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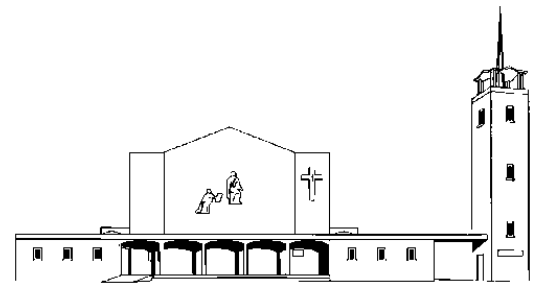
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH FEBRUARY 2022

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

As you enter St Augustine's today you will notice that our tabernacle has been gilded. Gold is fitting for a king and Jesus deserves the best in terms of what we can offer in all respects. We are grateful to the Catenians and to three individuals who in a matter of minutes covered the cost of the work. I don't know if St Augustine's is unique in having a tabernacle in the striking shape of a burning bush. Certainly, having it gilded completes what it was designed to convey...the bush which was not consumed by the flames and before which Moses had to take off his shoes for the ground upon which he was standing is holy. The bush hid the Lord, while making manifest his presence. 'I am who I am' is God's name given to Moses. In that encounter God is revealed as the eternally present One, without past or future, yet totally unseen to Moses. In a similar way the continuous real presence of the Lord held within the tabernacle reminds us that until he returns he remains both present and hidden. This is true also of the blessed sacrament itself..a theme taken up by Aquinas in his great hymn Adoro Te Devote. 'Hidden God, devoutly I adore Thee, truly present underneath these veils..On the cross was veiled Thy Godhead's splendour, here Thy manhood lies hidden too...Contemplating, Lord, Thy hidden presence, grant me what I thirst for and implore, in the revelation of Thy essence to behold Thy glory evermore.' The tabernacle then, like the blessed sacrament itself, points to what is and beyond. We do not worship the tabernacle. We reverence it for what it holds. In the same way we reverence Mary, the human tabernacle because of the one whom she brings into the world. Interestingly in the Eastern tradition more than the Western the burning bush is often seen as a prefigurement of Mary. Her virginity, like the tree, is not consumed by the divine presence. Through her singular act of obedience God has come to tabernacle with his people.....God Emmanuel with us. As we enter into loving obedience with Jesus, He, the Father and the Spirit come to us and live with us... in the most profound personal way. Thus each of us is called to become a tabernacle of the glory of heaven....cracked earthenware jars that we are, as St Paul reminds us...yet carrying priceless hidden treasure within.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sienna Castronovo who will be baptised this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Archie Best, Santino Eastwood, Luca Giardina and Cameron Higgins who make their 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 a few 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: **this Sunday** (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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held at St Catherine's & St Paul's C of E church, on **Friday 4th March at 11am**, followed by lunch at 12.15. There will also be an evening service at 7.30 for 8pm at Wormley Free Church, Slipe Lane, Wormley. All are welcome.

WELCOMERS are needed for the Saturday 6.30pm Mass and also for the Sunday 11.15am Mass. If you would like to help by handing out Mass/hymn books & welcoming people and join a rota, please do contact the presbytery.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY will be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14th May** at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the presbytery with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **Wednesday 30th March**.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **2nd March** and Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. **One Eucharistic Minister is needed for the 9.30am Mass and 12 noon Mass. A reader is also needed for the 8pm Mass. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.** 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

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

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 Pat Lavers and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Lucia La Corte, Terry McIntyre, Maria Rega, Moyra O'Neill, Dorothy Cooper, Ellen McElligott, Denis James, Salvatore Gambrone and Josephine Gibilaro. *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 will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child at least twice a day, whilst they are preparing to make their First Holy Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the white sheets on the blue board at the back of the church.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 21st February - 6th March, 2022 - Fair trade is when the price we pay for products such as food, drink, fashion and crafts, gives enough to producers to cover the cost of their products - and to have enough left over to invest in their farms, or businesses. It shouldn't be the case that we can walk into a shop and buy something that was partly made through slavery or child labour, or that destroyed forests to get onto our shelves! This Fortnight gives us all a chance to think about consuming consciously, and where possible choosing organic, fair trade and ethical; giving the best chance of restoring the earth!

CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE: Why not challenge yourself to walk 200km and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help. **Two more cleaners are urgently needed. If you can assist, please contact the presbytery.**

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

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy				
<p>Sat 19th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 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 Feb 7TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Keith Newell RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>Page 141 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 <i>The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.</i></p> <p>Ps 102— <i>The Lord is compassion and love.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 <i>We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38 <i>Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45</p>				
<p>Mon 21st Feb ST PETER DAMIAN, Bishop & Dr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Lloyd Grandison RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 22nd Feb THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Mary McGreevy RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 23rd February ST POLYCARP, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 24th February 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Michael O'Sullivan RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 25th February <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Josephine Murphy RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</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>				
<p>Sat 26th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppina Gibilaro RIP</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Roy Clucas RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 27th February 8TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Joan Walker RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Mon 21st 7pm Confirmation, church</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 22nd 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 22nd 1pm lunch club, crypt</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mon 21st 7pm Confirmation, church	Tues 22nd 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 22nd 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.*