



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



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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th May 2023

BUILDING HIS HOUSE

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see [Psalm 118:22](#); [Isaiah 8:14](#); [28:16](#)).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see [1 Corinthians 3:9, 16](#)). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see [Exodus 19:6](#)). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#); [Romans 12:1](#)).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread

with influence and power (see [Acts 19:20](#)) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see [1 Peter 1:23](#)).

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace, show us how to put away the weapons of war and help us destroy the tools of destruction.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace, teach us to follow the ways of justice and walk with us the paths of truth.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace, challenge the weapons of war, and banish hatred and division, so that all your children may sleep secure.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

Amen *Linda Jones/CAFOD*

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 at any time you wish. 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/>

FR PETER MAHER R.I.P.

Fr Peter helped out as a supply priest in the parish. He died recently, may he rest in peace.

Details of Fr Peter's Funeral Mass are - Wednesday 10 May, at Our Lady & St Michael, Garston. There will be a link to the livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/cPtEr25qgs8?feature=share>

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RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
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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 the parish office on 01462-893127 .

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 (aldock@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 & Colette Murphy
Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
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CHILDRENS LITURGY

The children's liturgy takes place during the 10.30am Sunday mass, in term time. It is for ages 4-8 years although younger children are welcome if they bring along a parent. We have about 30 minutes of singing, prayers and gospel related activities. The first Sunday of the month is the Family Mass and the children will stay with us in church. The Catechists are Karen, Kate and Ben.

CHURCH CALENDAR

OPEN AIR MASS

Our Parish community can celebrate Mass together outside on 2nd July at 10.30 am, followed by a BBQ.

MEN'S GROUP: Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions. These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. At 9.00am we settle down to enjoy an episode of the popular trending Christian TV Series 'The Chosen'. This is a high quality and powerful dramatisation of St Matthew's Gospel. Time for discussion and reflection follows. We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. Upcoming dates are 20th May and 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Maraid Kirk and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, Fr. Peter Maher, Patrick Heffernan, and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Hugh Toal; John Albone; Edward Cybulski; Agnes Hughes; James Tracey; Mary Day; Martha Smith; Sarah Feeney; Frances Madigan; Margaret Ferraris and Brian Randall.

Sat 6 th	6.30pm	Biggins Family
Sun 7 th	8.30am 10.30am	Fr Peter Maher RIP
Mon 8 th	10.00	
Tue 9 th	10.00	Cecilia Loayza RIP
Wed 10 th	10.00	Liz James
Thu 11 th	10.00	Private intention
Fri 12 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

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All 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. **THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA** <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>