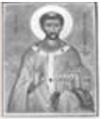




CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



PP - Fr Denis Sarsfield. Parish Office: 01462 893127. Email: baldock@rcdow.org.uk.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

16th May 2021

The Days Between The Lord's Resurrection and Ascension

Dearest beloved, those days which intervened between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension did not pass by in uneventful leisure, but great mysteries were ratified in them and deep truths were revealed. In those days the fear of death was removed with all its terrors, and the immortality not only of the soul but also of the flesh was established; the Holy Spirit is poured upon all the Apostles through the Lord's breathing upon them, and to the blessed Apostle Peter, set above the rest, the keys of the kingdom are entrusted and the care of the Lord's flock.

It was during that time that the Lord joined the two disciples as a companion on the way, and, to sweep away all the clouds of our uncertainty, reproached them for the slowness of their timid and trembling hearts. Their enlightened hearts catch the flame of faith, and lukewarm as they have been, they are made to burn while the Lord unfolds the Scriptures. In the breaking of bread also their eyes are opened as they eat with him. How much more blessed is that opening of their eyes, to the glorification of their nature, than the time when our first parents' eyes were opened to the disastrous consequences of their transgression. Dearly beloved, through all this time which elapsed between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension, God's Providence had this in view, to teach his own people and impress upon their eyes and their hearts that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen, risen as truly as he had been born and had suffered and died.

Hence the most blessed Apostles and all the disciples, who had been both bewildered at his death on the cross and backward in believing his Resurrection, were so strengthened by the clearness of the truth that when the Lord entered the heights of heaven, not only were they affected with no sadness, but were even filled with great joy.

Truly it was great and unspeakable, that cause of their joy, when in the sight of the holy multitude the Nature of mankind went up: up above the dignity of all heavenly creatures, to pass above the angels' ranks and to rise beyond the archangels' heights, and to have its uplifting limited by no elevation until, received to sit with the Eternal Father, it should be associated on the throne with his glory, to whose Nature it was united in the Son.

From a sermon of Saint Pope Leo the Great.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.

Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity. (By Cardinal Mercier)

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA), is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

If you are interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about and are thinking of becoming a Catholic, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme may be for you. If you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on tel. 01462 893127.

WHAT IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY?

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, cinema, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. This year's theme chosen by Pope Francis is "*Come and see*" "In the call of the first disciples, with Jesus who went to encounter them and to invite them to follow Him, we also see the invitation to use all media, in all their forms, to reach people as they are and where they live."

TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE



AFTER 10.30 MASS outside in the garden grounds

Sat 15 th	6.30 pm	
Sun 16 th	8.30am 10.30am	World Communications Day Mark Keenan Tita Frigillana RIP
Mon 17 th	7pm	Eva Chapman
Tue 18 th	No mass	
Wed 19 th	10am	Theresa Biggins RIP
Thu 20 th	No mass	
Fri 21 st	No mass	<i>Day of Abstinence</i>

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

PARISH MASS ON-LINE

Fr. Denis is also still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Wednesday morning Mass at 10am. Both are accessible 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

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

BOOKING TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON

For all services in Church, you need to book online, through our website below. If the Mass is full, the signing in book at the back of church cannot be used.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:

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

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Please 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

Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OUR ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS

10.30 11th JULY

(Hopefully) will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 11th July. Please remember that, as there will be only one Mass during the weekend, we hope that the whole parish will come and celebrate together. More details will follow. Whilst we wait to see how government restrictions will continue to be lifted, we thought that it would be a good idea to go ahead with planning this event as we did last year. Everyone is invited to bring their own chairs or blanket. We may be able to serve food afterwards, but more information will follow nearer the time. We will need volunteers to help once again. It would be a good time to invite family and friends, and please pray for good weather, please remember **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MASS THAT WEEKEND.**

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; Mary Mc Fadden, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Peter Jones; Peter Davey; Frederick Szymiczek; Francesco Picillo; Walter Picking; Michael Madigan; Daniel Barrett; Theresa Biggins; Michael Harrington; Mary Morrissey; Eileen Heffernan; Olindo Lanni; Anthony Callaghan.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

A word of thanks to all those 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, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can 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.

MISSIO - (APF MISSIONS)

Would all red box holders please leave their mission boxes at the back of the church to be emptied during May/June. If there are any members who have not yet returned to church and would like their box collected, then please telephone Mary on 01462 618131. Many thanks for your continuing generosity for the missions, especially during these difficult times.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

On Sunday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father Denis will lead a small service at Baldock Cemetery, which is just off The Sycamores, next to The Orange Tree Pub. He will be blessing the graves of all our loved ones.

