

# The Announcer

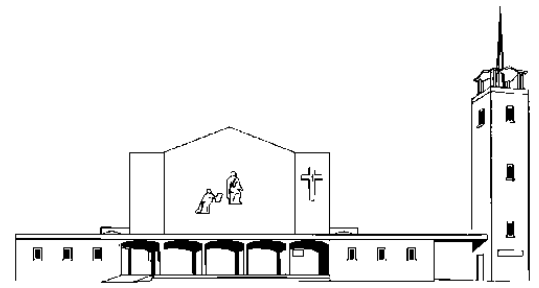
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022**

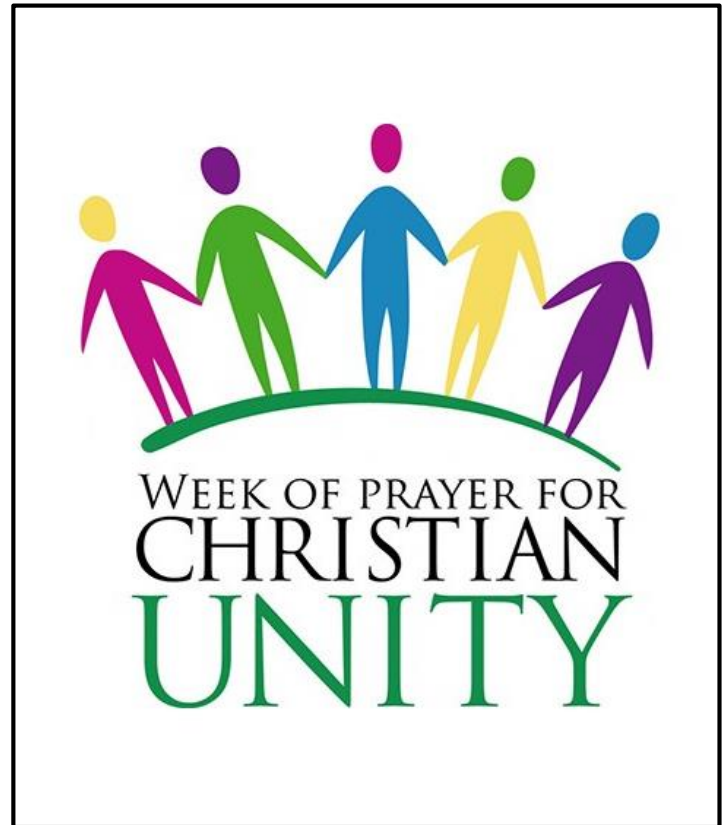
Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

*This text is being fulfilled today.*

This week sees the start of the annual octave of Prayer for Christian Unity when we are reminded that praying for unity across the Church is not an option. Why? Because it is what Jesus desires. In the last supper he prayed to his Father that his followers 'should be one as we are one'. This is unity not just within our own ranks but also with those Christian brothers and sisters, who for whatever reason felt that they needed to worship separately. What we know is that there is only one Church, the Church which Christians affirm in the Creeds as the one holy catholic apostolic Church. Thinking of a family may help. Some family members are estranged from others, but they all bear an unmistakable likeness and some genetic makeup to the ancestral parent. Ultimately, their differences can never outweigh their similarities. This Sunday evening at 6pm we are hosting the Unity Service at St Augustine's. Our hope is that many Christians from across Hoddesdon,

Broxbourne and Wormley will be present. How gracious it would be on our part if we were able to welcome them. To do that we need to be present. If you are free and able to come that would be a blessing. But we ourselves will be blessed as well, as we will hear how God has encouraged members of the community to step out in faith and to share the love of Christ often in very practical ways. The theme of the evening service will be Thanksgiving for what God has been doing through the Church. We give thanks not for what we do for God, but for what He does for us and for others.

Fr Julian



## PRAYER & LITURGY

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S**

**FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Alyssa Bronson, Madison Garvey, Luisa Ginolfi, Cameron Higgins, Akuchi John-Nwosu, Oliver Lydon, Freya Martin, Sonny McGrath, Florence Meaney, Ava Moran, Luca Schifano, Israel Udeh, William Underhill, Tyler Webb, & Renee Rowe.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Ezichi John-Nwosu & Alexander and Ronald Muller who will be baptised this weekend.

**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](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib).

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

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

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

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

**MARION MILLER**, Fr Philip's Mother died recently. Her funeral will be on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Attached to this week's newsletter is a synthesis of our answers. The next stage will be a couple of listening events, probably one daytime and one in the evening, at which we can share and explore some of the comments made in more depth. With covid anxieties and restrictions diminishing, we hope to organise these meetings very soon. Michel Jordan.

**FR JULIAN'S FORMAL INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST** will take place at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **this Sunday 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.

## 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. **We will now resume having the offertory collection during Mass from this weekend.**

**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/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, Vincenzo Segameglio, Alfonso Lanza and Marion Miller and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Ricotta, Angelo Barile, Keith Newell, Elsie Phipps, Jill Logsdail, Angela Coffey, William Collins, Albert Coleston, Sr Mary Bergard, Peter Gillow, Frank Ciraolo and Paolo Guacci. *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 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** The date for the next class will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm for candidates in the church.** Please note the register for parents starts this weekend.

**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 **9<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest.**

### 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:** - Thank you to all who were able to donate last weekend,

towards costs in the fight against opponents such as the UK Government, NHS, BPAS and Marie Stopes. If you have not already done so, please send off the postcard attached to the newsletter, asking the Prime Minister to support the right of all of us to speak up about abortion (pro-life students, at universities, are considered extremist and being physically attacked and threatened)! Thank you to all the collectors who helped last weekend.

### 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

**SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE:** We hope to start having refreshments again in the crypt after the 9.15am Mass **from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February.** If you would like to help and join the rota, please contact the presbytery.

**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:** Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. 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><b>Sat 22nd Jan ST VINCENT, Deacon &amp; Martyr</b>            9.30am Exposition            10am Mass <i>Jo Smith RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <i>Mary Ryan RIP anniv</i></p> <p><b>Sun 23rd January 3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>            11.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP</i>            6pm Christian Unity Service</p>	<p><b>Page 129 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10  <i>Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 18—</b> <i>Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  <i>You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21  <i>This text is being fulfilled today.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS            4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR            (YEAR C)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4: 21-30</p>				
<p><b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop &amp; Dr</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <i>Bernie Murphy's intentions</i>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> January SS TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS, Bishops</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <i>Tom Maughan &amp; Family – followed by coffee in the crypt</i>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> January ST ANGELA MERICI, Virgin</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Colin McCarthy RIP</i></p> <p><b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest &amp; Dr</b>  <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i>            11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction            12 noon Mass <i>Private intention</i>  <b>1.30pm Funeral Joanne Smith RIP</b>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Jeorgio Azzotarei RIP</i></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust            Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>				
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <i>Teddy Harrington RIP</i></p> <p><b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> January 4TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>            11.15am Mass <i>Francesco Pizzo RIP</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm Confirmation, church</td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm lunch club, crypt</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm Confirmation, church	<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery	<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm lunch club, crypt	
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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.*