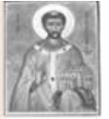




CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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29th Sunday of the Year 17th October 2021

Cup of Salvation

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins. But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins. In this He will fulfil the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading.

Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17-19).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER, 2021

The World Mission Sunday Collection, co-ordinated by Missio (Red Boxes) is crucial for communities around the world who are suffering through situations of poverty, violence and oppression. More information will be given out at all Masses over this weekend. Your generosity will be much appreciated. Gift Aid envelopes will also be available. With many thanks. Pam Winters.

MASS FOR DECEASED RELATIVES,

10th 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 had 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.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The parish is very much in need of extra help with the flower rota. Would anyone who is interested in helping please contact Helen McCallion on 01462 -894058 or leave your name and contact number with Fr Denis

Fratelli Tutti: A prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. Amen.

This prayer is from Pope Francis' new encyclical Fratelli Tutti, which was published on 4 October 2020.

THE SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Invigilators required
ASAP £8.91 per hour**

An opportunity has arisen for invigilators to join our existing team. The ideal candidate will have strong communication and organisational skills and possibly the ability to act as a scribe and reader.

No experience is necessary, as training will be given. Applicants will need to be available for work in the main examination period during May and June, but we also have work available for mock and module exams starting in November.

Please contact Heidi Foyle
(foyleh@jhn.herts.sch.uk)

Sat 16 th	6.30 pm Vigil mass	Blessed Virgin Mary Stanislaw & Adela Lewicki RIP
Sun 17 th	8.30am 10.30am	Holy See World Mission Sunday Jovelyn Teodoro RIP John Stevenson
Mon 18 th	10am	St Luke, Evangelist Julian Brotherton
Tue 19 th	No mass	St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wed 20 th	10am	Tony Targett RIP
Thu 21 st	No mass	
Fri 22 nd	No mass	St John Paul 11, Pope

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. Mass is 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. Please go to the Parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:

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

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going into Hospital? - If you are going into hospital do ask to see a Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital 01438 285518. . Mobile: 07876 526935

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, Thomas Timson on 01462 892478 to make an appointment. The school website is

<http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

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

SAVE THE TREES

Sign up to receive newsletters by e mail and help reduce our paper usage! Visit

www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock

and click on 'Sign up for e alerts' on the homepage.

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. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, or you can write to, telephone, or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially Christopher Gillham, Angela Gray and Mairead Kirke. We remember those who have died recently: Michael Turner, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Elizabeth Keane; Ian Piper; Adam Taylor; Ronald Broadbent; Mary Chadwick; Phyllis Hardcastle; Rose Pike; Terence Patrick Concannon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Confirmation preparation will begin again in the 21-22 Autumn school term. If you are due to be in year 9 or 10 (delayed from last year due to Covid), please consider if you wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish. More details will follow, with application forms available at the back of the church at that time. We hope to run the first meeting in December with candidates and parents, whilst subsequent meetings will take place on a Saturday evening before mass for candidates only. Thank you, Elizabeth and Claire.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 PROGRAMME



Open to any child in Year 3 or above, the next programme will start this November. Application forms are available now. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Denis.

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The Diocese of Westminster has committed to do its utmost to become carbon neutral by 2030 in its parishes and curial buildings. It has also expressed its commitment to working with schools to encourage them to follow the same path.

As Pope Francis explains in *Laudato Si'*, caring for God's created world and cooperating with the Holy Spirit in this work of creation is everyone's responsibility, not least that of the faithful.

Taking the lead and setting an example for others is an important part of this work.

To that end the diocese has been working for a number of years to transition away from reliance on carbon fuels and to implement policies that will promote a greener future.

The comprehensive plan focuses on four pillars:

1. Clean energy sources
2. Investment policy
3. Carbon emissions from energy usage in parishes and diocesan buildings: a) reducing consumption, and b) eliminating carbon being burnt.
4. Generating energy:

How to reduce your carbon footprint at home

Some simple steps can reduce your carbon emissions at home. Most of these are fairly quick and easy to implement, meaning you can start living a more eco-friendly life in no time at all:

1. Insulate your home

Heating your living space can be an expensive and energy-intensive process. By insulating places like your loft and walls, you can make sure your home retains heat during the winter and stays cool in summer. It means you will use less energy, reducing your carbon footprint and your household bills.

2. Switch to renewables

Energy providers around the world are now offering greener tariffs. By switching to a company that provides electricity from solar, wind, or hydroelectric energy, you can reduce your household emissions and save money on your energy bills. You could even install solar panels if they're readily available where you live.

3. Buy energy efficient

Electrical appliances are becoming more efficient by the year. What's more, many countries now show how efficient particular products are so that you can make an informed choice. Whether it's buying energy-saving light bulbs or choosing appliances with a high energy star rating, you can make your home more eco-friendly. Additionally, make sure to turn off and unplug anything you are not using.

4. Use less water

It takes energy and resources to process and deliver water to our homes. It's also quite energy-intensive to heat it once it's there. So, by using less, you can help the environment and lower your carbon footprint. Try turning off the taps when brushing your teeth, having short showers rather than baths, and only boiling the water you need.

5. Change your diet

The food we eat can have a significant impact on the environment. For example, meat and dairy products require a lot of land, water and energy to produce. They also create a lot of methane, a greenhouse gas. Also, food shipped from overseas uses a lot more resources than local produce.

By eating fewer animal products, especially red meat, (or choosing a plant-based diet) and shopping for locally sourced food, you can make a big difference. Why not support your local farmers' market?

How to reduce your carbon footprint at work

Reducing emissions is something that you can do outside of the home too. Whether you make individual changes at work or company-wide policy adjustments, your activities can soon add up.

6. Turn off the lights

Powering empty rooms and office space is a huge energy drain. By making sure you turn off lights and appliances when they're not in use, you can make sure you're not wasting power. You could also request to install automatic, movement-sensing lights and energy-saving LED bulbs to address the issue.

7. Go digital

It's never been easier to collaborate with others online. Whether through sharing documents using cloud storage or video conferencing instead of travelling, you can reduce your waste and emissions. Try moving away from printed documents where possible and encourage others to do the same.

8. Cycle to work

Cycling and walking are two of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel. Not only are they good for the planet, but they are also good for your health. If you can, choose to cycle or walk to work where possible. Your employer might even have a scheme that can help you purchase a bike.

9. Reduce, reuse, recycle

Companies of all sizes use a host of different products in their day-to-day running. Whether it is things like paper, electronic devices, packaging, or water, they all have a carbon footprint. By reducing the amount of waste you generate, reusing IT equipment, and recycling waste, you can make a real difference.

10. Eliminate single-use plastic

Single use plastics may be convenient, yet they are harmful for the environment. Not only do they pollute our waterways and oceans, but they also require energy to produce and recycle. You can stop using things like disposable coffee cups and cutlery to reduce your company's carbon footprint.