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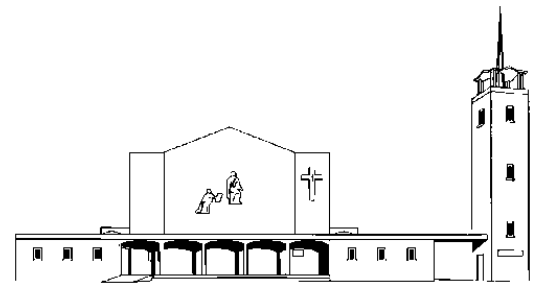
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Year B

ALL SAINTS

31ST OCTOBER 2021

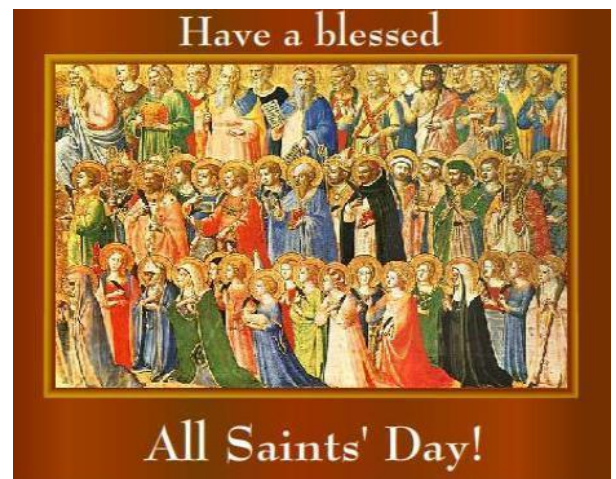
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

In many great houses there used to be a long gallery where portraits of the ancestors were displayed often in chronological order. Their faces reminded the current owners that the present generation were a mere episode in a much bigger story, and that the family firm and its fortunes stretched back well into the past. Tomorrow is All Saints Day, the day when we, the Church, especially remember some of our past family members, those whom we recognise as saints. However, our remembrance is not like a long gallery of portraits frozen in time, even as we recall the saints of past generations. Rather, All Saints is a celebration of those

not dead, but alive in Christ, and that with them we already participate in the victory of our Lord. They gave glory to Christ in the manner of their living and dying, and they continue to give Him glory in the heavenly place. After the Spirit, they are our family, not were our family, and we bear the unmistakable likeness of their being. They are not locked in some linear perspective, a heavenly long gallery, where the earliest in time are furthest from the most recently deceased. They gloriously intermingle and have a heavenly equality about them because like the One whom they worship they transcend time, space and its constraints. We boldly affirm the intercession of the saints and their communion with us across the dimensions. They surround us as in an amphitheatre or a stadium, completely enveloping us with their prayers and love, interceding for us to complete the mission of glorying God on earth. Like us, they await the consummation of all things when they will receive a new glorified body, but unlike us, they participate in the worship of heaven to a far greater degree than whatever we can at present. What we can only imagine, they see, hear and conceive. No eye has seen, no ear heard, no heart conceived what God has in store for those who love him. But, out of his great love for us in the feast of his victory, our Lord allows us to be swept up in the worship of the heavenly Jerusalem, worshipping in communion with the great multitude that no one can count...the spirits of those made perfect who eternally acclaim the salvation of God and of the Lamb.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH William Heekin who will be baptised this weekend.

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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be held this **Friday 5th November at 7pm.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was last 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 annual collection will be taken this weekend.**

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

FRANCESCO PIZZO of Stortford Road, died recently, aged 94. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 10th November at 12.30pm.**

IGNAZIA TAGLIAVOIRE of Reeves Lane, died recently, aged 83. Her funeral will be on **Monday 15th November at 11.30am.** 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 visit the Ware Road cemetery 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.**

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: Sat 13th November, 6.30pm Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make this their Sunday Mass.

MUSICIANS are needed to help at the Sunday Masses. If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED: We would like to start Children's liturgy again at the 9.15am Mass, but we need your help. If you are available to 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 Ellen Dunne, Francesco Pizzo, Antonino Cusumano & Ignazia Tagliavore. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Mustoe, Carmine Ruggiero, John McNaughton, James Higgins, George Buhagiar & Quintino Mazziotta. *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. We meet at the presbytery starting on **Tuesday 2nd 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.

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 2nd Nov 10am, Wednesday 10th Nov 2pm, Tuesday 16th Nov 10am & Friday 26th 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 HARVEST DAY was on 1st October and you donated £571.20. Thank you!

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**.

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

FEAST OF THE WEEK

**ALL SAINTS
31st OCTOBER**

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian, the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honoured by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 30th Oct BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Rosalia Dilena RIP</i>	Page 186 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 <i>I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i>	Ps 23— <i>Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.</i>
Sun 31st October ALL SAINTS 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Butler RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3 <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i>
Mon 1st November 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition	Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i>
Wed 3rd November ST MARTIN DE PORRES 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28 Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44
Thurs 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, Bishop NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Fri 5th November <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition 7pm Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 6th Nov BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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>Mary & Michael Lawlor RIP</i> Sun 7th November 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 2nd 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 2nd 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery
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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.*