



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



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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd April 2022

Meditation on the Liturgy

In this week's Gospel, we hear those famous words of Christ, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Take a moment today to reflect on those times recently when you've pointed the finger at other peoples failings. Now reflect on your own failings. What could you do to be a better spouse for your husband or wife a friend or a brother or sister? How might you work on your own failings to improve your own life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm 126:1-6

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14-

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading John 8:1-11

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent

continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

Readings: Parish Mass Book, Page 176

Charity as life in faith

When we make room for the love of God, then we become like him, sharing in his own charity. If we open ourselves to his love, we allow him to live in us and to bring us to love with him, in him and like him; only then does our faith become truly "active through love"; only then does he abide in us.

Faith is knowing the truth and adhering to it; charity is "walking" in the truth. Through faith we enter into friendship with the Lord, through charity this friendship is lived and cultivated). Faith causes us to embrace the commandment of our Lord and Master; charity gives us the happiness of putting it into practice. In faith we are begotten as children of God; charity causes us to persevere concretely in our divine Sonship, bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Faith enables us to recognize the gifts that the good and generous God has entrusted to us; charity makes them fruitful. Pope Benedict (*Emeritus*)

THE BIG EASTER CLEAN

The big clean will be held on *Thursday 14th April 2022, at 8.30am.*

It would be great to have as many as possible here to help to prepare the church for the Easter weekend.

If you are not a regular volunteer but would like to help please do come along.

Hot cross buns & tea for the workers!

Church will be open from 9.30 but please feel free to come along at any time during the morning.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10.00 Wednesday mass and every Friday (except Good Friday) at 7pm. All are welcome.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday 14th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday 15th April:

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Celebration of **The Lord's Passion** at 3pm

A day of Fasting & Abstinence

Easter Vigil 16th April:

begins at sunset at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April:

at 8.30am & 10.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday 26th April Holy Hour and confessions at 3pm

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter, was extended to the entire Catholic Church by St John Paul II in 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. There will be a holy hour in honour of Divine Mercy here in the church on Sunday 28th April at 3pm. There is a novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. **Priests will be available to hear confessions during holy hour.**

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT ACTION AID- UKRAINE.

The group is here to provide a single point of reference for our local community, where information can be found on what's needed and how get it to the people who need it fast and effectively. This will include accommodating refugees with volunteer families and individuals, as well as support for families, sponsors, schools and others involved, both in the short and longer term. We will have the latest government guidance, links to other charities and insight directly from Ukrainian members and contacts. We also want to provide support and information to enable displaced women and children from

RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 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 parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Ukraine to join our community for as long as is needed. Contacts: Facebook page Vivienne Reed 07815308124

Your Prayers are asked for:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Joe Partridge and Dorrie Randal and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Vera Holmes-Walker; Francesca Walsh; Geoff Rota; Brian Sutton; Fr Robert Holmes Walker; Theresa Mahoney; Robert Grey; Josuah Corby; John Albone; Lisa Gratte; Norah O'Leary; James Harkin; Mary Piper.

Baldock Festival are holding their Street Fair on Saturday May 14th. As in previous years we are asking for donations toward the bottle tombola. This has always been a good fund raiser for the Church helping with the cost of repairs and refurbishments. Any donations can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

Baldock Festival are also holding a Book fair on Saturday 7th May in the Community centre. If you have any books you have finished with please bring them to the church. All proceeds go to the Garden House Hospice.

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes for the next year will be available in Church from 20th March. If your

circumstances have changed ie you no longer a taxpayer or you have become a taxpayer please speak to Catherine or Father Denis. Thank you for your continuing support.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

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

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

Sat 2 nd	6.30 pm Vigil Mass	Liz Cave RIP
Sun 3 rd	8.30am 10.30am	Private Intention (Sickness)
Mon 4 th	9.00am	
Tue 5 th	10.00am	
Wed 6 th	10.00am	
Thu 7 th	10.00am	
Fri 8 th	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

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

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

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday 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>
VACANCY FOR NEW SCHOOL GOVERNOR

St John's Catholic Primary School, Baldock is looking to expand the number of Foundation school governors supporting the school. Foundation governors preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school. Governor training is provided on the core elements of the role: If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please email the Chair of Governors, Deborah Lodge at debs.lodge@stjohns4.herts.sch.uk with "New Governors" in the subject.