

# The Announcer

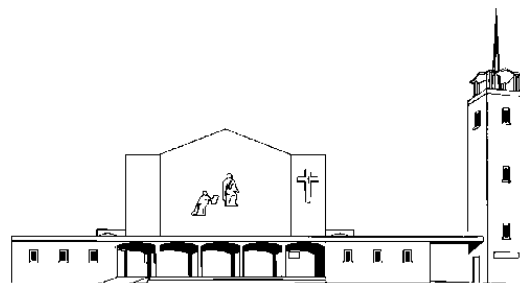
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year B      TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR      17TH OCTOBER 2021**

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*

As Christians, you would like to think that we are good at listening, but sometimes we don't like to hear what is being said. True listening demands a good deal of personal interaction. It doesn't sit well with wandering lonely like a cloud, or blissful solitude, although as a starter we might reflect with Wordsworth upon the beauty of the host of daffodils. True listening involves the gift of our whole selves and because of that attunes us to what it is to be truly human and made in God's image. It shouldn't surprise us therefore that Pope

Francis is reminding us that the process of listening is at the heart of becoming more like the new men and women in Christ which is our vocation. The Pope is calling the entire Catholic Church to a process of intensive listening. That is the whole Church, not just those in leadership positions, but every baptised member. Feedback from the listening process will be gathered and fed into a global synod of bishops to be held in 2023. Perhaps the listening process might be called the synod before the synod. Pope Francis wants a synodal Church which in announcing the gospel, 'journeys together.' Fundamental to the process are two questions to be answered by every parish across the world. How is this 'journeying together' happening here and now in this parish, and what steps does the Spirit ask us to take in order to grow in our journeying together? It goes without saying, that true listening is a spiritual process, and what the Spirit wants is paramount, but whether we will ultimately listen will depend upon our desire to become more like Christ, for the Spirit always glorifies Christ not man. It will also depend upon having an attitude similar to Mary of Bethany in listening to Jesus' every word.....'she has chosen the better part which will not be taken away' .....the same Lord who in his Word says to us 'listen he who has ears to hear'.

Fr Julian



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will not take place on Monday and Tuesday, morning and evening.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Vincenzo Alio and Danielle Newman married here in the church next week. May God bless them in their married life.

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

**FRANCESCO PIZZO** of Stortford Road, died recently, aged 94. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

**FRANCESCO IAMEO** of The Butts, died recently, aged 80. Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**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.

### **CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS:**

- There *can* now be congregational singing, but we will continue with no Offertory Procession. 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.

**WITH A FATHER'S LOVE**, the diocesan faith-sharing 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 are attached to the newsletter this 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 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. Please meet inside the main gate.** Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am.**

**THE FOLK GROUP** 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. 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED:**

We would like to start Children's liturgy again but we need your help. If you are available to come even once a month and help with children during the 9.15 Mass please contact Suzie at [suzie.chamberlain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzie.chamberlain@hotmail.co.uk).

**NOVENA TO ST JOHN PAUL II:** Bishop John Sherrington has asked that we be made aware of the Novena to St John Paul II, calling all Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying bill, which is due to receive a second reading with a full debate in the House of Lords on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. **From 14 - 22 October**, the bishops encourage us all to unite for nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, as part of our efforts to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide. Details and Novena prayers are available at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-to-john-paul-ii/>

## 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:

<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/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 Philip Scully, John Lumley, Francesco Pizzo & Francesco Iameo. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Daniela Ruggiero, Christopher Ayerst, Marjorie Benfell, Filippo Adamo, Luisa Di Palma, Mary Belcher, Danuta Patterson, Francisco Hernandez, Maria Corbisiero, Baby Brooklyn Moore, Antonio Insalaco, Baby Rosie Delaney & Patrick Walsh. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

### **CATECHETICS**

**RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Come and ask any questions if you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed. Please come along to our open discussions at the presbytery starting on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm.**

**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.

**BAPTISM COURSE** will be held on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am.** This will either be held on zoom, or in the crypt, depending on numbers. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. If you wish to enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

### **SCHOOLS**

**ST CROSS SCHOOL:** Reception 2022 Intake, New Parents Visits. We are inviting new and prospective parents to visit St Cross School in November. Should you wish to attend a meeting please contact the school office to book your place, as there is a limit on numbers attending per visit. Thank you in advance of your interest, Mrs Walsh, Headteacher.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** will be holding Open Days for prospective Reception and Nursery Class Parents for the 2022/23 academic year on: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 10am, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am. The session is open to anyone who is considering sending their child to our Nursery/Reception Class in September 2022. To arrange a visit, please complete the sign up form at the following link : <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/sign-upform>

### **SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

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

### **PRAYER OF THE SYNOD:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 16th October ST HEDWIG, Religious</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	<b>Page 146 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 53: 10-11 <i>If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>Carol Lamb RIP</b>	<b>Ps 32—</b> <i>May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i>
<b>Sun 17th October 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <b>Pier Fernandes Kohler RIP</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 4: 14-16 <i>Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.</i>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> October ST LUKE, Evangelist</b> NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Robert Cullen RIP</b> NO Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <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>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct SS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF &amp; ISAAC JOGUES</b> NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Michael Riley RIP</b> NO Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 35-45 <i>The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.</i>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Thomas, Maureen &amp; Josephine Murphy RIP— followed by coffee in the crypt</b> <b>1.15pm Funeral John Lumley RIP</b> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>  <b>(YEAR B)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 31: 7-9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 5: 1-6 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 46-52
<b>Thurs 21st October</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Kitty Riley's intentions</b> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Fri 22nd October ST JOHN PAUL, II, Pope</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, Priest</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Patrick Walsh RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>Katie Riley RIP</b>  <b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> October 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <b>Francesco Borrelli &amp; Family</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 19th</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 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.*