



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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+Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

5 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.



WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY
BLESSED AND JOYOUS EASTER

THANK YOU!

Fr Peter and Fr Marco send their sincere thanks to 'everyone' who has generously given their time and helped over this Easter period. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers in our parish from those who clean & care for our churches, read, sing, play music, serve, create beautiful flower arrangements, teach and support others, run groups, organise, visit the sick, look after the repositories, hand out hymn books, make tea, wash up, sit on committees, collect money and count money, the list is endless..!

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SOUL FOOD MONDAY—Our next Soul Food Monday will be taking place on Monday 20 April 2026, 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 to come along. The evening will take the form of video content, mixed with small groups discussions in an informal atmosphere.

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 if you have never heard of it, do come along to find out more. All welcome, from older teens upwards.

YOUTH NIGHT—Thank you to all those who attended our last youth night, where we walked through the Stations of the Cross. It was a very special and prayerful time. Our next youth night takes place on Friday 17 April 2026 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 the winners! Our youth night always begins at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm.

NO MASSES— There will be NO Mass celebrated on Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 April inclusive but St Joseph's will be open for private prayer between 9am—3pm every day.

ZAMKNIT— Tuesday 7 April 2pm to 4pm in the Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE CARE—provides a relationship counselling service for couples when life gets tough and it is hard to find a positive solution. www.marriagecare.org.uk TEL: 0800 389 3801

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.

SAFER PLACES— supporting adult & child survivors of domestic abuse across Herts & Essex. Everyone deserves a life free from fear & abuse 24/7 helpline 03301 025811. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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!**