



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



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A little bit history

This weekend we celebrate 108 years of the construction of the first parish church in Baldock in 1913, it's good to celebrate who we are; the parish community here and now, and remembering those in the parish who have gone before us. We are one of many other Christian denominations in Baldock. When the first parish priest came here in 1913 relationships between the churches were not as good as they are now. The first mass was celebrated in the George and Dragon which is called The George now, and is one side of Barclay's bank. It had been 354 years since the last catholic mass had been celebrated by a catholic parish priest. When Fr Basil Barton came here on the 27th January 1913 there was no church, no school and no parish house. His main task was to get a church built. The name of the church, Holy Trinity came from one of the benefactresses, and as it was St Augustine who was sent to England to convert the English to Christianity, Cardinal Bourne added the dedication to St Augustine of Canterbury And so we were named the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury The first church opened on July 2nd 1913, Fr. Basil said that: 'it was a happy day but what pleased me most were two things, before mass', he said: 'I lit the sanctuary lamp, a simple act but with profound meaning', and the other was the blessed sacrament being placed in the tabernacle; After being without the Blessed Sacrament while he was living in the hotel.

We have a great gift here to have the Blessed Sacrament in our midst. Fr Barton left Baldock in 1919. His achievement had been to establish a catholic community here in Baldock and create good links with the local community which made the work for his successors and future generations of Catholics much easier than it might have been. Fr. Basil Barton did a great deal of good which would only be seen after his death. Looking back we can see that he laid the foundations for the future life of the parish here in Baldock. A lot of what we do in the church takes time for the seeds we plant to grow, and the Lord gives the water to enable us to grow. We give thanks to God for the gift of this parish and for those who laid the foundations. Fr.Denis

The Son of Mary

As we've walked with the apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead. But He seems to meet His match in His

hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God. All they could see was how much "this man" was like them - a carpenter, the son of their neighbour, Mary, with brothers and sisters. Of course, Mary was ever-virgin, and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham.

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God. The servant is not above the Master. As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be - before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace. Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him. Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants - knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

Prayer to St Joseph Patron Saint of the Dying

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfilment of the Lord's promise, you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary's hands. Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life; thus, God considers you to be a just man. Your heart overflows in the presence of the Lord.

With your hands outstretched to God, your night is filled with prayers. Surrounded by the living, you embark upon the great march to the promise Land. Open our eyes that we may glimpse the road to Life that lies beyond death.

May nothing, not denial, anger, nor depression, separate us from the Love of God.

Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship.

Be beside us to hold our hands when we take our first steps toward the Eternal Kingdom. Amen

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OUR ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS POSTPONED FOR THE TIME BEING PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



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 one.

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

Sat 3rd	6.30 pm	Raymond Byrne RIP
Sun 4th	8.30am 10.30am	Gladys & William Wrightson RIP
Mon 5th	7pm	Anne Houghton RIP
Tue 6th	No mass	
Wed 7th	10am	Alberto Cheles RIP
Thu 8th	No mass	
Fri 9th	No mass	

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.

We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially Donald Mbeutcha, Thomas Sarsfield, 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: Antoni Pawlak; John Wardle; Maria Averti; James Cairns; George Rathnow; Fr Terence Wardle; Thomas Barr; Norina D'Addario; Dorothy Osborne and Philomena McTigue.

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.

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/.](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/)

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

PROPERTY NEEDED TO RENT

If anyone hears of a small property to rent with its own garden and preferably 2 bedrooms in the Baldock, Letchworth or Hitchin area, please let Pam Winters know on 01462 892265. Thank you.

MISSIO - APF Missions

Would all box holders please leave your red mission boxes at the back of the church to be emptied. Please note that after several years and due to other commitments, Mary Waldren is standing down as local secretary for APF Missions at the end of the summer. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, which involves receiving the quarterly magazines, emptying the mission boxes and banking the money would they please phone Mary - 01462 618131 or speak to Fr. Denis.

TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE



AFTER 10.30 MASS outside in the garden ground

Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, Companions, Martyrs



Prayer for our world

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,

appointed us as its guardians

and gifted us with everything we need,

forgive us

for the times we cause it harm;

for the times our way of life

affects our neighbours.

Inspire us

to care for the environment;

to help rebuild lives and communities;

to share in the griefs and anxieties,

joys and hopes of all your people,

so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD

DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the church calendar set aside to raise awareness about the meaning & value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on 20 June in England and Wales. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. You can find out more at www.DayforLife.org.

