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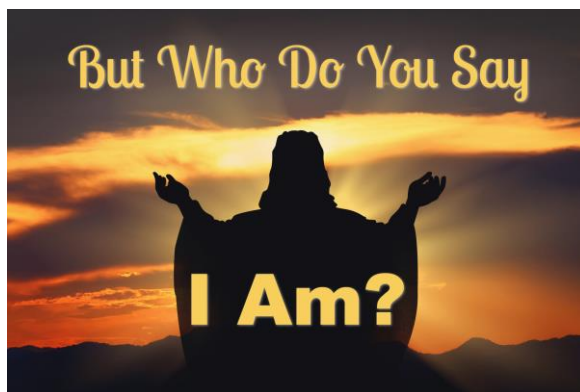
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Year B TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35 *You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.*

It today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples who do people say that I am. They offer various opinions on the basis of hearsay. Then, Jesus asks Peter 'but who do you say that I am?' Peter acknowledges him as the long awaited Messiah the Son of God. That same question which Jesus asks of Peter he asks of us. It is the most important question that you and I have to answer. Who do I say that Jesus is? It will be no good giving a second-hand opinion offered by others, whether they be a member of our family, a friend, or someone else, or indeed a sponsor in our baptism. We have to make the answer ourselves.



In one sense, the way in which we answer the question will be conditioned by asking ourselves the question, 'who am I?' This is one of the great questions of life. Who am I, why am I here, what is life all about, where am I going? A psychologist once said, 'I am not who I think I am, I am not what other people think I am, I am what I think other people think I am.' This is very perceptive. Apart from Jesus, who could see through human nature and was not deterred by what others thought of him, the way in which we look at ourselves and others is fashioned by the ways in which we think others perceive us. Words which others have spoken about us, hearsay or not, help to form opinions about who we are and our outlook on the world. Science has shown that even words spoken when children are in the womb can have a positive or negative impact upon our development. Family, education, environment, the events of life playing upon our senses can all influence our mental pictures of ourselves, and from a Christian point of view, our spiritual barometer. At the same time, the spiritual state of our hearts, which Jeremiah reminds us is desperately corrupt, makes us see the world with diseased eyes. Is there an answer? Yes. In spite of all this we need to remember that we are infinitely loved by God, whatever and that he calls us to a radical conversion of the ways in which we see ourselves and others, by submitting ourselves to the judgement of the cross and the furnace of his refining love. *So who am I?* I am not who I think I am, I am not what others think I am, I am not what I think others think I am, but I am a child of Christ, eternally loved who as St Peter reminds us, has 'called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.'

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Julian Stevens and Ida Orton who will be baptised this weekend.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Kieran Keys and Roisine Cairns who will be married in the church next week. May God bless them in their married life.

ALFONSO D'ONOFRIO of Hamlet Hill, died recently, aged 86. His funeral will be held on **Monday 20th September at 2pm.**

LAURA CACCIATORE of Cillocks Close, died recently, aged 95. Her funeral will be held on **Wednesday 29th September at 11am.** Our sympathies go out to their families.

May they rest in peace.

ADORATION will not take place next Thursday evening.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are very many spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- There *can* now be congregational singing, but we will continue with no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace for now. Holy Communion will be distributed carefully and slowly. You can give your usual weekly donation as you *exit* the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.
- *Please note that the toilets are now OPEN.*
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the grille/curtain*, not face to face.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Westminster diocesan priest Fr Dennis Touw, 20th-24th September by air from Heathrow to Toulouse. There will be a 4-night stay in the 4* Eliseo hotel. There will be Mass in the Shrine of Lourdes and you will be able to enjoy the processions and say prayers at the Grotto. To book call Tangney Tours on 01732-886666.

ALTAR SERVERS: Any child who has made their First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, please contact the presbytery soon, so that training can be arranged

with Fr Julian.

FINANCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: we are in need of a parishioner to join the Finance Committee to look after aspects of the premises / health & safety aspects. Help and support would be provided as required. It would involve getting quotations, organising work to be undertaken and completing smaller jobs around the church. The role would be ideal for a retired person. If you think you can help in this crucial role, please talk to Fr Philip or contact the presbytery.

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them, there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the LEFT HAND exit door from church as you leave Mass.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope throughout this critical time. We do ask those of you whose finances are stable at present to consider your parish giving, to help the parish out at a difficult time. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Alfonso D'Onofrio and Laura Cacciatore. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Bernardo D'Agosta, Mary Starling, Antonio Cerar, Alfonso Gibilaro, Vincenzo Tuzzeo and John Fallon. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: it would be good to hear from any adult who wishes to think about being Baptized, becoming a Catholic, or being Confirmed if they 'missed out' at a younger age. Do get in touch with Fr Julian, sooner rather than later, so that he can begin to form a group that in the autumn would gather and receive instruction and formation in the Catholic faith with a view to receiving the Sacrament(s) at Easter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: application forms for children in **Yr 4** are available to collect from the presbytery from **Monday 13th September between 9am & 3pm**, (excluding Tuesdays). A letter with all the information you need regarding the preparation will be provided with the form. **Please return the form to the presbytery by 30th September**, so that a register can be prepared. More information regarding the children currently in year 3, will follow in due course.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Thank you to parishioners who give so generously for the local FoodBank! The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS has some vacancies in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. Contact the Herts in-year admissions team: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/in-year-admissions-change-schools-during-the-year/in-year-admissions-change-school-during-the-year.aspx> and the School Office for a school application form as you will need to complete both.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a->

[job.htm?jobtype=3&keyword=School+Office+Administrator](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?jobtype=3&keyword=School+Office+Administrator) to access further details and a school application form. Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcome. Please call 01992 463549 to arrange.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING will take place in the crypt after Wednesday morning Mass. If you would like to join the rota for making the refreshments, please do contact the presbytery. All are welcome!

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume next **Tuesday 14th September at 1pm** in the crypt.

CHURCH CLEANERS are needed to help clean the church for 1 hr per month. After interim arrangements over the past year, we are now returning to our volunteers' rota but due to the ongoing pandemic risks the church must still be regularly cleaned. If you can help in any way, please contact the Presbytery soon.

LONDON MARATHON: Chris O'Bryan writes: "My Dad, Kevin O'Bryan, passed away from cancer in January last year. Prior to this he received several treatments that included spending time at UCLH in London where he was involved in the TRACERx lung study, undertaken by Cancer Research in the fight against cancer. I will be running the London Marathon on the 3rd October in memory of my Dad to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor me, please use the link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/christophers-london-marathon-10?feed=7775403d-fadc-4e02-97e1-b1f744119446>. Thank you."

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 11th September OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary Starling RIP anniv</i>	Page 132 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9 <i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 114— <i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</i>
Sun 12th Sept 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> ‡	2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18 <i>If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.</i> Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i>
Mon 13th Sept ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Alfonso Gibilaro RIP anniv</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35 <i>You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>
Tues 14th Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>John Fallon RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p>
Wed 15th Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Adoration	1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 2nd Reading: James 3: 16-4:3 Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37
Thurs 16th September SS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu's intentions</i> NO Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
Fri 17th September <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Providenza Cicchirillo RIP anniv</i> 6pm Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sat 18th September OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Laura Cacciatore RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Rose Alles RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
Sun 19th Sept 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Isabel Abrahams intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 14th	1 pm lunch club, crypt

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.
— NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parroccchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*