



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



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The Days Between The Lord's Resurrection and Ascension

Dearly beloved, those days which intervened between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension did not pass by in uneventful leisure, but great mysteries were ratified in them and deep truths were revealed. In those days the fear of death was removed with all its terrors, and the immortality not only of the soul but also of the flesh was established; the Holy Ghost is poured upon all the Apostles through the Lord's breathing upon them, and to the blessed Apostle Peter, set above the rest, the keys of the kingdom are entrusted and the care of the Lord's flock.

It was during that time that the Lord joined the two disciples as a companion on the way, and, to sweep away all the clouds of our uncertainty, reproached them for the slowness of their timid and trembling hearts. Their enlightened hearts catch the flame of faith, and lukewarm as they have been, they are made to burn while the Lord unfolds the Scriptures. In the breaking of bread also their eyes are opened as they eat with him. How much more blessed is that opening of their eyes, to the glorification of their nature, than the time when our first parents' eyes were opened to the disastrous consequences of their transgression.

Dearly beloved, through all this time which elapsed between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension, God's Providence had this in view, to teach his own people and impress upon their eyes and their hearts that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen, risen as truly as he had been born and had suffered and died.

Hence the most blessed Apostles and all the disciples, who had been both bewildered at his death on the cross and backward in believing his Resurrection, were so strengthened by the clearness of the truth that when the Lord entered the heights of heaven, not only were they affected with no sadness, but were even filled with great joy.

Truly it was great and unspeakable, that cause of their joy, when in the sight of the holy multitude the Nature of mankind went up: up above the dignity of all heavenly creatures, to pass above

the angels' ranks and to rise beyond the archangels' heights, and to have its uplifting limited by no elevation until, received to sit with the Eternal Father, it should be associated on the throne with his glory, to whose Nature it was united in the Son.

From a sermon of Saint Leo the Great, pope.

A quote from Pope Leo XIV.

" Brothers, sisters... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me. So, if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card. Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers.

He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...

are one of them." *Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)*

Craft & Chat: Our next meeting is on Friday 6th June, 9.30 to 11am. A craft group for any adults who are interested in knitting, crochet, sewing etc. £2 per session.

Young @❤️: Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 12th June after the 10am mass. We provide the tea & cake, so you can come along for the chat. Cake donations also welcome. See you there!

Annual Open-Air Mass & Parish BBQ

Will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 6th July. Please remember, there will **ONLY BE ONE MASS DURING THE WEEKEND**, we hope that the whole parish will come together as one. Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale from next weekend:



- £10 - Adult ticket
- £5 - Child ticket (5-12 years)
- Under 5's are free but need a ticket to help us cater for the numbers on the day.

A vegetarian option will be available. Please bring your own drinks and your own chairs for the day. We would appreciate the help of volunteers on the day - if you are able to help please speak to Fr. Denis.

It would be a good time to invite family and friends and please pray for good weather.

2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th July - Open Air Mass: 10.30am in the church grounds. *This is the only Mass that weekend.*

Sunday 17th August - Blessing of the Graves: 12.30pm at Baldock Cemetery.

Saturday 20th September - Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham: more details to follow.

Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tara Ferrissey, Ray Carter and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Philomena Geary, Helen Picking, Michael Raferty, Edith Howe, Helena McCracken, Brian Johnson, John Kilcullen, Kathleen Scully, Catherine McKee, Mary Child, James Quinn, Battista Valsecchi.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 31 st	6.30pm	
Sun 1 st	8.30am 10.30am	Gerald Williams - Repose of Soul
Mon 2 nd	10.00am	
Tue 3 rd	10.00am	Charles Andi - RIP Saint Charles Lwanga
Wed 4 th	10.00am	Anthony Targett - Repose of Soul
Thu 5 th	10.00am	Saint Boniface
Fri 6 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.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: ***Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.***

Contacts

Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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