



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)

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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 info and to be enrolled.



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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FR AXCEL— who celebrates his 6th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this weekend! Please keep him and Fr Marco in your prayers.

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.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS— From Saturday 3 October onwards, Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the slightly later time of 4.30pm—5.30pm at St Joseph's before the start of the 6pm vigil mass.

"SONGS OF PRAISE" BISHOPS STORTFORD—Songs of Praise is an initiative of Churches Together in Bishop's Stortford and is an opportunity to give glory to God together through song. It takes place on Sunday 4 October at 4pm at the United Reform Church (Water Lane CM23 2JZ) and it would be great to see as many of our parishioners there as possible. You will remember how lovely the service was for Christian Unity earlier this year and this promises more of the same! Everyone is welcome - so do please support this initiative.

ST MARY'S OPEN EVENING—Thursday 24 September, from 6.00pm to 8.30pm for entry into Year 7 in 2027. Tours of the school will be available, with Headteacher talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked via the school website: www.stmarys.net

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS 2027—You should have received a first email by now with all dates etc. If not please contact Sophie at bstortfordcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

The Confessions of St. Augustine:

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 still 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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