

# The Announcer

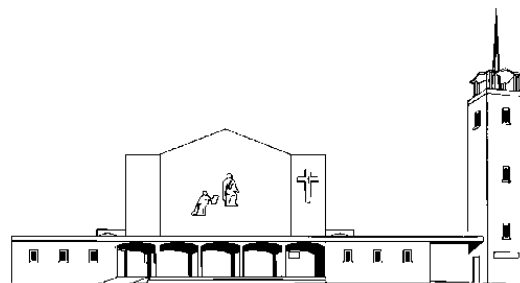
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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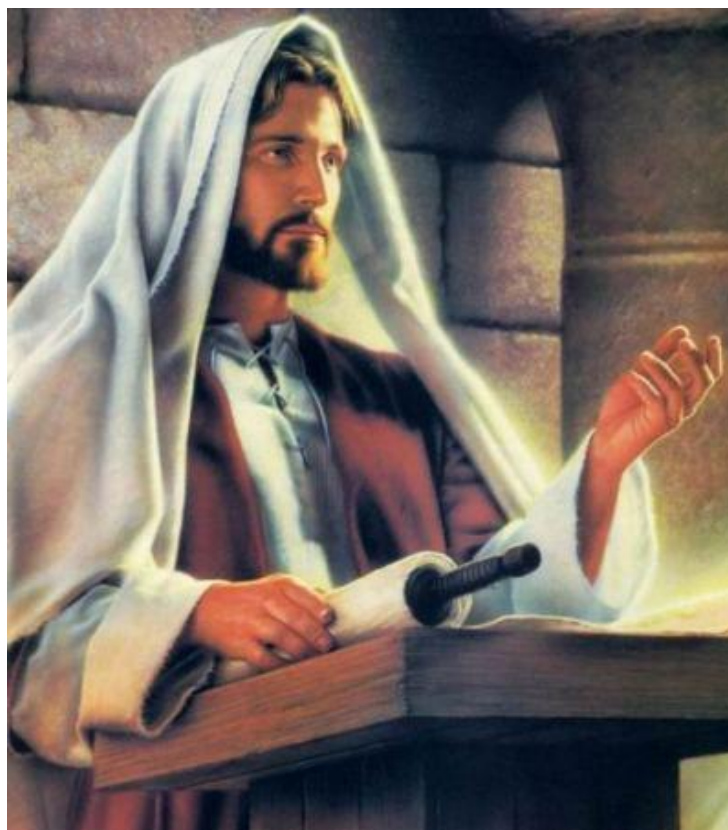
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**30TH JANUARY 2022**

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

*Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.*

I'm writing this on Holocaust Memorial Day when we remember the massacre of 6 million Jews by Hitler. They were not the only ones massacred by the Nazis. Many Christians including Catholic priests and religious lost their lives, as well as others who were considered misfits in the plan to create a pure Aryan race. The Day also recalls other more recent genocides, such as occurred in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and the Sudan. When we consider that those who died laughed, loved and lived like myself I have to ask the question how would I have responded in the face of these evils and what does being human mean? Am I as loving as I should be to those who are different? Do I love the other as my neighbour? Do I love as Jesus loves? Under what circumstances might I withdraw from another that love which being made in God's image demands that I give? The Holocaust revealed a fault-line underlying



Western civilization. Outwardly healthy, inwardly it was fatally diseased, not least with antisemitic tendencies which people of faith had engendered over the centuries. How was it that a continent so immersed in Christian values did not prevent the rise of Nazism but actively collaborated with it? Does it reveal a more endemic problem? Can my faith become so domesticated and hedged that it doesn't bring into judgement the claims of the wider world? Being a disciple of Jesus means that I must subject the claims of the secular state to critical analysis and that I must faithfully resist the enticement of any poisonous culture or ideology. The events of Nazareth today remind us that it is all too easy for well-meaning people of faith not to love the stranger who enters our community but even hold the one with whom we claim familiarity in contempt.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CONFIRMATION:** We congratulate and pray for the two young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: Aurelia El-Ahmadi & Carmelo Padalino.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Sophie Amadi, Kacper Carruth, Sienna Efobi, Luca Excell, Carla & Chiara Gaudiano, Elena Giarratano, Bobby Jackson, Sofia Moretto, Banky Orekoya & Carlo Teoli.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.**

**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).

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

**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:** The synthesis of the questionnaires was published with last week's newsletter. If you missed it copies are available next to the Newsletter at the back of the church. A "listening and sharing of ideas" meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm** in the crypt. Daytime events will also be organised during the Wednesday coffee morning and the Tuesday lunch club, dates will be advised for these soon. I hope many of you will attend to share ideas on the suggestions mentioned in the questionnaire. Michel Jordan.

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

followed by a celebration in the crypt. All are welcome.

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

**COVID UPDATE:** Following the announcement by the government that "Plan B" measures have been lifted, the following guidance is offered:

- Anyone displaying symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship at church.
- Those attending church may continue to wear a face covering whilst in church.
- There is no need for formal social distancing in church, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.
- Please do continue to use the hand sanitizer when you enter and leave the church.

## 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/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 Giuseppa Rotondo, Roy Peacock, Vincenzo Segameglio, Alfonso Lanza and Marion Miller and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Patricia Hume, John McDaid, Gaetana Lomanto, Nicola Giardina, Antonia Fantocchi, Madge Phelan, Caterina Re and Angelo Cuffaro. *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 1st February at 7.30pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** The date for the next class will be on **Monday 31st January at 7.00pm for candidates in the church.** Parents will need to sign the register this weekend.

**CONFIRMATION 'PRAYER PARTNERS'** are needed for all the candidates on the programme. A prayer partner prays for a candidate at least twice a day, whilst they are preparing to make their Confirmation. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue sheets on the blue board at the back of 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 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.

**VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD:** A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk)

#### 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:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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 29th Jan BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>            9.30am Exposition            10am Mass <b>Georgio Azzopardi RIP</b></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <b>Teddy Harrington RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sun 30th January 4TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>            11.15am Mass <b>Francesco Pizzo RIP</b></p>	<p><b>Page 132 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19  <i>I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 70— My lips will tell of your help.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13  <i>There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4: 21-30  <i>Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS            5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR            (YEAR C)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 6: 1-8  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 5: 1-11</p>				
<p><b>Mon 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO, Priest</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <b>Fergus Keyes RIP</b>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <b>Mark Campany RIP anniv</b>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>            8.30am Exposition            9.15am Mass <b>Marion Miller RIP – followed by coffee in the crypt</b>  <b>1pm Funeral Vincenzo Segameglio RIP</b>            6pm Exposition</p> <p><b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN &amp; THEODORE</b>            9.15am Mass <b>Coleman English RIP</b></p> <p><b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i>            11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction            12 noon Mass <b>Ken Parker RIP</b>            6pm Exposition            7pm Mass <b>Justina Ogbodu RIP</b></p> <p><b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> February ST AGATHA, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <b>Tommy &amp; Mag Maughan &amp; Family</b></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>				
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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.*