered plus a full DBS check. For many of our guests this monthly lunch is the only interaction that they have with others. We have a few parishioners already from both St Josephs and Most Holy Redeemer who are guests themselves and a few volunteers. If you are over 70, live alone and would benefit from joining us please contact the number below. We also have a Facebook page, you can look and see the joy this club brings. We are heavily supported via the Bishops Stortford Independent. So, if you are looking to join our wonderful team, please make contact via the club www.thewelbelovedclub.com/ 078735456001

KINTSUGI HOPE WELLBEING — Thursday 16 April 7.30pm at the Barnabas Centre. This gentle course encourages looking after our own mental health and wellbeing, and to care for others who may be struggling. The 12 week course looks at themes such as anxiety, depression, loss, self-acceptance, healthy relationships, and resilience. Each session starts with refreshments, followed by opportunities to discuss and reflect on experiences, building a toolkit for future support. The course is free, and open to all.

IMPORTANT - ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER IN OUR PARISH?

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) have made Level 3 Safeguard training mandatory for all Clergy, staff, and **Volunteers** regardless of their role within a parish and whether or not they have a DBS. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!**

Volunteers can access the Level 3 training free of charge by following this link <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk> The online training does not have to be done in one sitting as progress will be saved. When you are logging in, please be sure to add 'Diocese of Westminster' and your 'volunteer role' for our records.

We ask that when volunteers have completed the CSSA level 3 module please let your Parish administrator know your name, your volunteer role and the date you completed the Level 3 training module so that parish safeguard training record can be updated. Parish training records throughout the Diocese will be subject to a CSSA safeguarding audit and review so your assistance and commitment to completing the training is very much appreciated. **Thank you very much to everyone for their response so far!**