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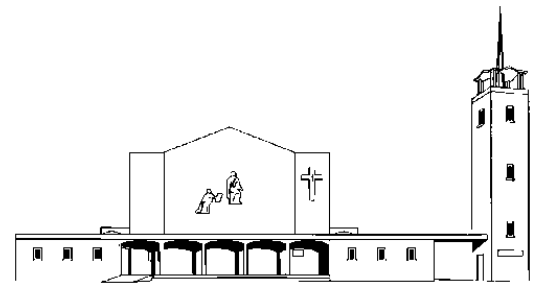
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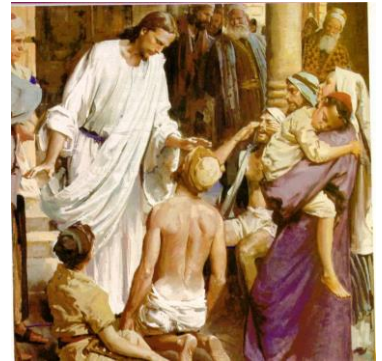
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Year B TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37 – *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Greetings, I'm your new parish priest, Fr Julian. A new chapter is opening for me and for you. I trust that as we journey together, we will seek to honour God in spirit and truth. I hope that we can commit ourselves to serving God in one another and to give thanks for all the blessings of our past experiences. May we step out in faith and entrust ourselves into God's hands, allowing Him to do whatever He may want to do through us and among us. Being open to God, means being open more to others. If we are faithful disciples then we will not want to put barriers up to those who are searching, but welcome them and draw them into God's love. When we are faithful, we can expect to be surprised by grace...the God of the impossible who opens doors that we thought were ever shut. Many were amazed as they encountered Jesus in today's gospel, miraculously healing the deaf and dumb man. 'Be opened.' Jesus words are always words of release of a close encounter with the Lord of Life. Do we know Christ? How open are we to God? Our journey to wholeness depends on it, and so do the communities whom we are called to serve. As we serve, let us bear in mind also the fragile nature of our creation. Pope Francis has called us to pray and reflect on the care of our common home as we approach the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. In that spirit, it seems apt to conclude with his words from his encyclical, *Laudatio Si*.



'At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe, which with us will share in unending plenitude. Even now, we are journeying towards the sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem, towards our common home in heaven. Jesus says: "I make all things new." In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. In union with all creatures, we journey through this land seeking God, for "if the world has a beginning and if it has been created, we must enquire who gave it this beginning, and who was its Creator." Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope. God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!'

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

Nicholas Smith and Cruz Markham who will be baptised this weekend.

ADORATION will not take place next Thursday evening.

URGENT! 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 will remain CLOSED.*
- *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
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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 Alice Warden, Francesco Acquisto, James Magee, Giuseppe Lomanto, Philomena Robb & Francesca Crimauodo. *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.

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 IGNATIUS COLLEGE will be having an Open Evening on **Tuesday 14 September** at 5:30-8:00 pm closing with Headteacher's address at 7:15 pm

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

FR PHILIP WRITES: "I thank all of the parishioners who came to my leaving Mass and garden buffet on Monday. The music, flowers, serving and other aspects of the ceremony were all beautiful, and I thank all those who worked hard at making it so. I thank Dawn, Vicky & Tony Forni, Matt Morrissey, Carl De Beer & Nick Johnson for many aspects of getting the garden ready for the refreshments, which I felt were a great and tasty success. I am glad that the church and garden were so full for a fabulous send-off, and though it was rather greyer and chillier than we might have hoped, it made for comfortable conditions in which to gather at some length and say our 'goodbyes'! The donations that were given for my leaving present amounted to an enormous £3400, for which I am very touched, and all the cards and messages are a wonderful memento. I will keep the parish of St Augustine in my prayers and with such blessed memories!"

CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently** 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.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING will resume next week 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!

200 CLUB WINNER for September was no 169, Tania Ayala-Percedo. Congratulations!

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Prayer to Our Lady of England
for Our Lady's birthday,
8th September*

O Glorious and blessed Mary, our Mother and our queen, we gladly acclaim you as Our Lady of England. We thank you for all the graces which you have obtained for this country in times past, and ask you to obtain still more.

Grant, that this nation of ours which once worshiped God through one Church, so by your intercession, may all Christians be reunited in the one service of your Son, and may all our fellow countrymen come to the knowledge and love of this same Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Liturgy this week

Sat 4th September ST CUTHBERT, bishop

9.30am Adoration

10am Mass *Simon Bird RIP anniv*

4.00pm Italian Mass*

6.30pm Mass* *Patrick Malone RIP*

Sun 5th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am Mass *For the Parish*

11.15am Mass *Melania Pinto RIP* ‡

Mon 6th September

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Tony Casey RIP*

6pm Adoration

Tues 7th September

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Seamus McGovern RIP*

6pm Adoration

Wed 8th Sept THE NATIVITY OF THE B VIRGIN MARY

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Lawrie's intentions – followed by coffee in the crypt*

6pm Adoration

Thurs 9th September

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Joseph Alles RIP anniv*

NO Adoration

Fri 10th September

(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Caratina & Rodolfo Family intentions*

6pm Adoration

Sat 11th September

9.30am Adoration

10am Mass *Mary Starling RIP anniv*

4.00pm Italian Mass*

6.30pm Mass* *For the Parish*

Sun 12th Sept 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am Mass *Stanley Abrahams RIP*

11.15am Mass *Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP* ‡

* Vigil Mass of Sunday

‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Ps 145— My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5

God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel Accl.: *Alleluia, alleluia Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
(YEAR B)**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm

Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am

or ask Fr Philip at any other time.

ROSARY

The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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REGULAR EVENTS

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 parrocchiani 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.*