



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



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theirs. And may each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and world.
Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer. Amen

Hearing the Call:

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the Apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

Prayer for the gift of peace

May God give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace. We pray that their efforts may be blessed, that they may bring an end to violence and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls, convert all who live by violence and comfort all children who live in menacing situations, that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be

PEACE SUNDAY



Quotations from the Pope Francis's 2021 World Peace Day Message

A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace

1. Peace, justice and care of creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually ...
2. We need to stop and ask ourselves what has led our world to see conflict as something normal, and how our hearts can be converted and our ways of thinking changed, in order to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity.
3. How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care.
4. What a courageous decision it would be to establish a Global Fund with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, in order to permanently eliminate hunger and contribute to the development of the poorest countries.
5. There is... a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.

6. ... may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.
7. ... everything is interconnected and genuine care for our own lives and our relationship with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.
8. ... the need for relationships between nations to be inspired by fraternity, mutual respect, solidarity and the observance of international law.
9. At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the "rudder" of human dignity and the "compass" of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course.

BOOKING IN FOR MASS

For all services in church you will need to book in online. If the mass is full you cannot use the sign in book at the back of church.

PARISH MASS ON-LINE

Fr. Denis is still celebrating mass online, every Saturday night 6.30pm vigil mass, & Wednesday morning mass at 10am, which is available through the parish Facebook page:

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.

For more information please go to the parish website page

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

Email address: Baldock@rcdow.org.uk

Sat 16 th	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Streamed online Jeannette Peppiate
Sun 17 th	8.30am 10.30am	Peace Day Mary Gallagher RIP Jonathan Cooke RIP
Mon 18 th	7pm	Betty Horohan
Tue 19 th	No mass in church	
Wed 20 th	10am	Streamed online Denis Gunn
Thu 21 st	No mass in church	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Fri 22 nd		

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

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>

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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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>

MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES Because of the nature of this year, it hasn't always been possible to get the boxes emptied and the total for this year has been considerably less. If you can get to church, please bring your box and leave it in the large plastic box at the back of the church. You can collect your 2021 calendar from there also. If you can't get to church and would like your box emptied (every little helps!) please phone 01462 618131 or email marywaldren@yahoo.co.uk and I will arrange to come and collect it. Many thanks for your continued support for the Missions.

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, Mairead Kirke, and Dick Worbey. We remember those who have died recently; Carolina Scarinzi and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time Bridget Dillely; Sr Theresa Ryan; Francis Foley; John Labrum; Mary Casey; Christine Hawes; Honora Doyle; James McNally; Ethel Gaynor; George Kerrison; James Griffin.

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