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Date -20265 Jan 2026	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 2	The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Alan will visit our parish on Sunday 27 th September 2026 and celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 10.00 am. I would like the Prospective Candidates to take the Confirmation Forms and fill in all relevant details. We need to start Preparatory Lessons as soon as possible- the first Lesson starting before the end of the month. I am so grateful to Daniel who has kindly accepted to help me as the lead Catechist. All the candidates who received their First Holy Communion last will week will progress into being Candidates for the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation- this is the Sacrament that completes one's Christian initiation into being the disciple of Christ who is sent forth as a witness of the holy Gospel. EPIPHANY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – Mass at 12.00pm & 7.00 pm – This is a special feast that reveals the meaning of Christmas, that is, the Christ Child is the saviour of all Nations, not just Holyland. First Holy Communion Lessons will continue as we pray for our children preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar in the Frist Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 7 th June. OUTSTANDING: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bishop's Stortford, was judged to be OUTSTANDING in every area as well as overall effectiveness in a recent inspection conducted by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. The report stated that "The quality of provision for the Catholic life and mission of St Joseph's is highly effective. The school's mission statement is clear, well understood, and lived out daily by pupils and staff. Relationships throughout the community are warm and respectful, reflecting the commitment of staff to creating a caring Christian environment where every individual is valued." Ann Cassidy-Jones, the Headteacher who is one of our parishioners, invites us to read the Report in full and also asks parents to send their children to this school which is the closest Catholic school in the area. To read the report please google: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Catholic Schools Inspection Reports.			
Saturday 3 rd	6.00 pm	For Francis Braeckman's speedy recovery	2 nd Christmas Vigil				
Sunday 4 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions of Monica Jacobs and all her family For the intentions and prayers of all our volunteers	Holy Family Year A				
Monday 5 th			Christmas Feria				
Tuesday 6 th	12.00 am 7.00 pm	For the intentions and prayers of People of the parish For the intentions and prayers of people of the parish	Epiphany of the Lord Holyday of Obligation				
Wednesday 7 th	12.30 pm	Intentions of Elizabeth & our parishioners who are sick	Christmas Feria				
Thursday 8 th	10.00pm	The intentions of Mary Allsop and prayers for Caroline	Christmas Feria				
Friday 9 th	11.00 am 12.00pm	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament & CONFESSIONS For the intentions and healing of Maria Lawson	ADORATION Christmas Feria				
Saturday 10 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the healing of all our beloved ones who are sick For the intentions of Michelle Young & her daughters	Christmas Feria Baptism of the Lord				
Sunday 11 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the prayers and intentions of Patrick Murphy For the intentions and prayers for the people of the parish	Baptism of the Lord Year A				
Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm			Our Parish Finances: As per the minutes of the last Finance Committee, it was decided that the current financial status of the parish be presented before end of January. I thank everyone most sincerely for the donations received and for your continued support. THANK YOU. Encounter Group meeting on Friday 9th January 2026 in St Joseph's Windhill Churches Centre, Bishop's Stortford, on the theme of "Journey of the Magi" illustrated with Christian Art, poetry and prayers. Arrival: 10.00 am for Coffee, 10.30am Meeting starts, 12.30pm Shared lunch and 2.00 pm Day ends. All welcome. Enquiries: 01279 652060.				
Offertory: Thank you very much for your generous support. Cheques are made payable to: Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas . For online donations, our parish Account Number: 41017519 , Sort Code: 401322 , and account name: Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas .							
Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash				Standing Order	Total Collection
28/12/25	£60.00	£263.99	£450.00	£773.99			
A Prayer to St Joseph: O Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of Victory. St Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen. Hail Mary							

Everyone is warmly welcomed & appreciated here: I have been so happy to see new parishioners and I thank God for everyone who comes to Mass here. I would like to welcome everyone to our parish especially those who are new or joined us recently. As a parish, we all hope to be friendly and welcoming – so do please come to the Parish Hall after Mass to meet fellow parishioners and share tea/coffee. May everyone feel warmly welcomed, valued and respected in this parish. Here, in the House of the Father, nobody is entitled to judge anyone for to do so is a sin – **(Do not Judge Matthew 7:1)**. Here, no one will question you about your personal or professional life. We are all equal and the same before God. As a parish family, we are all united in the Mission of Christ. We support each other and we pray for each other’s intentions and salvation. If you are new, please let me know your details/address for pastoral reasons.

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A quote from Carlo Acutis- to be canonised 7th September

- a) I never fail to keep the most gracious appointment of the day: Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Praying the Rosary is my shortest ladder to heaven. The Rosary takes us to Jesus through Mary to Heaven.
- b) I love you Jesus, come right in, and make yourself at home in my heart (Carlo would solemnly kneel and say this prayer after receiving holy Communion).

PLEASE GIVE A MASS INTENTION: Please speak to the priest before or after Mass if you wish to offer him a Mass intention to dedicate on a Sunday during Mass or during the weekday Masses here in our parish Church. Thank you.

Please bring Food Bank items and we will distribute them to the needy within our community. Thank you.

Dear St Anne, mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Pray for our families in every generation. Help our children and grandchildren to grow in faith and to live their lives in loving service to others and in gratitude and praise to God. Be with elderly members of our families who need comfort and courage as they face the problems and pains of old age. Be with parents as they try to do the best for their children in giving an example of faithfulness and true values. We ask your help for members of our family who are sick or in need at this time, and especially for those families who are broken and suffering. St Anne, mother, grandmother, friend, pray for us all. Amen. Hail Mary....

We sincerely thank all our

Volunteers: Christmas season is one of the fitting moments to sincerely say thank you to ALL for every help and support we have received throughout the year. On behalf of the Parish, I am immensely grateful to all volunteers who give their time and skills to support the mission of the parish. More recently, I was deeply touched by Sarah Samuels who offered to do the Newsletter and John Richardson who offered to do the administration. We need more volunteers especially Church and Hall Cleaning – please let me know if you can be available to help. If you can be available twice a year to help with Church and Hall cleaning that would be great. A Mass is offered to pray for the intentions and welfare of all volunteers. Thank you and God Bless you

HALL BOOKINGS: – So that I can take FULL responsibility in case of any intended or unintended consequences, please send me an email directly so that I can make a decision to book your event if at all possible. I thought it is time we started to remind ourselves of some basic guidelines. Please do not assume that the Hall is booked for your event until I have given you a written permission via relevant hall forms.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart: Would you like Christ to heal your home, heal your relationships, your marriage, your illnesses and your children? Would you like Christ to help you with family differences and tensions? Would you like Christ to help you financially and holistically? Would you like Christ to Protect you against internal and exterior attacks from the enemy? Christ is All and is in All (Col 3:11). Our Saviour, Christ the Lord, has the answer and the hope we need in every situation of our lives. The Sacred Heart Devotion is a beautiful way to encounter Our Lord. The Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart at Paray-Le-Monial, France, has prepared a 12-steps presentation on the meaning of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. I recommend this presentation to everyone. Please visit our website to read this presentation: <https://www.sttheresasansted.org/sacred-heart-devotion/>

Jesus revealed to Saint Margaret Mary the secrets of His Heart and the wonders of His love. This is a grace we can ask for as well. It is the grace received by Saint Margaret Mary, the grace that thousands of pilgrims have received, the grace of the Heart of Jesus: to encounter the personal love of Jesus for me. Jesus affirms that His love is for all humanity, and for each one of us in particular. It is as if Jesus is saying: My Heart remains restless until what I have done for all humanity takes on a personal shape and a particular rooting in your life. At Paray-le-Monial, Jesus tells us that the love He has for all humanity, the salvation He works for all humanity, His presence that He maintains with all humanity.....He wants this to take on a wholly personal reality in each of our lives. **Please read the twelve steps on our website – You may choose to read two steps daily and think about them**