



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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026

Our priests are:

Fr Axcel Soriano (*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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

It is one of the oldest days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 178 years ago in 1848. We give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment.

You may notice pupils wearing their school uniform at Mass this weekend.



ST ELIZABETH'S APPLEFEST

Saturday 26 September

11am—3.30pm

Apple picking & tasting, refreshments & BBQ, local live music, fun for all the family!

Free entry— donations welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/10 Zamknit at MHR

12/10— Soul Food Monday

16/10—Youth Games Night

More info to follow...

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Donations envelopes are available at every church

CONTACTLESS QR code

↓PARISH OFFERINGS ↓



IMPORTANT NOTICE RE BIDDING PRAYERS— For the past few years we have prayed for those who are sick in our parish during our Bidding prayers with individual names announced at every weekend mass. In other parishes a physical list is often displayed in the church listing those who are to be prayed for. Fr Axcel would like to adopt this method in our parish starting from Sunday 4 October. He would like to reassure everyone that those who are sick will still be remembered and prayed for every day by Fr Marco and himself during their morning prayers. Fr Axcel also intends to go and personally visit everyone who is sick and lives in our parish. In order to comply with GDPR regulations, if you wish your name or the name of your loved one (with their permission) to be included in the new list which will be printed out and displayed inside the church from October and if you would also like a visit, please do let the parish office know. The names of those recently deceased and anniversaries will still be read out and prayed for at all of the weekend masses.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL— Please do let us know! Anyone can contact the main hospital Chaplaincy Team at 01279 973407 or email paht.chaplaincy@nhs.net and the ward staff can also contact the on call chaplain. Father Felix Adiele serves as the Catholic chaplain at the hospital. He can be reached directly regarding patient visits, Holy Communion, or receiving the sacraments at 01279 973183.

ADVANCED NOTICE— The parish office will be closed from Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September inclusive while Debbie takes her summer break. If you have any urgent requests during this time please speak with Fr Axcel or Fr Marco. All non urgent enquiries will be dealt with upon her return.

ENCOUNTER— meet on Fri 18 September in the WCC. 'Pope Leo & AI: Magnifica Humanitas'. Talk & discussion on the encyclical's message & some unexpected feedback - find out more! Start: 10.00 am Coffee; 10.20 meeting opens Lunch: 12.30 ; please bring food to share End: 2.00pm Everyone welcome. whether to attend on a regular basis, or drop in for an occasional meeting. Enquiries: 01279 652060 .Programmes for Sep-May '27 in information area at back of St Joseph's Church

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE— The next two-part 'Zoom' Baptism preparation course will be Monday 5 October & Monday 19 October 8.15pm with Sophie. It is a prerequisite to attend the course before a date is arranged for your child to be baptised. Please contact the office for more information and to be enrolled.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A REGULAR DONATION TO OUR COLLECTION?

Our DONA card machines have been a little bit temperamental over the last few weeks whilst we patiently await the arrival of our new replacement machines. The QR code on this newsletter links to the DONA page and there is also a link on our website. If you would like to make a regular weekly/ monthly donation by a standing order without the need to use the machines or having to raid your child's money box or dig down the back of the settie before Mass (!) please collect a standing order form from the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, even better! Thank you. The Parish Bank details are :

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Account Number: 31094629

Account Name: WRCDT Bishops Stortford