



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 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.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY

On 11 May at 7.30pm 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.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

If you would like to talk to someone about a vocation to the priesthood, contact the Vocations Promotion Team:

Canon Roger Taylor

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Fr Mike Maguire

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CONTACTLESS QR code

↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK— takes place from 10-16 May. Envelopes are available at the back of Most Holy Redeemer for donations to this worthy cause. Please take one home and return with your donation on Sunday 17 May. If you are eligible to sign the Gift Aid declaration, 25% of the donation value will be added for Christian Aid. Thank You.

BIG BREKKIE—Next Saturday 16 May the Christian Aid Big Brekkie will take place in Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall from 9am- 12 noon. All are welcome. Minimum donation: £5 (cash only) (See the poster in the MHR porch) No booking necessary- just turn up to get your breakfast when it suits you!

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE—London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6 June from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more info. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

ITALIAN MEDICAL CHARITY—The Italian Medical Charity was formed to give financial help to Italians, and those of Italian descent, with medical problems and those caring for them. See their website for more information <https://www.italianmedicalcharity.co.uk/>

HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK —is an event for children run by the local churches. This year it will run from 3-7 August at the Herts and Essex High School. We have had 356 applications for places at HBW this year. We have been able to offer places to most, but we still have 31 children on the waiting list. If you would like to help this year please sign up as soon as possible. Each new adult volunteer will let us offer up to 8 more places. We are especially keen to hear from anyone with an interest or experience in supporting children with special educational needs. Further info and our sign-up form, are available on our website <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/>

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION— Thursday 14 May is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses at St Joseph's 9:30 am & 7.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS— Do you wish to become a Eucharistic Minister and serve at Mass? (especially if you attend Sunday 6pm Mass when we are often short of Ministers) If so please contact the parish office so that we can arrange training with Fr Marco.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS— the 49 children in our parish who will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday. We also pray for their parents and our wonderful catechists who dedicate so much of their time to make this day a very special one.

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!**