

The Announcer

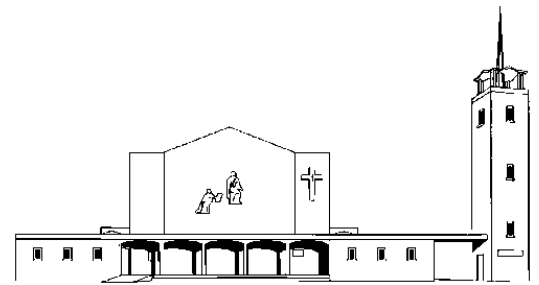
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Year B TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37 *The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.*

There are many different ways of praying, and there are many schools of prayer. Each of us has to find out what is the best way that suits us. This will partly depend upon temperament and our work schedule. St Terese of Lisieux was taught to model her prayers in a way which was restrictive and counterproductive to the free communication of prayer. Rather than becoming a transport of grace, prayer became for her a laborious work. That was until she had a breakthrough. It came



when she recognised that we do not enter God's presence through our own efforts, but through his grace. Recognising her own limitations, she saw in the recently invented lift, a picture of what prayer and the search for holiness is all about. 'I wish to find an elevator which would raise me to Jesus, for I am too small to climb the rough stairway of perfection.' Turning to the pages of the bible, she recognised that Jesus was that lift who alone was able to raise her up and draw her to himself. It wasn't prayer. It was 'the little way' of becoming a child before God. Prayer was merely the consequence of drawing closer to the Lord in love. Perhaps you feel like Terese? Are you struggling with how you should pray? Then you are in good company. The disciples had been taught ways of praying by their Jewish mothers. Those who had been disciples of the Baptist before becoming disciples of Jesus had also been taught how to pray by John. 'Teach us to pray like John taught his disciples to pray' they ask Jesus on one occasion. There are two remarkable things about this statement. First, that the disciples ask it at all. Were they not satisfied with their way of praying? The other remarkable thing is when they ask the question. It is well into Jesus' ministry, leading us to the conclusion that Jesus himself had not taught them how to pray in the conventional way. Clearly, when the disciples saw Jesus at prayer (and much of that was unseen), they recognised that Jesus was praying in a way that they had not experienced before. Jesus in response provides them with the model of all prayers, the essential ingredients of what prayer is all about.....thanking God as Our Father and recognising that it is in relationship with him, that all our needs are met. I say needs because there is a difference between what we want and what we need. Sometimes they coincide. St James in today's epistle reminds us that some of the things that we want we will never receive, because our relationship with God needs to be put right. Choose Terese's little way.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Azzura Crimauco and Aurora Moulton who will be baptised this weekend.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place next Wednesday and 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.

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

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/bishopstortford>

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 Providenza Cicchirillo, Pat Cookson, Genovetta Milazzo, Serena Barone, Ryan Walsh, Eileen Linford, Nev Yarwood, Rose Alles & Giovanni Cicchirillo. *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 during the week **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.

CONFIRMATION: Any young person who is in year 9 or above and is interested in being Confirmed, please contact the presbytery.

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.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is on Friday 1st October. Collectors are needed at every Mass to help on the weekend of **2nd/3rd Oct**. If you can assist, please contact Anne Byrne on 467097.

SCHOOLS

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> 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT: Please come and join us on **Friday 24th September** for our Macmillian coffee morning fundraising event @ 9:30am, outside weather permitting. If the weather lets us down, we will do a 'Walk through' grab a coffee/cake and go. Visitors will enter the school via the assembly entrance in the staff car park and exit via the rainy day entrance. All will be signposted, so come along and join us. As part of this fundraising event, Mrs Napier will be cutting her hair for the Little Princess Trust who make real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss due to cancer. All donations for this will go to the Isabel Hospice. If you would like to donate, please use the link to the Just Giving

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mrs_gnapier

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S baby & toddler group is now open. For more info, please contact the under 5's on 460614.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL has their open evening on **Wednesday 22nd September from 4.30-8.30pm**. The event is ticket only, so please book your place by visiting www.stmarys.net.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING will take place in the crypt after Wednesday morning Mass. All are welcome!

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.

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & Assunta Iameo. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 24th SEPTEMBER

Our Lady of Walsingham is a title used for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The title derives from the belief that Mary appeared



in a vision to Richeldis de Faverches, a devout English noblewoman in 1061 in the village of Walsingham, Norfolk. Lady Richeldis had a Holy House built in Walsingham which became a shrine and place of pilgrimage. In passing on his guardianship of the Holy House, Richeldis's son left instructions for the building of a priory in Walsingham. Like all religious houses, it was destroyed in the Reformation in the 1530s. The Catholic shrine today is at the Slipper Chapel. <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/home>

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 18th September OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Laura Cacciatore RIP</i>	Page 135 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 <i>Let us condemn him to a shameful death.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Rose Alles RIP anniv</i>	Ps 53— <i>The Lord upholds my life.</i>
Sun 19th Sept 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Isabel Abrahams intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	2nd Reading: James 3: 16-4:3 <i>Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.</i>
Mon 20th Sept ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GÔN, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Kathleen Robb's intentions</i> 2pm Funeral <i>Alfonso D'Onofrio RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 21st Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Keith Newell RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37 <i>The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.</i>
Wed 22nd Sept 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Nev Yarwood RIP anniv – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p>
Thurs 23rd September ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Benefactors of the Parish</i> NO Exposition	1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29 2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
Fri 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
Sat 25th September OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Reiss Parker</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Giovanni Lenguito RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
Sun 26th Sept 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>William Anthony RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 21st	1pm 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 parrocciani 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.*