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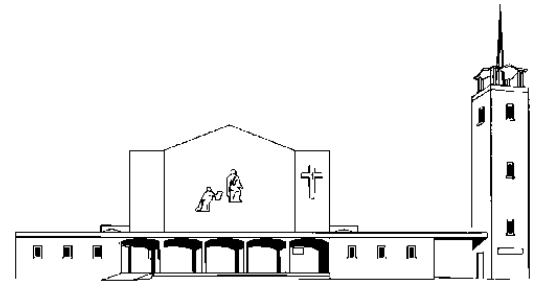
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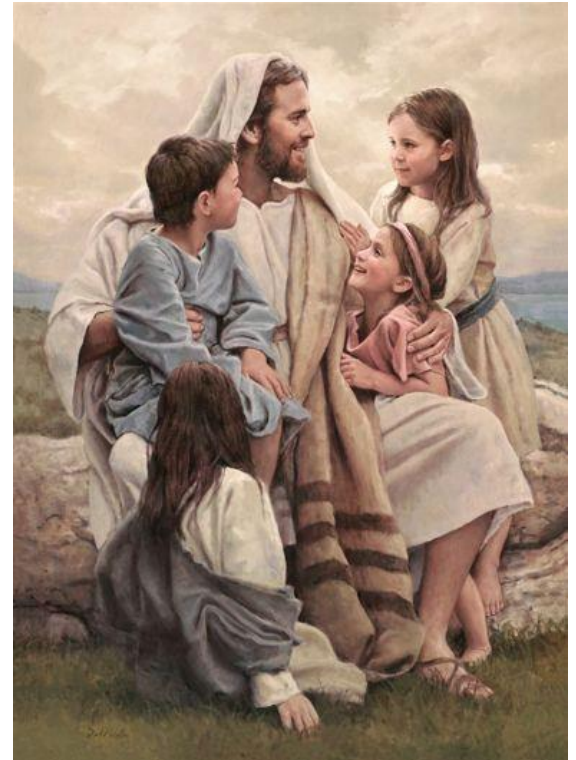
Year B TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 3RD OCTOBER 2021

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

What God has united, man must not divide.

Welcome October. I'm writing this on St T r se of Lisieux's day. St T r se should be the saint for vocations, as through her own experience, she takes us deeper into what vocation is all about. She herself had a longing to become a nun which was eventually fulfilled. Ironically, this did not end her search for what God was calling her to do. She discovered that even when God calls us to a particular place or niche, he then lays upon our hearts further vocations if you like, impressing upon us what he wants us to do, and calling us to do it. For T r se her peace of mind occurred when she reflected upon St Paul's image of the Church.....a body of many parts with each part as essential as another but all functioning for the mutual building up and support of one another, for the well-being of the whole. All the vocations that St Paul mentioned were gifts from God, but she couldn't sense her vocation in any of them in particular, although she knew she shared in them all. But then she alighted on what St Paul says about the greatest gift of all - the gift of love. Thinking what good is a body without a heart, she recognised in her own words, that 'love is the vocation which includes all others; it's a universe of its own, comprising all time and space.....Jesus, my love! I've found my vocation, and my vocation is love.' Each and every one of us is called to love. It might surprise you also that ultimately, there is only one vocation and that is the married state. Yours singleness is only temporary. We are called as the bride of Christ to eternal union with Christ. All our yearnings and journeyings are met in Him, which is why he alone can satisfy our hunger and thirst, and why as a foretaste of what is to come, feeds us with his body and blood, and drenches us with the Holy Spirit.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sienna Ferraro who will be baptised this weekend.

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

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

Our sympathies go out to their families.

May they rest in peace.

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

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.

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:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
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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 Salvatore Scaffidi, Roland Schyrr, Kathleen Jones, Carmela Scaffidi, Bill Askew, Adua Nolan, Richard Pyper, Michael Ward, Tony Clayton, Nora Durkan and Richard Norman. *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.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for an enthusiastic, cheerful assistant to join our lunchtime team. The role consists of helping set up and tidy the dining room, supervising the children whilst eating and out at play, provide basic playground first aid. Hours will be 1.15 hours per day which will be between 12.00am and 1.15pm (6.25hrs per week), Monday to Friday, term time only. Training and induction will be provided as appropriate. Please email admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk for the forms.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL - PIANIST: Please can you let the School Office know on 463549 if you are able to volunteer a few hours a week to come into our school and play the piano for Hymn Practice and other occasions such as Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated, any volunteers would need to be DBS cleared, this is something that the school can organise. Thank you for your support.

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: dried food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank

collection boxes are in the church porch.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY was on Friday 1st October. Please donate using **the envelopes, which are attached to the newsletter this week and will be collected after all Masses.** 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.

HARVEST DISPLAY: The beautiful harvest-time display in the sanctuary reminds us of the abundance of good things we receive. Our thanks to the flower ladies' team for their creation, and may it be a salutary reminder to us of the food we have and should share.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

BAPTISM CANDLES: There are a number of candles in the presbytery that have been left over from previous First 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. Help is especially needed on Wednesday mornings. 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>.

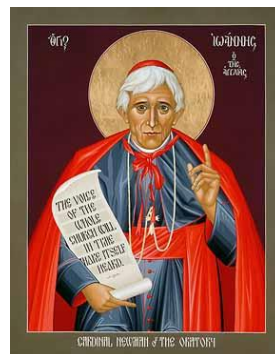
CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of Cardinal Newman

Feast day 9th October

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 2nd October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Graffato RIP anniv</i></p>	<p>Page 140 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24 <i>They became one body.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>Ps 127— <i>May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.</i></p>
<p>Sun 3rd October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Ignatius & Ugochukwu Irechukwu RIP</i></p>	<p>2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11 <i>The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.</i></p>
<p>Mon 4th October ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Hodgson Family intentions</i> 12 noon Funeral Isabel Abrahams RIP 6pm Exposition</p>	<p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16 <i>What God has united, man must not divide.</i></p>
<p>Tues 5th October ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, Virgin 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Colin Morris RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p>
<p>Wed 6th October ST BRUNO, Priest NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Edward and David Mates RIP – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> NO Exposition</p>	<p>1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13 Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30</p>
<p>Thurs 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Lampard Family</i> 6pm Exposition</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Fri 8th October <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition</p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Tony Clayton RIP</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 10th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Isabel Abrahams RIP</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 5th 1 pm lunch club, crypt</p>	

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.*