

# The Announcer

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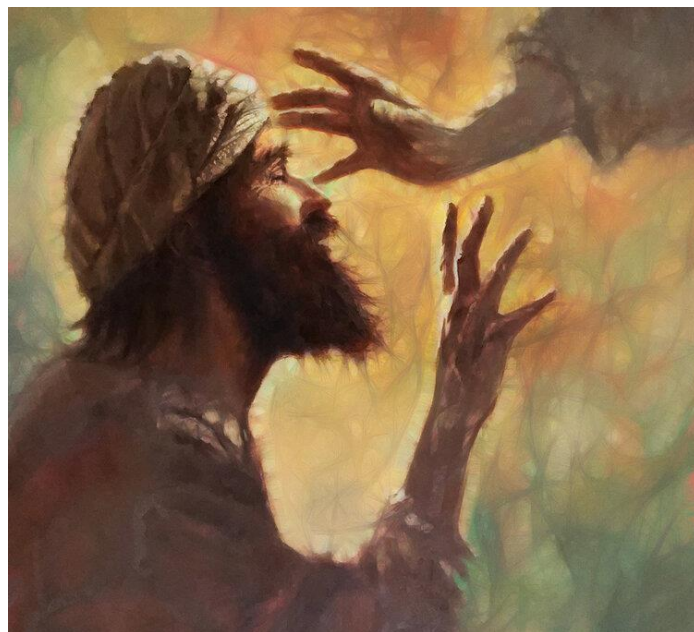
**Year B**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 24TH OCTOBER 2021**

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

*Master, let me see again.*

The early Christians were known as the followers of the Way.....followers of Jesus who is the road we need to travel along if we are to get to the right destination. At the end of today's gospel, we are told that the formerly blind Bartimaeus, whom Jesus has restored to sight, follows him along the road. Mark could equally have said that Bartimaeus becomes his disciple. His discipleship, like ours, is all about life-long learning. We can never say this side of our passing that we have finished the journey of discipleship, or to put it another way, that God has finished with us. If we think we have finished, we haven't yet begun! Baptism is like the passport which empowers us to travel. For



me, it is always a poignant moment to be able to sprinkle a coffin at a funeral as a reminder that the deceased was baptised into Christ, and the enormous potentiality for transforming grace that was vested in them during their earthly lives. Only God knows whether we are true to the vows made by ourselves or on our behalf by our parents and godparents. Just as passports remain unused if you don't travel, so alas, so many of the baptised have never discovered the renewing grace of baptism and what it means to be a new person in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not just passing through Hoddesdon as he was Jericho, he is actually present in so many other ways today than what was the case during his mortal life. He awaits you in his throne room and has invited you to a divine encounter. It's time to respond and allow him to restore your vision, or give you new sight. Might I suggest that we all need to approach him with the humility and honesty of Bartimaeus.....Son of David have mercy on me. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart conceived what God has in store for those who love him.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Leonardo Piacquadio who will be baptised this weekend.

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

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is this Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to his work. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter. **The annual collection will be taken next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**ANTONINO CUSUMANO** of Priory Close, died recently, aged 97. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

**FRANCESCO PIZZO** of Stortford Road, died recently, aged 94. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm.** Our sympathies go out to their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**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 at the back of the church. 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. **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).

## 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, Ellen Dunne, Francesco Pizzo, Antonino Cusumano & Francesco Iameo. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Guerino Santaniello, Carlo Di Maria, Giuseppe Augello, Rose Popham, Domenico Lo Piccolo, Wanda Marino, Vincenzo Graffato & Francesca Di Maria. *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>

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are looking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant - EYFS. If you are interested, or know of anyone who would be interested, please visit link for further details: <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?schoolid=150>

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD:** This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the COP26 climate talks. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition now at: [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**REPOSITORY:** A big shout out to Kathy Greenall, Pat Sands and Elizabeth Nsonwah. The Repository was in a very poor state after the long lockdown and needed a pick me up. We all worked very hard for 6 hours. Everything needed to be taken out and cleaned. Thank you ladies for your time and great effort - it looks and smells GREAT. Carol G

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegana, Romeo Rodrigues & Sophie Lenguito. 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 23rd October ST JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, Priest</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh RIP</i>	<b>Page 149 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 31: 7-9 <i>I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Katie Riley RIP</i>	<b>Ps 125—</b> <i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i>
<b>Sun 24th October 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Francesco Borrelli &amp; Family</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 5: 1-6 <i>You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.</i>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Griffin &amp; Family intentions</i> 6pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <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>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Oct SS CHAD &amp; CEDD, Bishops</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Eileen Carolan RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10: 46-52 <i>Master, let me see again.</i>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Vincent &amp; Michael Byrne RIP— followed by coffee in the crypt</i> <b>1pm Funeral Philip Scully RIP</b> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>(YEAR B)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 John 3: 1-3 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5: 1-12
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> October SS SIMON &amp; JUDE</b> NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Decd members of Morris &amp; Marsh Families</i> NO 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 29th Oct BLESSED MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Annie Doyle RIP</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 30th Oct BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Rosalia Dilena RIP</i>	<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* <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i>	<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>Sun 31st October ALL SAINTS</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Butler RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<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 26th</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.*