

The Announcer

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Year C

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH FEBRUARY 2022

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

I was going to write about Ash Wednesday but with the unfolding of events in Eastern Europe something should be said about that. If as is likely, Ukraine will fall, then neighbouring countries could be brought into the conflict and we would be on the brink of a Third World War. Let us say that the Russian invasion of Ukraine is an evil act of aggression without any justification in international law. Putin has denied the right of Ukraine to self-determination and existence. This is contrary to the biblical understanding of nationhood where the



nations of the world will be brought into obedience not to a Russian dictatorship but to worship the King of Kings. This means that the progression of all nations to self-determination, independence and nationhood is inevitable. Moreover, Our Lady, when she appeared at Ukraine in 1914, prophesied the independence of Ukraine after eighty years. This was before her appearance at Fatima where the little shepherds were told that the errors of Russia would bring disaster to the world. The years of atheistic communism, and its export to the rest of the world have borne this out. Mercifully with the collapse of the Soviet empire, Russia has returned to the faith, but as we have seen its leaders are far from her immaculate heart and the overtures of the Queen of Peace. Many people will be at a loss as to how to pray so here are some simple suggestions.

Pray for Putin that he would be healed of whatever that has made him into a lesser man, and that he would repent of his evil. Pray for his administration that it would be divided and collapse

Pray for the Russian Orthodox Church that our brothers and sisters in the faith, and especially those in leadership, would speak truth to power, and not shield behind the hypocrisy that evil cannot be named or that the actions of a government are above reproach.

Call upon the intercession of the saints of the Ukraine, and especially the support of St Andrew who took the gospel to the banks of the Dnieper and St Barbara whose relics are held in the country.

Call upon the intercession of St Michael on behalf of the city and the country. It is St Michael's Monastery which stands in the heart of Kiyv and whose rebuilding in the 1990s after its destruction by the Soviets in the 1930s has been a sign of the resurgence of Ukraine: 'Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Finally, pray for repentance and that God's kingdom will come and his will be done.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Milena Parker who will be baptised 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.

ASSUNTA FONZO of Stanstead Road, died recently, aged 101. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 21st March at 1pm.**

May they rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on **Friday 4th March at 7pm.**

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: **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.

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. If you would like to help by handing out Mass/hymn books & welcoming people and join a rota, please do contact the presbytery.

SYNOD PATHWAY: Thank you very much to all those who contributed to the brainstorming meeting, in person, telephone and in writing. If you have additional ideas and comments you would like to share please do so through the parish secretary. I will produce a discussion document for Fr Julian and we will give you some feedback soon. Michel Jordan

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. 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 will be prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm, after Mass) & Saturday (9.30am, before Mass). Italian Stations of the Cross will be at 5pm each Friday. **A volunteer is needed to lead the Stations on Friday 11th March & Friday 8th April.** If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery. Exposition will take place at 9am on Saturday mornings in Lent.

LENTEN ALMS: Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.

'**ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT**' is the diocesan faith-sharing resource for Lent and is offered to encourage and enable the continuation of "spiritual conversations" begun during the parish listening phase of the diocesan synodal process. An introduction is attached to the newsletter & each week in Lent there will be a leaflet corresponding to the Sunday Gospel.

LENT EXTRA magazines with daily Lent meditations are now available to buy from the back of the church for £2.25. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

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. We now have volunteers for the 4th & 11th March. If you are interested in making the soup, & helping serve it on 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

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, Pat Lavers, Pietro Morreale and Assunta Fonzo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Joseph Phelan, Muriel Tear, Mario Vaccaro, William Harte, Cecilia D'Abreu, Carmelo Ventura, Pauline Maffrett, Claudio Agnes, Joseph Willing, Delia Virgo and Veronica Perrotta. *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 March at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 28th February at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: Applications forms for children currently in Year 2 and who will be going into Year 3 in September to prepare to receive Holy Communion in 2023 are now available to collect from the presbytery during the week (before 3pm) on any day except Tuesday. You can also email the presbytery to request a form. Details of the course will be given with the form. The form should be returned to the presbytery by **April 4th**. From **April 10th** there will a register to sign in the church lobby as evidence that you are attending Mass.

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE will be served in the crypt after Mass. Please do come to the crypt to enjoy the refreshments. **Next week**, bacon & sausage sandwiches will be served for £2.50, to raise funds for the Brownies & Guides.

ST PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE: The Catenians will be putting on a St Patricks Dinner/Dance on **Thursday 17th March 2022** at Brickenden Golf Club, Pembridge Lane, SG13 8PD at 7.00pm in the bar with dinner being served at 7.30 pm. Tickets £30 each available from Alfie Gattuso 0779 1011972

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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 26th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 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 Feb 8TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Joan Walker RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>Page 144 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 <i>Do not praise a man before he has spoken.</i></p> <p>Ps 91— <i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 <i>He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i></p>
<p>Mon 28th Feb 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Anila Seneviraet</i> 12 noon Funeral Giuseppa Rotondo RIP 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 1st March ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Tony, Pat & Lucille Anthony RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 2nd March ASH WEDNESDAY (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+; fasting for those aged 16-60) 8.30am Exposition 9.30am Mass <i>Confirmands of the Parish – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Caroline Clifford RIP</i> 6pm Exposition 8pm Mass <i>The People of Ukraine</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: 39-45 <i>A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13</p>
<p>Thurs 3rd March 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Christopher and Carolyn Gower</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 4th March WORD DAY OF PRAYER <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ugochukwu Irechukwu RIP</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition 7pm Mass <i>Raymond RIP</i></p> <p>Sat 5th March BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Sr Leonard Azzopardi</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Denis O'Donovan RIP & William Phelan RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 6th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre 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 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	
<p>Mon 28th 7pm Confirmation, church Tues 1st 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 1st 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</p>

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.