

The Announcer

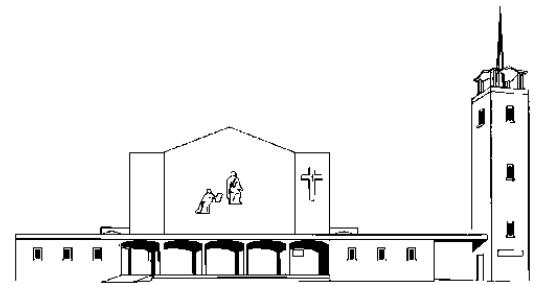
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Year C

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH JANUARY 2022

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.

We are back in so called Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar. It's part of the year that falls between the major festivals. It's a strange word because from a Christian perspective no time is ordinary. We live in extraordinary times and it's not because of covid. If the event we have been celebrating has meaning for us ...the coming of Christ in the flesh... then nothing can



ever be ordinary again. The open invitation to every human being to enter into a dynamic relationship with the Creator has been issued. St John is so eager to tell us about it that he doesn't wait until after the Resurrection, but announces it at the very beginning of his gospel, and roots it in the Divine Word communicating and dwelling among us. The consequences of accepting the invitation could not be more significant 'to all who received him, who believed in his name he gave the power to become children of God'. In the mass readings for each day we will hear of God's loving purposes and promises, and come face to face with the Divine Word himself ..Jesus.. who will convict us of our need to turn back to the Father and enter into the most incredible relationship conceivable through accepting the good news of His Kingdom. Moreover, the Baptist has already announced Jesus as the sacrifice who will put the cosmos to right because he takes away the sins of the world, and immerse us in the Holy Spirit so that we can live the life of heaven here and now. Do whatever he tells you, our Mother tells the hosts at the wedding at Cana. Even today, even now, if we are prepared to do what he is telling us to do, we would see extraordinary things. And if he can change water into wine, how much more can he change wine into His Precious Blood.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Nana & Papa Adjei, Vinnie Amico, Jae -Li Chinyanga, Jaiden Clifford, Santino Diciara-Dahm, Bernadette Doregos, Florence Filocco, Gino Fiorentini, Sandro Ingrao, Ella Munroe, Grace O'Loughlin, Erica Pilgrim, Aiden & Jeremy Quarshie & Francesca Vinci.

CRIB APPEAL: At Christmas our Crib offerings are donated to the Catholic Children's Society. Throughout the pandemic the Society has provided mental health services and family support for thousands of vulnerable children and families. There are many more families in need of support. You can donate at the Crib or via the website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

GIUSEPPA TAMBURELLO of Villa Scalabrini Care Home died recently aged 89. Her funeral will be on **Friday 21st January at 1.15pm** with Don Antonio.

JOANNE SMITH of Lampits, died recently, aged 44. Her funeral will be on **Friday 28th January at 1.30pm**.

VINCENZO SEGAMEGLIO of Crooked Way, died recently aged 60. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 2nd February at 1pm**.

ALFONSO LANZA of Cranville Way, died recently aged 36. His funeral will be on **Friday 4th February at 1.30pm**.

ROY PEACOCK of Beyers Prospect, died recently aged 76. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 9th February at 11am**.

MARION MILLER, Fr Philip's Mother died recently. Her funeral will be on **Friday 11th February at 11am** at St Alban & St Stephen Church. *May they rest in peace.*

SYNODAL PATHWAY: Thank you very much to all those who filled in and returned the questionnaire. I have prepared a synthesis of the answers, along with all the questionnaires, for Fr Julian to read through. This will help inform the next stage of the process. Michel Jordan.

FR JULIAN'S FORMAL INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST will take place at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 29th January**. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be the principal celebrant, and it

will be followed by a celebration in the crypt. Please do put the date in your diary. **There will be a shared meal in the crypt after the Mass. If you can bring some finger food to share, please contact the presbytery to let us know what you can bring.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED at the 9.15am Mass. If you are available to assist, please do contact the presbytery.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: We are hosting the Unity Service on behalf of Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne and Wormley on the **23rd January at 6pm**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend, so as to welcome other local Christians to our church. Refreshments will be served in the crypt after the service. **If you are able to volunteer to help make the refreshments, please 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/bishopstortford>

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 Joanne Smith, Roy Peacock, Giuseppa Tamburello, Vincenzo Segameglio, Alfonso Lanza and Marion Miller and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kitty O'Rourke, Ian Laydon, Baby William O'Bryan, Vincenzo Papa, Giuseppe Tambuzzo, Baby Marie Hounslow, Francesca Gaiteri and Martin Graham. *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 will meet at the presbytery on **Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the first class will be on **Monday 17th January at 7.15pm for parents and candidates in the church.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: Application forms for children in year 3 are now available to collect from the presbytery during the week, except Tuesdays. You can also email the presbytery to request the form. A letter with all the information you need regarding the preparation will be provided with the form. Please return the form to the presbytery by the **9th February at the very latest.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 22nd January at 11.30am** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FOODBANK: Sadly, donations to the foodbank are currently not meeting the basic need, so the Foodbank is using its reserves to buy the necessary food. If you can donate, basic foods are needed of non-perishable foods: dry food, tins and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend.** Attached to the newsletter is some information about SPUC, together with a postcard which you are asked to sign as part of a petition in support of the right of all of us to speak up about abortion.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL: Nursery admission remain open until 25th February 2022. Open days for Nursery families will be held on Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 8th and Wednesday 25th February 2022. To attend one of these Open Days, please sign up via : <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/sign-upform>

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL have a vacancy for a Breakfast Care Playworker. Please visit : <https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=st%20augustines&l=en11%208dp&vjk=2dfc69701e8579ad>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

COVID UPDATE: With the daily news about the omicron variant, it is important to ensure the following:

- Anyone displaying symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- Please do use the hand sanitiser when you enter and leave the church
- Unless exempted, or in the sanctuary, please wear a face covering during the act of worship.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS: At least two more cleaners are needed to help clean the church for one hour per month on a Wednesday. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna, Romeo Rodrigues & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 15th Jan BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Pietro Di Leto RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Mary O'Donovan RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 16th January 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Decd members of Soldano & Dinato Families</i></p>	<p>Page 127 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 <i>The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.</i></p> <p>Ps 95— Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 <i>One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 2: 1-11 <i>This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21</p>
<p>Mon 17th January ST ANTHONY, Abbot 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen Connolly RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 18th January 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Frank Murphy's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 19th January ST WULSTAN, Bishop 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Peg Maldoon – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 20th January ST FABIAN, Pope & Martyr 9.15am Mass <i>William Maughan's intentions</i></p> <p>Fri 21st January ST AGNES, Virgin & Martyr <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Irene Mee RIP</i> 1.15pm Funeral Giuseppa Tamburello RIP 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 22nd Jan ST VINCENT, Deacon & Martyr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Jo Smith RIP</i></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 style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</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 style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
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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 parrocchiani 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.*