



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd February 2020

Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Margaret Wilson
Sun 23rd	8.30am	Cliff Parker RIP
	10.30am	Harold Underwood RIP
Mon 24th	10.00am	Pat Gibson
Tue 25th	10.00am	Margaret & Bernard Looney
Wed 26th	10.00am 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday
Thu 27th	10.00am	Patrick Bowen
Fri 28th	No Mass	Friday Abstinence

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Latin Mass: 1st Sunday 3.00 pm (extraordinary form)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Parish

Day of Prayer: 1st Wednesday 10.30 to 4.30pm

Children's liturgy: -There will now be a regular 'family mass' on the first Sunday of every month. Children's liturgy will be held weekly at the 10.30 Sunday Mass.

Please remember in your prayers:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially, Angela Gray, Karen O'Shaughnessey, Mairead Kirke and Dick Worbey. We remember those who have died recently, especially Shirley Balls; and those whose anniversaries occur at this time; Ellen Callison; Joan Ryan; Angus Hill; Helen Fitzgibbons; Annie Brennan; Ernest D'Addario; Pierre Borgers; Richard Callaghan; Mary Toal ; Margarita Malone; Mary Ann Wrighton .

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

For our Lenten Journey of 2020 and which also contain a reflection on the Pope's visit to England last year are on sale at a cost of £1 each at the back of the Church.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

God's word is an inexhaustible spring of life

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colours, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: *They ate spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink.*

And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

From a commentary on the Diatessaron by Saint Ephraem, deacon

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Baptism Preparation:

For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA Course: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings. If you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr Denis.

St. John's School is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Ms Alex Hanou on 01462 892478 The school website is www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk

Newsletter: Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the dedicated newsletter email address (baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your Safeguarding Representative is Tom Keating 07909892178 The Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group

For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YOUNG @♥

Our next Young @♥ will be on Thursday 27th February after the 10am mass. During the mass the sacrament of the sick will be administered, if you would like to receive the sacrament of the sick please do come along, or if you know of someone who is seriously ill please do invite them.

I would encourage you to bring anyone who is house bound, if you have transport, as we would like to reach out to those who are lonely. Everyone welcome. Cake donations also welcome. We provide the tea & cakes & you come along for the chat.

WINE TASTING EVENING

On Friday, 28th February, at 7.30pm, Baldock Rotary Club is holding a Wine Tasting Evening at Baldock Community Centre. All proceeds from the Tasting will go to Multiple Sclerosis Society UK. Tickets are priced at £16 each telephone Keith or Carol Britter on 01462 896189.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Will take place on Saturday 29th February 2020, 9am to 3pm. A donation of £20 per couple is asked to cover costs. A lunch will be included.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes then it may be that the RCIA is for you. The RCIA consists of regular weekly meetings, STARTING ON THE 4th March at 7.30pm : If you live within the Parish of Holy Trinity, Baldock and would like to find out more please speak to Fr. Denis. Or via the parish office on tel. 01462 893127.

KSC QUIZ On 7th March 7:30pm for 8pm start. Please

Email: giovanni.cataldo@hotmail.co.uk or Tel. 01462 734551

LENTEN PROGRAMME

ASH WEDNESDAY mass 10am & 7.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10.am mass on Tuesday and at 7.30pm every Friday (except Good Friday). All are welcome.

LENT FAITH SHARING GROUP

Throughout Lent there will be a faith sharing group one hour long starting on Saturday the 29th February at 11.30am: (except 4th April.) Lent is seen as a journey; an invitation to come on a journey with a person, a journey with Jesus. On this journey we are strengthened by sharing our faith with others. Please do come along, all are welcome.

LENT FAST DAY - Friday 6th March

We are asked to Fast on this Friday in aid of Cafod. Envelopes for your donations will be left at the back of the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday evening 5.15-6.15pm
Wednesdays 10.30am. -11.30 am
All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays - 4th March & 1st April 10.30-4.30pm finishing with Benediction

RECONCILIATION

A visiting priest and Fr. Denis will be available for confessions Saturday 21th March 10.30-12.30pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the two hours.

Confessions are also available every Saturday from 5.45-6.15pm

LENT RETREAT

On Saturday 4th April there will be a retreat given by Fr. Nicolas Crowe OP. It will begin at 10am and finish at 3pm. More details to follow.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday 9th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday 10th April:

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
Celebration of **The Lord's Passion** at 3pm
A day of Fasting & Abstinence

Easter Vigil 11th April: begins at sunset at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 12st April: at 8.30am & 10.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

19th April at 3pm An hour of adoration and meditations on Divine mercy of the Blessed confessions available.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Sunday 16th February:

Envelopes £228.74; Loose Plate £218.48

Thank you for your continuing generosity