



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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 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.

ONE OF OUR OWN ON THE RADIO!

Our very own Sophie Sullivan was interviewed by Radio Maria England during their recent visit to St Joseph's, speaking beautifully about our parish. Tune in on Monday 25 May at 9am via the free Radio Maria Play app, www.RadioMariaEngland.uk, Alexa, or DAB+ radio. Don't miss it!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH NIGHTS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 19 June – Praise and Pizza Evening with the Hub Youth Group (a contribution towards pizza will be requested)

Friday 17 July – Sports Night!

THE PARISH OFFICE

will be closed from Monday 1 June—Monday 15 June inclusive Please contact Debbie well in advance of these dates if you require any assistance, mass intentions, etc. Thank you.

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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** and tickets are limited in number to 200, 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.**

YOUTH MASSES—This Pentecost Sunday at 6pm marks the last of our Youth Masses for the academic year. A big thank you to Anna, Marie, Natalie, Scarlett and Toby - along with a few companions along the way - for their commitment to animating our termly Masses this year. If you'd be interested in joining us next year with singing or playing, please contact Sophie: bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

PRAYERS PLEASE—Next weekend, on Saturday 30 May, thirty of our young parishioners will be confirmed, at a special Mass, by Bishop Paul McAleenan. They have committed to a year-long programme of preparation, leading them to this point. We invite you to pray for them, as they make this step to take on the catholic faith as their own, that the Holy Spirit would stay close by them as they journey through life. Do say hello to our young parishioners when you see them – make them feel welcome.

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!**