



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th October 2020

Love Commanded

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it. And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law. Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law. He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments. The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law: For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can. But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us. As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death. We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. And in this become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen; our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise.

A warm welcome this week to Fr. Peter Maher who will supply while Fr. Denis is on holiday.

THE HOLY ROSARY There will be a reflection and prayer of the Holy Rosary online on the parish's Facebook page on Saturday 31st. October at 11am. It will be recorded and posted on the parish Facebook page, so you can log on and watch at another time.

RCIA COURSE The new session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins on November 3rd 7.30pm in the parish rooms. It is a course of instruction for those seeking to enter the Catholic Church, and may also be appropriate for those Catholics who have been away from the Church and are returning or who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith. (Please speak to Fr. Denis if you are interested).

SIMON AND JUDE THADDEUS, APOSTLES



Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus. Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot" someone who firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and his teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter. Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be arrested. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. People often pray to Jude when they feel that there is no one else to turn to. They ask Jude to bring their problem to Jesus. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord. Simon and Jude travelled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

*Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: consolation in my sorrow, courage in my fear, and healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers.
Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me. Amen.*

Sat 24 th	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Streamed online
Sun 25 th	8.30am 10.30am	Terry Concannon RIP
Mon 26 th	7pm	
Tue 27 th	No Mass	
Wed 28 th	10am	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Thu 29 th	No Mass	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
Fri 30 th	No Mass	Friday abstinence

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

PARISH MASS ON-LINE

Fr. Denis is still celebrating mass online, every Saturday night 6.30pm vigil mass, and the Wednesday morning mass at 10am, which is available through the parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

St. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. contact the Head teacher, Thomas Timson on 01462 892478 to make an appointment. The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

If there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please email the following address by Tuesday evening of the week you would like to see it in print: baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com.

The Wednesday Word is now available on this link page:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Please remember in your prayers:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially, Georgina Nunn, Angela & Peter Gray, Mairead Kirke, and Dick Worbey. We remember those who have died recently; and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: *Rose Holloway, Louise Burke, John Brennan, Eileen Copps, Alfred Field, Ronald Bromage, Adelina*

Molloy, Michael Fitzgerald, Margaret Speck, Arthur Joseph Wilkinson and Michael Windebank.

PLEASE BOOK MASS ONLINE VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>
Email address: Baldock@rcdow.org.uk

REPOSITORY. Christmas is coming despite the dreaded coronavirus! We have a good selection of Christmas cards, candles, Advent calendars and other items, all at reasonable prices. They will be on sale in the Repository at the back of the church from Saturday November 7th. Please place any money in the cash box on the table.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

A word of thanks to all those people who have donated for the upkeep of the Parish in one way or another. There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details from our website below to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can also write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>.

Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic

PARISH EVENTS

MASS FOR DECEASED RELATIVES, All Souls Day 2nd November 7pm:

November is the month of Holy Souls, when we pray for our deceased loved ones and we have our book of remembrance, in which we place the names of our family and friends who need our prayers. As we have our service of blessing the graves in August, I thought that it might be a nice idea to celebrate a special mass in November this year. Do come and join us and if you know of anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to join us please do invite them to the Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS 2020

This service will take place on **October 31st at 12.30pm**, please keep all our confirmation candidates in your prayers. A word of thanks to the catechists for all their hard work in preparing the teenagers.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 PROGRAMME



(open to any child in Year 3 or above)

The next programme will be commencing in December with a welcome meeting and regular sessions starting in January 2021.

Application forms will be available from **Sunday 25th October**. If you have any questions please

contact Fr. Denis. Many thanks Jo Chrysandreas
(Lead Catechist)