



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 MOST HOLY TRINITY

31 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.



ADVANCE NOTICE

Calling any year 9 students (who will enter yr 10 at school in Sept) who are thinking of preparing for confirmation in the new academic year – applications will likely open in July 2026 and close in September. However, do remember that being confirmed is all about growing in faith and in maturity. We encourage you, therefore, to begin to engage with this next step, by considering more regular attendance at Sunday Mass, in order to cement the habits that will stand you in good stead for the future. The Mass is a wonderful opportunity to encounter Jesus in a special way, to press the 'pause' button on the busyness of life and to gather with others to worship God and place before the Lord what's on your mind and in your heart. If it's been a while, just know you are most welcome!

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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**. 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.**

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU— Many congratulations to our young people, who were conferred with the sacrament of confirmation on Saturday morning – A big moment in their lives! Through the action of the Holy Spirit working in them, we pray that they bear the fruits of His Grace as they grow into young adults, with faith as their anchor. Many thanks to their families for supporting them in the practice of the faith. We would also like to recognise the many hours of hard work and commitment made by our amazing catechists and parent helpers, who have walked alongside our young people this past year, as well as the many visitors and parishioners who have taken time to share their stories with the group. May each of you be richly blessed!

THE PARISH OFFICE — is closed from Monday 1 June—Monday 15 June inclusive. Please speak with Fr Peter or Fr Marco for any urgent requests.

ZAMKNIT— Tuesday 2 June - Most Holy Redeemer Extension 2pm - 4pm. All 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!**