



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 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.

FR PETER'S RETIREMENT WEEK- END HOG ROAST & TEA PARTY 11 & 12 JULY

Tickets are selling FAST!!

Hog Roast tickets have nearly all sold. The final day for Tea party tickets is 30 June so that we can know the final numbers for catering purposes. There will be a large marquee in the Monastery garden for both events.

Tickets are via the parish office, on the events page on the website, at some masses or via Debbie Hourihan 07847714781

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.

Tickets can be collected from the Sacristy where they will be in a named envelope once paid for.

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Fr Peter Writes:

I am happy to tell you that, as announced at Masses last weekend, his Grace the Archbishop has now appointed my successor. He is Fr Axel Soriano, in his 30's and hails from California in the USA. He came to England 15 years ago and studied for the priesthood at our seminary, Allen hall. He was ordained in 2020 and is currently the assistant priest at Enfield parish. I am sure that you will welcome him with great joy! The Archbishop has asked Fr Marco to stay in the parish to assist Fr Axel for the time being.

Fr Peter

SOUL FOOD MONDAY— Monday, 22 June. We gather to find out about another of the Saints - St Ignatius of Loyola - who founded the Jesuit Order. We will be reflecting on his life, his spiritual exercises and the importance of discerning life's journey. Will we consider how we can get in touch with God, using St Ignatius' practical wisdom. We gather at 7.30pm, in the parish centre (with refreshments from 7.15pm), and all are welcome! **ADVANCED NOTICE— FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027.** Application forms for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2027 will be available at Mass from the weekend of 4/5 July onwards. Further information to follow..

BISHOP'S STORTFORD GOSPEL CHOIR— Summer Serenade Concert. Sunday 5 July 6pm at the Charis Centre. Tickets £10/ £7. Proceeds to the Food Bank. An evening of music and fun, tea and cake!

BISHOP'S STORTFORD BASED MENINADANCA— is a charity that uses dance to rescue and empower girls living on Brazil's BR-116 highway, the worst road in the world for the exploitation of children. Four girls from Brazil will be visiting Bishop's Stortford Community Church to share dance, art and first-hand stories of the work taking place. You are invited to meet some of those directly involved in the ministry and watch an inspiring performance from the girls. Saturday, 27 June at the Charis Centre. Brazilian snacks from 7:00pm Event starts at 7:30pm. You can book your place by contacting Letitia at letitia@thecommunitychurch.org.uk. Or <https://ccbs.churchsuite.com/events/xfe1tvfc>

FATHERS DAY— We keep in our prayers and give thanks for all those men past and present who have had a positive and loving influence in our lives.

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!**