



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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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

www.rcstortford.org.uk

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

17 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.

YOUTH NIGHT

Our next Youth Night takes place on Friday 22 May, from 6.30-8.30pm. We will be having some social time and doing some artwork, before spending some time in prayer in the church, especially remembering those doing exams at this time. All those in secondary school years 7-13 are most welcome (12-17 years old). Anyone coming for the first time will just need a parent or guardian to fill in a consent form.



WATCH THIS SPACE

News about how to buy tickets for Fr Peter's Retirement Hog Roast and Afternoon Tea party on 11/12 July will be released next weekend. Final details are still being confirmed at present...

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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 and have been able to offer places to most, but we still have 31 children on the waiting list. If you would like to help 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. <https://holidaybibleweek.co.uk/>

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! — to our First Holy Communion children, who celebrated their big day this Saturday – the first of many! We thank them and their families for the commitment they have made to the preparation programme this year and we also thank our wonderful catechists and young helpers, who have faithfully journeyed with them.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL CLASSICS BOOK CLUB Thursdays, 7-8pm, starts 4 June. Experience a prayerful reading of Autobiography of a Soul, St Therese of Lisieux. This book club encourages participation as we read and reflect prayerfully on passages from the chosen book. <https://tinyurl.com/385444h8>

ADVANCED NOTICE — The Parish office will be closed from Monday 1 June—Monday 15 June inclusive whilst Debbie is away. Please contact her well in advance of these dates if you require any assistance, mass intentions, newsletter notices etc. Thank you.

RADIO MARIA — Thanks to Radio Maria England for coming to visit last weekend – you can tune into Radio Maria by heading to their website: <https://radiomariaengland.uk/> and clicking on the red “listen live” button at the top of the page. You can also tune in using DAB Radio or by asking your Alexa or smart speaker for “Radio Maria England”. You can also download the “Radio Maria Play” app on Apple iTunes or Google Play As well as an amazing variety of programming, including daily Mass, rosaries and inspiring interviews, you can also listen to our local sixth formers at St Mary's with their youth programme called “Growing in Grace”.

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

ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING — Thursday 11 June 6.30pm Visit the website for more info & to register stedmundscollege.org or call 01920 824247

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!**