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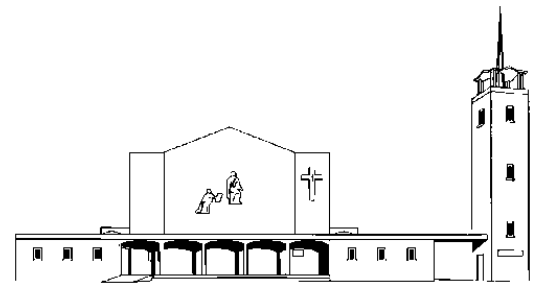
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH FEBRUARY 2022

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

We shall be starting our next First Holy Communion sessions today and resuming next week our current Confirmation sessions. As if to underline that communion and confirmation are about what we do together, we are inviting members of the congregation to pray for the candidates and their families, by adopting a name or names. To lift them up in prayer at least twice a day would be suitable. Our young people as well as their families need our prayers. There are many distractions to following the



Christian path...not least the prevailing culture which can be hostile towards swimming against the tide. That culture also likes to divide off spirituality from religion, as if to say that you can be privately spiritual without being publicly religious. This is a contradiction from a Christian point of view. A private faith or spirituality will lead you only into navel gazing and spiritual darkness. We are fed by the Lord and receive the life of the Spirit in our coming together to celebrate the sacraments. Sunday activities can be socially important, but they can never be as important as attending Mass. We have to ask ourselves the question if I can't turn up for Mass every week (here or wherever, granted that sickness or frailty may prevent it) then can I realistically call myself a Catholic or be seriously committed about my faith? Faith grows as we are built together as the body of Christ. Some will respond that we can worship God outside the four walls of the church. True we can, and we always should, but that doesn't excuse the fact that Jesus himself set us the practice of turning up at the house of prayer every week, while he expected his disciples after his Resurrection to meet together to worship him in the 'breaking of the bread', and that was quickly established on the first day of the week. If we have a problem with what Mother Church expects, let us recall that it was not the Church but Jesus who commanded us to 'do this in remembrance of me'. A gentle reminder also to us all. How can we expect our young people to grow in faith if we ourselves are not prepared to grow and encourage them by our example?

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Jenna, Henry and George Spalding who will be baptised this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ISABELLA LAMPRELL who makes her First Holy Communion this weekend.

GIUSEPPA ROTONDO of Middlefield Road, died recently, aged 93. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 28th February at 12 noon** with Don Antonio. *May she rest in peace.*

SYNODAL PATHWAY: The synthesis of the questionnaires was published two weeks ago. 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 23rd February at 8pm** in the crypt. Daytime events will also be organised on **Tuesday 22nd February** for the lunch club and at the coffee morning on **Wednesday 23rd February**. I hope many of you will attend to share ideas on the suggestions mentioned in the questionnaire. Michel Jordan.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be starting a Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing on the following dates: **20th February** (sitting with the folk group), 6th March, 20th March and 3rd April. Please ensure that your child arrives at church at 9am and goes straight to the organ loft, so there will be time to run through the hymns before Mass.

YOUNG READERS are needed to read at the 9.15am Mass on Sundays. Any child who has made their 1st Holy Communion and would like to read, please do contact the presbytery **before the 24th February**.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: We will be reverting to a 4 month cycle from March (but still with one minister and reader at each mass) and therefore to enable me to draw up a rota for the upcoming period March-June please advise Pat Kavanagh (Tel 449282, 07485 284007) email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Thursday 24th February at the latest** of any dates that you are NOT available in this period.

Please also advise of any changes in your contact details e.g. telephone number, address or email address etc.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **2nd March** and Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (for those aged 16-60) and abstinence (for those aged 14+)**. This means that we consciously choose to eat less – one main meal only – and that (as on all Fridays) we eat no meat whatsoever.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: If anyone is interested in leading the Stations during Lent, please do contact the presbytery.

FRIDAY LUNCHESES: During Lent, we would like to serve a simple lunch of soup & a roll on a Friday after Mass in the crypt. Each week the funds raised will be donated to a different charity. If you are interested in making the soup, & helping serve it on 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March, 1st, & 8th April, 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. We have now resumed having the offertory collection during Mass.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: We are now preparing to issue new sets of offertory envelopes. If you no longer use your envelopes or would like to move to a standing order, please contact the presbytery. Thank you.

GIFT AID: *why not help the parish by gift-aiding your weekly offertory donation?* Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they make through envelopes or standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor, but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. **If you are able to sign a Gift-Aid form, there are some on the notice board at the back of church, or you can contact the presbytery.** You do need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a form.

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 Giuseppa Rotondo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Christopher Reid, Alfredo Santaniello, Molly Zwager, Hester Counsell, Dorothea Nelson, Pietro Gaiteri, Bridget Tyrell, Francis Cassar, Luigi Lanza & Angelo Licata. *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 22nd February at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 21st February at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents and candidates 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.

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.

SCHOOLS

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

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE will be served in the crypt after Mass. Please do come to the crypt to enjoy the refreshments.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will not take place **next week.**

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 & 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 12th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Reiss Parker's intentions</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 13th Feb 6TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Kathleen Hugh & Family ints</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Martina's ints</i></p>	<p>Page 139 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 <i>A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.</i></p> <p>Ps 1— <i>Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 <i>If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26 <i>How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38</p>
<p>Mon 14th Feb SSCYRIL, Monk & METHODIUS, Bishop 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Molly Zwager RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 15th February 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Ester Carr's ints</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 16th February 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Jo Smith RIP – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 17th February FOUNDER OF THE SERVITE ORDER 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 18th February <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 19th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Marion Miller RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Johanna Gregory RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 20th February 7TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Keith Newell RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</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 sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 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>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 15th NO lunch club, crypt	Tues 15th NO 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 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.*