

# The Announcer

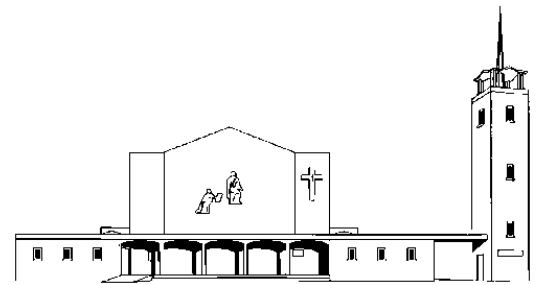
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year B                      TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR                      26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

Recently, in our deanery meeting, we were speaking of the cloud. No, we weren't looking up into the sky. We were discussing matters relating to the internet, where the cloud has become another word for the digital space that enables us to communicate with one another. Perhaps it's strange that a cloud should have been used as another word for the internet, because clouds generally don't communicate much, other than to tell us about the changes in the weather. However, they do store what eventually comes down so perhaps, it is an apt term for the storage of digital information.

There's another Cloud in today's reading from the book of Numbers....'The Lord came down in the Cloud.' This cloud is all about communication and we might say the source of all digital truth. Digital by the way comes from the word for finger and remember how powerful the finger of God is? But to return to the cloud, the Cloud of God in the bible always signifies the revelation of God's truth and glory to the people of Israel, and we see it present at some key moments in the history of salvation.....leading the journey through the wilderness, filling the tent of meeting and then the holy of holies in the Temple, when Jesus is transfigured on Tabor and eventually received into heaven at the Ascension. It's no coincidence that in the Old Testament the word used of the cloud covering the tent of meeting is exactly the same word used in the New Testament of the glory of God overshadowing Mary in the Annunciation. Just as the glory of God covered the ark of the covenant containing the Word, so now the glory covers Mary, the human ark who is to conceive the Word made flesh, the very manifestation of God's glory. We have seen his glory as St John says, 'glory as of the only Son of the Father.' I love clouds. They are such an amazing feature of God's amazing creation, and the internet is pretty incredible as well. But, how much more amazing is the cloud that is the shekinah glory of God. May you and I be overshadowed and reflect something of its glory this week.



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### **WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH**

Francesco Mazziotta and Bonnie Burden who will be baptised this weekend.

**LAURA CACCIATORE** of Cillocks Close, died recently, aged 95. Her funeral will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.**

**ISABEL ABRAHAMS** of Kennedy Avenue, died recently, aged 74. Her funeral will be held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.**

**JOHN LUMLEY** of Beyers Prospect, died recently, aged 88. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will not take place on Thursday evening.

**ROSARY:** As October is the month of the holy rosary, there will be a decade of the rosary recited before each Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer to lead this, please contact the presbytery.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will now resume and will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm** after Exposition.

**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.

**THE FOLK GROUP** at the 9.15 am Mass has been enjoyed by the congregation for some years now, and would like to re-commence in November. However, guitar players are urgently required. If you can play guitar (even if a bit rusty), or know of a family member or friend who can play, please contact Alfie on 461068 or 0779 1011972. Any teenagers who have been learning for a while or anyone who would like to join in but can't commit to once a fortnight will also be gratefully accepted. There will be rehearsals and music is given well in advance, and can be very enjoyable. It is with regret that if no guitarists come forward, then the folk group may have to disband which would be a great loss to all.

**Musicians are also needed to help at the other Masses. If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.**

## 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

## 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 Laura Cacciatore, Isabel Abrahams and John Lumley. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Felice Comparetto, Nicholas Stevenson, Nora Campkin, Lilian O'Sullivan and Desiree Ponambalum. *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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>

October. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, please donate using **the envelopes, which will be attached to the newsletter next week and also collected after all Masses**. Collectors are needed at every Mass. If you can assist, please contact Anne Byrne on 467097. You can also donate online through the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). You can also text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10, or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**BAPTISM CANDLES:** There are a number of candles in the presbytery that have been left over from previous 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programmes, which need to be collected, or they will be disposed of. Thank you.

**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, Tina Pegna & Romeo Rodrigues. Thank you for your help.

### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK FAST DAY PRAYER**

**CAFOD**  
Just one world

Walk beside us, Lord, in the cool of the day, in the garden you have created as our common home. Walk beside us Lord, as the cries of the forest pierce the dawn, and flames rip through our common home. Grant us courage, Lord, as we walk beside all those who struggle to protect our common home. Grant us hope, Lord, and the vision to walk dark paths in the light of a single sunbeam. Grant us grace, Lord, to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do, as we strive to be guardians of our common. St Francis, pray for us.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> September OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Parker Reiss</b>	<b>Page 138 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Numbers 11: 25-29 <i>Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>Giovanni Lenguito RIP</b>	<b>Ps 18— The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <b>William Anthony RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 5: 1-6 <i>Your wealth is all rotting.</i>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Jean O'Reilly</b> 6pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9: 38-43, 47-48 <i>Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.</i>
<b>Tues 28th Sept</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Gloria Oliver RIP</b> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>  <b>(YEAR B)</b></p>
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Patrick Delaney RIP anniv— followed by coffee in the crypt</b> 11am Funeral <b>Laura Cacciatore RIP</b> 6pm Exposition	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 2: 18-24 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 2: 9-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 2-16
<b>Thurs 30th September ST JEROME, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Margaret Whelehan RIP</b> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (CAFOD FAST DAY)</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>John Carroll RIP</b> 6pm Exposition 7pm Mass <b>Nsonwah Family intentions</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Vincenzo Graffato RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>For the Parish</b>  <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Richard Pyper RIP anniv</b> 11.15am Mass <b>Ignatius &amp; Ugochukwu Irechukwu RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 28th</b>	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 parrochiani 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.*