



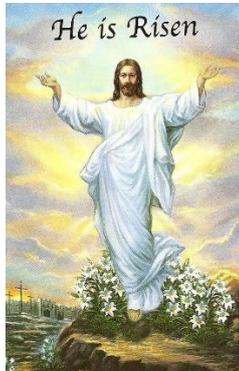
# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22<sup>ND</sup> May 2022



### Queen of the May

May is a month that is loved, and its arrival is welcome for several reasons. In our hemisphere spring advances with so many colourful blossoms; the climate is favourable for walks and excursions. For the liturgy, May always belongs to the Easter Season, the season of the "alleluia," of the revelation of the mystery of Christ in the light of the Resurrection and of the Easter faith; and it is the time of expectation of the Holy Spirit, who descends with power on the nascent Church at Pentecost. With both these contexts, the "natural" and the liturgical, the tradition of the Church is well in tune in dedicating the month of May to the Virgin Mary. She is, in fact, the most beautiful flower to blossom in creation, the "rose" that appeared in the fullness of time, when God, sending his Son, gave the world a new spring. And she is, at the same time, a humble and discreet protagonist of the first steps of the Christian community: Mary is its spiritual heart, because her very presence in the midst of the disciples is a living memory of the Lord Jesus and pledge of the gift of his Spirit.

The Gospel of St. John offers us an implicit spiritual portrait of the Virgin Mary, where Jesus says: "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). These expressions are addressed to the disciples, but they can be applied precisely to her who is the first and perfect disciple of Jesus. Mary was the first to fully observe the word of her Son, thus demonstrating that she loved him not only as his mother, but as a humble and obedient handmaid; because of this God the

understand profoundly every word of his, how can we not think of Mary, who in her heart, temple of the Spirit, meditated and interpreted faithfully everything that her Son said and did? In this way, already before and above all after Easter, the Mother of Jesus became also the Mother and model of the Church.

Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary for the Church, and for peace in the world, and for the Love of Christ to dwell in our homes.

*Fr. Denis*

**Pope Francis Quote:** "Beatitude, holiness, is not a life plan made up only of effort and renunciation, but is above all the joyful discovery of being God's beloved children."  
**Pope Francis's Prayer Intention:** May - For faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

"St. John's, our Catholic Primary School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! Were you a pupil or member of staff at St. John's between 1972 and 2008? Come and join us on Saturday July 9th 2022 between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. for a walk down memory lane. There will be an adult bar and bbq available. We hope to see you there. Please share with friends and family who attended St. John's."

**RCIA** Are you an adult non Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. It consists of regular weekly meetings, **in the Holy Family room**; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127. Alternatively, contact your local parish priest as most parishes run a RCIA course.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The dates for the Baptism Courses in 2022 are: -

**Session 1 Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.**

**Session 2 Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm.**

If you are interested in joining, please contact Richard and Marie Miller on 07931761403

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) [Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

## Your Prayers are asked for:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish especially Celia Sheehan and Joyce Piper and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially - Fr Tony Brunning and Christopher Gillham and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Olindo Lanni; Anthony Callaghan; Freda Worbey; Annie Heaney; Patrick Kilbride; Margaret Tschulik; Ann Murphy; Mary Frazer.

### 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 using 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/>

**BALDOCK FESTIVAL** Thank you to everyone who donated bottles and books for the Tombola and Book Fair held during the Baldock Festival. The Tombola raised the excellent total of £446 which goes towards repairs and refurbishment of the Church.

The book fair, in aid of Garden House Hospice, raised £600. Thank you to all those manned the stall throughout the day.

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 pm	Krista Speirs RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Theresa Biggins RIP Agnes Sian RIP
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Ascension of the Lord
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	St Augustine of Canterbury

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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

### ANNUAL OPEN AIR MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE -



Will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember that as there will be only one Mass during the weekend, we hope that the whole parish will come and celebrate. Tickets will be on sale from 12<sup>th</sup> June, Adults price £7, and a vegetarian option is also available. Children 5 to 12 years, price £4, under 5's are free but must have a ticket to help us to cater for the numbers on the day. Please bring your own drinks. We would appreciate the help of volunteers to move furniture on the day, starting at 8.00am.

Soon there will be lists at the back of the Church asking for volunteers, please sign up. It would be a good time to invite family and friends, and please pray for good weather.

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS** If you are computer literate and fancy joining the Newsletter Team, e-mail our newsletter address and we'll invite you to our next newsletter Team Meeting.