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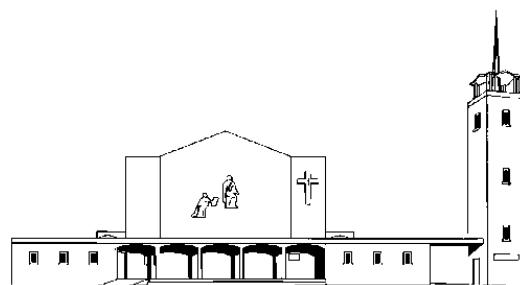
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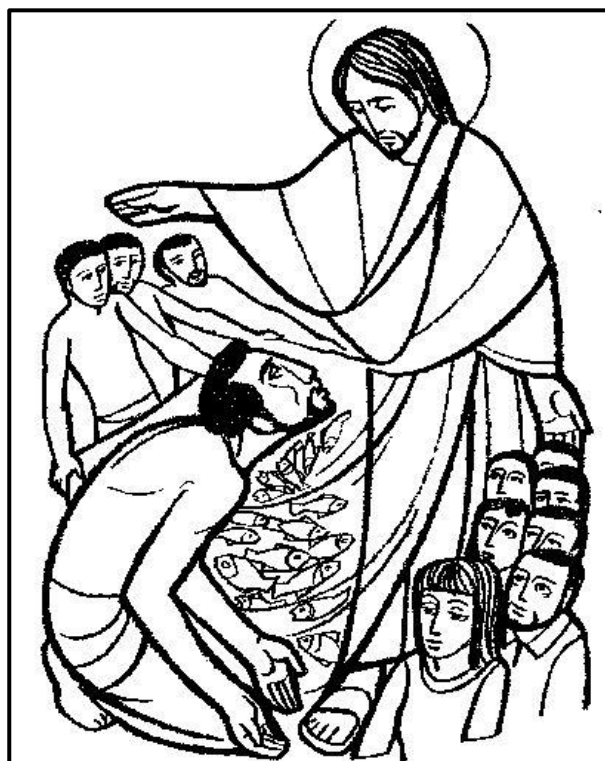
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH FEBRUARY 2022

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

One of my treasured memories is of swimming in the Sea of Galilee early on a mild January morning. It was still dark. No fishermen in sight, nor anyone else for that matter, I went down to the shore behind the kibbutz where I was staying and took the plunge. The biblical scenes as Jesus called and taught his first disciples rushed into my mind. I wondered how it had been for them. Their trade may have been quite profitable, little family firms seeking to meet the hungry needs of the burgeoning local population. When we try and visualise past landscapes we usually have to 'see' behind what later centuries have laid over them. With the Sea of Galilee, we have to do the opposite. In Peter's day it was heavily populated, much more than now, with many centres of population along its shores. Galilee of the Gentiles, it drew people from far and wide. In many respects it was an ideal base for launching the good news. There was something in the local profession of fisherman which made it ideally suited to mission. Of course, that doesn't mean that all fishermen would make good missionaries. Not all the first apostles were fishermen. Moreover, Peter and his colleagues had first to become disciples, prepared to follow and learn from the master fisherman, before Jesus could use them further. Their first learning curve was to recognise that they were beaten at their own profession. Able fisherman as Peter was, Jesus showed him that he was better. He is the expert fisherman, just as he is the expert anything else. How different our work would be if we invited him into our daily routines and work. He may call us to leave that and invite us to use and develop the skills and talents which he has given us in a more direct apostolate. For most of us he will call us to witness to the gospel in the profession, in the family and context in which we are set. Crucially no one is self-made in the kingdom of God. As St Matthew reminds us in his gospel, Jesus says **I will make you** fishers of men. In the kingdom of God we do not make ourselves. Are we prepared for a make-over??



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

MARION MILLER, Fr Philip's Mother died recently. Her funeral will be on **Friday 11th February at 11am** at St Alban & St Stephen Church.
May they 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.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES will take place at **2pm on Saturday 12th February** in Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's livestream, which can be accessed at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx0dFI8GV5D9DSZo46ox6Q>

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 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, Roy Peacock, and Marion Miller and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Galione, Phyllis Dolan, Rosa Augello, Mary Davies, Filomena Tona, Maria Syed, Irene Willmer, Salvatore Di Maria and Freda Porter. *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 8th 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.

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 **9th 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.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL: Nursery admission remain open until 25th February 2022. Open days for Nursery families will be held on 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>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

FR JULIAN'S FORMAL INDUCTION: Thank you to everyone who came to the celebration last Saturday and brought food to share. Thank you to everyone who helped to tidy up at the end of the evening also. A great night was had by all!

SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE will resume from **this Sunday** and bacon and sausage rolls will also be served on the first Sunday of each month to raise funds for Brownies and Guides. Please do come to the crypt to enjoy the refreshments.

SPUC COLLECTION amounted to £176.24. Thank you to everyone who donated.

CRIB APPEAL: This year the amount collected was £379.36 for the Catholic Children's Society. Thankyou!

200 CLUB WINNER for February is Maureen Hankins (no 180). Congratulations!

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, Toni Iamarino, Penny Benge & Assunta Iameo. 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 5th Feb ST AGATHA, Virgin & Martyr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Tommy & Mag Maughan & Family</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 6th Feb 5TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Hugh Chantell & Family intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP</i></p>	<p>Page 135 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 <i>Here I am, send me.</i></p> <p>Ps 137— Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 <i>I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.</i></p>
<p>Mon 7th February 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick & Mary Wall's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Bridie Quinlivan RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 9th February 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Sheila Turpin RIP – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 11am Funeral Roy Peacock RIP 6pm Exposition</p>	<p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 <i>They left everything and followed him.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26</p>
<p>Thurs 10th Feb ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Theresa Delaney's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Marion Miller RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 12th Feb BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Reiss Parker's intentions</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>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 13th February 6TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Kathleen Hugh & Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Martina's intentions</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</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;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 8th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 8th 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. 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.*