



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



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## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023



### The Kingdom Remains:

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a New Jerusalem, and a new house of David (Psalm 122:4-5. He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel.

The Twelve Apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfilment of God's plan for Israel (Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry.

No one has ever seen God. Yet, through the Church founded on His Apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our saviour.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

A DAY WITH MARY -at the Rosary Shrine There will be two short talks on Our Lady, Eucharistic adoration and a Eucharistic Procession, and the whole Rosary prayed. 9:30am until 5pm.

20th May - a 'Day with Mary' at Saint Dominic's Priory, Southampton Rd, London NW5 4LB

### ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

The feast day of St Augustine of Canterbury, the patron saint of our church is this week.



Augustine of Canterbury was a Benedictine monk from Rome who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is considered to be a founder of the English Church. He led a mission to Britain to Christianize King Ethelbert and his Kingdom of Kent from their native Anglo-Saxon paganism. The King converted to Christianity and allowed the missionaries to preach freely, giving them land to found a monastery outside the city walls. Augustine was consecrated as a bishop and converted many of the king's subjects, including thousands during a mass baptism on Christmas Day in 597. Subsequently Roman bishops were established at London and Rochester in 604, and a school was founded to train Anglo-Saxon priests and missionaries. Augustine probably died in 604 and was soon revered as a saint.

### A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:  
O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.  
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.*

*Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.  
I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.*

*Let me only know Your Will.* If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of

### 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 ([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 & Colette Murphy  
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consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity. (By Cardinal Mercier)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### OPEN AIR MASS

Our Parish community can celebrate Mass together outside on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. Upcoming dates are the 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details.

#### Readings in Parish Mass Book 275

#### St Bede the Venerable

St Bede was born in 672 in Jarrow. As an author and historian he wrote 'the Ecclesiastical History of the English People'. He was taken into a monastery aged 7 and became a deacon at 19. He studied the science of calculating calendar dates such as Easter and helped popularize the practice of dating forward from the birth of Christ (Anno Domini) As a skilled linguist he translated many Latin texts to make them accessible to his fellow Anglo Saxons.



Many parishes across the diocese participate in Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) in recent years, as part of this worldwide ecumenical prayer movement.

The 2023 prayer resources focus on the character of God & 'Living the Kingdom' - how we live & serve one another.

TKC asks that we pray for five people to encounter Christ from the Ascension to Pentecost, and to invite others to do the same.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/churches>

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Fr. Philip Law, Maraid Kirk, Peter Gray and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, Ken Woodruff, Fr. Peter Maher, Patrick Heffernan, Pasquale Mani and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Eileen Heffernan; Olindo Lanni; Anthony Callaghan; Freda Worbey; Annie Heaney; Patrick Kilbride; Margaret Tschulik; Ann Murphy and Mary Frazer.

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Meg & Willem
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Bridie Willis RIP Agnes Riego de Dios RIP
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Marie Alexander RIP
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	Willem Mason-Gererty
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Eleanor Sian RIP
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	St Bede The Venerable Priest & Doctor Maggie Riego de Dios
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	No mass	St Philip Neri, Priest

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

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>