



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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 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 WEEKEND 11 & 12 JULY

All Tickets are now **SOLD!**

HOG ROAST 11 JULY 7.30pm

For the guests attending the hog roast, please bring your own drinks, deserts and may be a comfy garden chair or two!

TEA PARTY 12 JULY 3pm

For the 255 guests attending the Tea party, any additional scones or cakes would be much appreciated along with a comfy garden chair or four!

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

This can be in cash, cheque, BACS and DONA machine

CAR PARKING

Permission has been granted for us to use the large car park only. Spaces are limited. **Do not park in the small car park near to the gate please.**

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027—Application forms for registration to our Parish First Holy Communion programme 2027 for children **who will be 8 years old or older on or before 31 August 2027 AND who live in the parish** are now available for collection after Mass in the Sacristy. Completed forms with a copy of a Baptism certificate must be submitted to 3 Windhill for the attention of Fr Marco before Monday 31 August 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY - Our final Soul Food Monday of the academic year takes place on Monday 13 July, when we will be welcoming outside speaker Hazel Mathias for an engaging evening on the Temperaments—the God-given inner wiring that shapes how we think, communicate, respond under pressure, and even our spiritual strengths and weaknesses. Discover how understanding your temperament can improve relationships and deepen spiritual growth. The evening includes a quiz to help you uncover your temperament, so please bring your mobile phone or device with internet connectivity. This is an evening for everyone, but engaged or married couples might find it particularly insightful! So do consider coming along, even if you haven't been to Soul Food before. It should be a great evening of discovery and it would be lovely to give our guest a warm welcome! Soul Food starts at 7.30pm in the parish centre (with refreshments from 7.15pm). Bring a friend!

OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL—We are looking to recruit new governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. This is a really exciting time to join our school family and make a positive difference to the community. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Cassidy-Jones, headteacher, via admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR— Tuesday 7 July after the morning Mass at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

ZAMKNIT— Tuesday 7 July 2pm to 4pm Most Holy Redeemer Extension. All welcome.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL DISCOUNTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS—Celebrate have released a limited batch of 50 young adult tickets + camping (ages 18–24) for CELEBRATE festival running 15–19 August, at an incredible promo price of just £95 (usually £155+). This full delegate ticket includes camping and access to the whole five days. It's the perfect chance to grab your tent, gather your friends, and turn plans into reality. With only 50 tickets available at this special rate, generously made possible by CREW Trust. Secure your place here using promo code: JB2026. <https://www.celebratefestival.org/tickets>

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!**