



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



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A WORD FROM THE ARCHBISHOP VINCENT

In the last few weeks we have been blessed with three ordination ceremonies, receiving in total five new deacons and five new priests. I welcome them all and give thanks to God for their vocations, their gift of themselves to ministry, and for the work done by their formation staff. It is good too that there are more men in formation at Allen Hall, in Rome, at Valladolid, and in the permanent diaconate programme. Each is answering the Lord's call to come and work in his vineyard. The Vocations team and those responsible for the permanent diaconate are encouraging and supporting a number of other people discerning their possible futures as well as promoting vocations. I am grateful as always for the work that they do. As the prayer for the ordinations of a priest says, 'our need is great'. I need not remind you that the best promoter of vocations is each and every one of us: bishops, priests, deacons, religious sisters, and, of course, families themselves. We are all called to be living witnesses in the world to the Gospel by our life and example. It is through us that God works in the world and it is through us that people will come to know the plan, the vocation, God has for them. Finding and following that plan is the path to profound happiness. Many of those coming forward to offer themselves say that the witness and words of encouragement from a priest were key factors in their vocation. In so many ways we can sow precious seeds which produce a rich harvest. Please do all you can to promote and encourage vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life by planting the seed.

I hope that in the coming weeks we can all find some time for rest or a holiday, to recharge our batteries and renew our strength. For some of our priests and deacons it will be a time for change, be it retirement or a change of parish and responsibilities. I am grateful to all who face new challenges; you will all be in my prayers. ✠ *Cardinal Vincent Nichols*

MISSION RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL

On the Weekend of 5th and 6th of August we welcome Fr Brian Oswald, MHM, to thank parishioners who already give to Missio and to make a Red Box Appeal. **Missio** is the Pope's

charity for World Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

RCIA COURSE The new session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins this year in late September. It is the course of instruction for those seeking to enter the Catholic Church, and may also be appropriate for those Catholics who have been away from the Church and are returning or who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith.

The RCIA programme (is held on Tuesdays, at 7.30pm in the parish rooms, in late September and will run until Easter 2023. It will consist of regular weekly meetings. If you would like to find out more please speak to Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462-893127

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR

GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged.

I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.



This is the final newsletter until after the Summer Holidays as the Eds are off to enjoy a typical British Holiday by the seaside. We may need the bucket and spade; we will need this...



Have a great summer!

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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 the parish office on 01462-893127 .

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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.her.ts.sch.uk/index.html>

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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.

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 Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 PROGRAMME (OPEN TO ANY CHILD IN YEAR 3 OR ABOVE)

On Saturday 16th September, between 10.00am and 11.30am, a parent's drop in at the Parish Rooms. During this time, you will meet with Fr. Denis and complete your child's application form for First Holy

Communion. If your child was not Baptised in Baldock please bring their Baptism Certificate with you. The sessions will commence in November 2023 and the children will make their First Holy Communion in May 2024. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Denis

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN BALDOCK CEMETERY

On Sunday 13th August, Father Denis will lead a small service at Baldock Cemetery, which is just off The Sycamores, next to The Orange Tree Pub. He will bless the graves of all our loved ones. If you wish to attend, please be there at 12.30.

KNIT & NATTER.

Our next two meetings will be on Friday 4th August and Friday 1st September in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. All adult knitters are welcome whether experienced or beginners. Support will be given to new knitters as well as a cuppa and chat! £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund.

The Catholic Women's League would like to set up a group within the

parish. There would be a mixture of social, charitable, educational and spiritual activities and each group decides on its own programme. Most groups only meet once a month, but members can access diocesan and national events in person and online as well. If you would like to find out more, please email natsec@cwlhq.org.uk or text Siobhan on 07929 490090 and take a look at the How to Take Part section of the website at catholicwomensleaguercio.org.uk.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially, Niels Sarsfield, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Thomas Dwyer; Edith Heady; Stefan Smolka; Martin O Leary; John Stredwick; Ann Lynch; Gladys Clare; Arthur Crook; John Casey; Paul Bugil; Mary Light; Kevin Seddon; Sr Brigid Maher; Ray Knight; William O'Mahony; Barry Huber; Annie Davey and Lucia Hawkins.

Sat 22 nd	6.30pm	St Mary Magdalene Norman & Theresa Biggins RIP
Sun 23 rd	8.30am	Michael & Breege Kerrance RIP
	10.30am	Pamela Steele
Mon 24 th	10.00am	Pat & Camilla McCallion RIP
Tue 25 th	10.00am	St James, Apostle
Wed 26 th	10.00am	Ray Knight RIP
Thu 27 th	10.00am	Fr Tom Ryan RIP
Fri 28 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>

TEA AND COFFEE (& BISCUITS) AVAILABLE



AFTER 10.30 MASS EVERY SUNDAY