



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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 June 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.



LOVE STORTFORD 15– 20 JUNE 2026

The aim of "Love Stortford" is to share the love of God with members of our community in many different ways. Events are focussed around Carnival day, Saturday 20 June, with many other events happening during the following week. Love Stortford is a collaborative project of Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford. As usual, there will be a carnival float and this year it is organised by Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church. There are 3000 gifts to hand out so if you are able to follow the float just turn up on Saturday 20 June to the Baptist Church Bridge Centre at 10:30am. The procession leaves South Rd at 11:15am. For more info—see the leaflets in church

CONTACTLESS QR code
↓ PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



FR PETER'S RETIREMENT WEEKEND HOG ROAST & TEA PARTY 11 & 12 JULY

There are two events, please choose which event you would like to come to.

THE HOG ROAST— Saturday 11 July 2026 at 7.30pm Monastery Gardens. This catered event, with music, is for **Adults (18+) only**. Tickets are limited in number to 200 (& are going fast) due to the size of the hog. Each ticket costs £5. Please bring your own drinks.

THE FAMILY AFTERNOON TEA PARTY— Sunday 12 July at 3pm Monastery gardens. This event is suitable for everyone. There will be tea, coffee, soft drinks, music, sandwiches & cake. Tickets are £2.50 per person. For catering purposes, we fully trust your discretion and judgement, if your child is of an age to eat an adult sized plate of sandwiches & cake (rather than a nibble here and there) you might like to consider buying a ticket for them.

HOW DO I BUY A TICKET?— From the Parish Office, at selected Masses and via Debbie Hourihan (by telephone 07847714781). There are also a selection of tickets available to order on the parish website on the NEWS/ EVENTS page (similar to how we used to book a mass place during covid with payment arranged separately) Please ensure that you add your NAME and an EMAIL ADDRESS in the registration box so we know who you are. Please then arrange payment ASAP to secure your ticket and to arrange collection.

PAYMENT— This can be in cash, cheque, BACS and also by using our DONA machine which is available on our website and in St Joseph's church. **There is no facility to order a ticket on the DONA machine. It is just for payment only please.**

THE LIFE OF CHRIST 16-20 JUNE— is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate in Surrey as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Book tickets online. www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/

VOLUNTEER RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLORS—Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation offering relationship support and are looking for empathetic individuals committed to supporting adult relationships to train on their Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and to volunteer with them to make a real difference to couples and families. Visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for info.

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!**