



**First Sunday of the Year -
Weekday Readings Cycle 1**

**Eucharist Prayer II
Memorial Acclamation -2**

Gospel Message-The baptism of Jesus, who has no need of repentance, shows us God's path of humility and complete closeness and solidarity with fragile and sinful mankind. We must do the same- with humility, reach out to everyone.

MASS INTENTIONS

I have a 2026 Mass intentions Diary if you wish to book your personal Mass intentions. At the moment I have only one Mass intention booked for January and one for February. So, there is plenty of room if you wish to help me have a focus of an intention to offer/pray for at Mass. Thank you.

SACRISTY AND SOUND SYSTEM

We currently have very poor storage cupboards for Vestments. So, we are looking for quotes. The man who installed the new Loop has sent a quote of £2250 plus Vat for the new sound system mixer and its cabinet. It is hoped the new mixer will eliminate the constant buzzing and interference. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

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.

OFFERTORY

Thank you very much for your generous support. Cheques are made payable to: Catholic Church Stansted St. Theressas. For online donations, our parish account details are:

Account name: Catholic Church Stansted St Theressas

Account no: 41017519

Sort code: 401322

Date	Gift aid	Loose cash	Standing order	Total collection
04.01.26	£60.00	£263.99	£450.00	£773.99

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10th & 11th January 2026



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THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Alan will visit our parish on Sunday 27th September 2026 and celebrate 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 on Saturday 31/01/2026 at 4pm. 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.

First Holy Communion Lessons will continue as we pray for our children preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar in the First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 7th 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.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen. Hail Mary....

Confessions on Saturdays from 5.15 pm to 5.45pm