

The Announcer

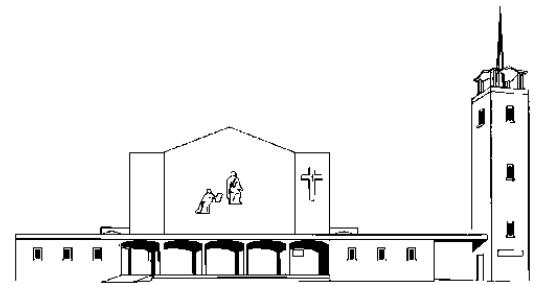
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Year B

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7TH NOV 2021

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

There are many ways in which we can support the parish. One of the questions in our November questionnaire is an invitation to think what gifts and talents we have which could be used in the service of the Church. Why not mention them? It could be precisely what the Holy Spirit has laid on your heart and may be exactly what is needed. We tend to underestimate natural gifts.....thinking that they are not spiritual gifts, but simply acknowledging that they could be used for God's greater purpose and glory magnifies the offering. It may be a particular skill which you could offer to train others, allowing them to encounter for the first time the reality of

God's kingdom values of sharing and the sacredness of everyday activity. The Church has always enabled the world to see that behind all things is God's generous creativity. Recognising that we are not self-made but that everything that we have is a gift....'all things come from Thee O Lord, and of thine own do we give Thee'.....releases us into great blessings. God honours those who honour him. To honour him is to recognise that he deserves the very best we can give.....the first fruits. Our cost is to give the very best we can as an act of adoration. What are the first fruits in our lives which we are expending and offering to God? He has given us everything in Jesus Christ. St Paul reminds us that he who has given everything for us will not withhold anything from us. The treasury of heaven is open. Do we respond with generous hearts and lives? Are we a generous people? Taking a financial indicator, we might examine whether financially our giving has kept up with inflation over the last twenty years. This is relevant for those of us who can support the mission of the Church financially and who are in a comfortable position to do so, which is not the lot of everyone at this time. Are we still giving what we gave when we started earning? How much does our financial offering to the Church weigh against the cost of a coffee or a magazine? Does our collective income reflect our overheads and expenditure as a church? It is said the last place to be converted is our pockets. Bearing this in mind, as we count our pennies let us also count our blessings.

Fr Julian

Your talent is
Gods gift to you
What you do
with it
is your gift
back to God

PRAYER & LITURGY

TUESDAY morning there will be no 9.15am Mass as the funeral of Antonino Cusumano will be held at 10am.

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

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.

SYNODAL PATHWAY is an initiative from Pope Francis & is being conducted in all churches around the world. The Westminster Diocese website has detailed information on this <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>. Attached to the newsletter is a letter from our Parish Rep, Michel Jordan, together with 6 simple questions for you to reflect on and answer. This will also be added to our website. **Please answer the questions and return them to the box provided at the back of the church by the 29th November.** If you prefer, you can email or post your replies to the presbytery. **Thank you.**

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: **Next weekend** we will take up the annual collection to support the sick & retired priests of the Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend.**

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 attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 13th November at 11.30am** to pray for the deceased members of the parish and bless the graves.

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.

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING the online donation platform used throughout the diocese is to close in November. If you make an occasional or regular donation online, you may be wondering how you can continue to support the parish. The diocese will be setting up new online giving tools, but it may take time. Until then, the best way to support the parish is by standing order.

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 Francesco Pizzo, Antonino Cusumano, Michele Melillo & Ignazia Tagliavore. For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Vincent Byrne, Antonino Cuffaro, Luigia Ereddia, Benedetto Provenzano, Anne Perkins, Veronica Brown, Vincenzo Imbrogino, Peter Fitch, Maud Divers & Cono Miragliotta. *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 explore if you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed. We meet at the presbytery on **Tuesday 9th 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 MARY'S SCHOOL will be having their sixth form Open Evening on **Thursday 11th November** from 6-8pm. Tickets are available on the school website www.stmarys.net.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

200 CLUB WINNER for November is no. 107 - Louise Piacquadio. Congratulations!

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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
Sat 6th Nov BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Page 154 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16 <i>The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.</i>
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>	Ps 145— My soul, give praise to the Lord. 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28 <i>Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i>
Mon 8th November 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition Tues 9th Nov THE DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA 8.30am Exposition NO 9.15am Mass 10am Funeral Antonino Cusumano RIP 6pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia! Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44 <i>This poor widow has put in more than all.</i>
Wed 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope & Dr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 12.30pm Funeral Francesco Pizzo RIP 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1-13 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32
Thurs 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop NO Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> NO Exposition Fri 12th November ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop & Martyr <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	<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. <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 13th 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>Deceased of the past year</i> Sun 14th Nov 33RD 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 9th 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 9th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery

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.*