The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Year B **10TH OCTOBER 2021**

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Are you a beadsman or beadswoman? It's another way of saying, do you pray? Did you know that the English word 'bead' comes from the Old English 'bede', meaning prayer? The tiny balls strung on a string got their name due to the popularity of praying the Rosary. While there are many different ways of praying, and you don't have to pray with beads, during October the Church invites us to explore the beauty of praying the Rosary. When I first encountered it many years ago, I found the Rosary difficult to access. It seemed like you were being encouraged to pray as if training for the Grand National, or racing to catch the last train from Paddington. I needed also to square it with Jesus' words about repetitious prayer. One thing struck me however, and that was the unmistakable drone sound of ladies praying it in a Venetian church, like a collective hive of bees. Perhaps bees to the honey is how I might describe the attraction and inevitable benefits for those who pray the mysteries. Like bees attracted to the nectar, the rosary draws you in further, until eventually



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consciousness about the method subsides and you're into the freedom of meditating upon the biblical events of the mysteries, and bringing into prayer whatever weighs on the heart. It also conditions and calms the mind so that the spiritual landscape becomes more focused. Through it, we become more identified with our spiritual mother in the faith. Just as she pondered all these things in her heart, so we also do the same and are drawn closer to her Son, our Lord. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee! Praying the Rosary enables us to know that the Lord is with us also.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alessia Edwards who will be baptised this weekend.

JOHN LUMLEY of Beyers Prospect, died recently, aged 88. His Requiem will be held on Wednesday 20th October at 1.15pm.

Our sympathies go out to his family.

May he rest in peace.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on Thursday morning and 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.

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.

WALK WITH AMAL: Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey/Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25th October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further info about Little Amal's journey is available at https://www.walkwithamal.org/

WITH A FATHER'S LOVE, the diocesan faithsharing resource is now available to buy from the back of the church for £3. Please place your money in the newspaper box. The booklet has been specially produced for the Year of St Joseph, and takes you on a journey of discovery through the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends will be attached to the newsletter next weekend. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY: Fr Julian will lead the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on Saturday 6th November at 11.30am. Please meet inside the main gate. Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on Saturday 13th November at 11.30am.

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 please contact Alfie on 461068 or 0779 1011972. 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. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. 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 Isabel Abrahams, Philip Scully and John Lumley. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Miragliotta, Monica Hunter, Anna Toro, Maureen O'Neill, Mary Higgins, Patrick Morrissey, Anna Curaba, Zdzislaw Patterson, Helen Sherman and Catherine Stockwell. 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.

CONFIRMATION: Any young person who is in year 9 or above and is interested in being Confirmed, please contact the presbytery with your name, date of birth, school, school year and a contact number.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CORONAVIRUS - 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. Thank you for all the donations.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY was on Friday 1st October. The collection is still open, so please do drop your envelope off at the presbytery.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

200 CLUB WINNER for October is no. 32 Sarah Pearce. Congratulations!

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S baby & toddler group is now open. Please contact the Under 5's on 460614 for more info.

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me for running the London Marathon last weekend, in memory of my Dad, Kevin O'Bryan. I completed it in 4 hrs and 35 mins and raised £4,4,75 for Cancer Research. Chris O'Bryan.

DROP-IN DEBT SERVICE is being held at St Joseph's Church, Waltham Cross on the 1st Saturday of each month from 2-3pm. The service is free & confidential for anyone in the local community.

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.

PRAYER OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which He looks

compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He

blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.



Liturgy this week

Sat 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest

9.30am Exposition

10am Mass Tony Clayton RIP & Dick Galliano's ints

4.00pm Italian Mass*

6.30pm Mass* For the Parish

Sun 10th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am Mass Maureen O'Neill RIP anniv

11.15am Mass Isabel Abrahams RIP

Mon 11th October ST JOHN XXIII, Pope

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass Molly Zwager RIP

6pm Exposition

Tues 12th October ST WILFRID, Bishop

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass Isabel Abrahams RIP

6pm Exposition

Wed 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass Trevor Baldwin RIP- followed by coffee in

the crypt

6pm Exposition

Thurs 14th October ST CALLISTUS I, Pope

NO Exposition

9.15am Mass Andrew May RIP

NO Exposition

Fri 15th October ST TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin & Dr

(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)

11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction

12 noon Mass Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv

6pm Exposition

Sat 16th October ST HEDWIG, Religious

9.30am Exposition

10am Mass Private intention

4.00pm Italian Mass*

6.30pm Mass* Carol Lamb RIP

Sun 17th October 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am Mass For the Parish

11.15am Mass Pier Fernandes Kohler RIP

* Vigil Mass of Sunday

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Ps 89— Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God can judge secret emotions and

thoughts.

Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16 **Gospel**: Mark 10: 35-45

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian 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 Julian 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

Tues 12th 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 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.