

# - The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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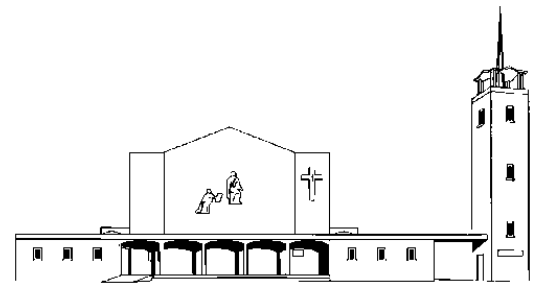
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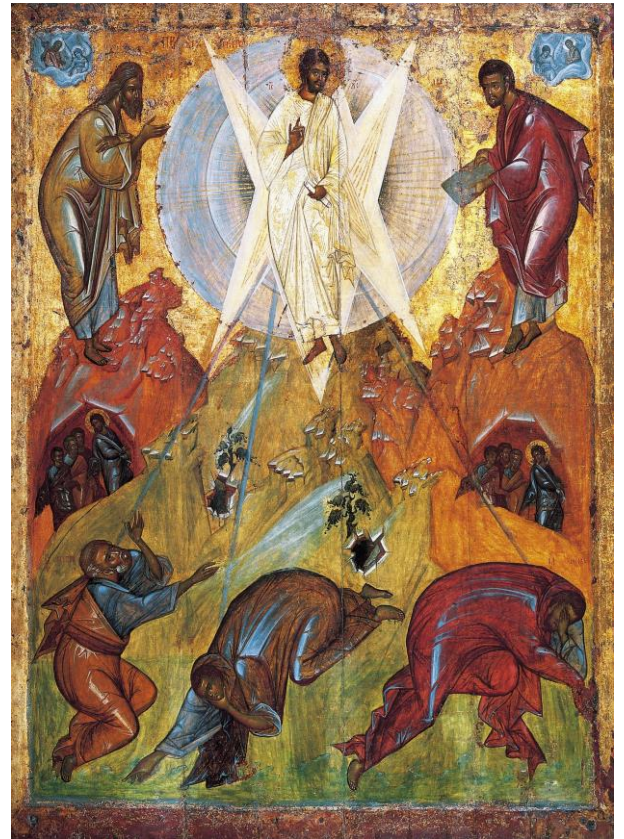
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.*

In 987 the people of the Ukraine were baptised in the Dnieper river following the conversion of their ruler Vladimir. There were many issues which caused the prince to adopt the Christian faith but one of the most important was the report which he received from his envoys when they encountered Byzantine Christianity at Constantinople... 'we no longer knew whether we were in heaven or on earth...nor such beauty as we know not how to tell it'. The three disciples must have felt the same as they experienced the events of the Transfiguration our gospel reading for today. The destination is in sight and it is infinitely greater than anything that we could comprehend or describe. It is not resurrection as important as that is, but rather one of inexpressible glory. Jesus' appearance changed. Both his face and his clothing. Luke described his clothing as brilliant as lightning. Mark that no bleach on earth could make them more brilliant. No one in scripture is similarly described apart from Mary in Revelation, where our Mother is seen as clothed with the sun and the moon at her feet. That



also was an incredibly brilliant sight for who could look into the face of the sun? But notice the difference, Mary's clothing is created light, whereas the light of Jesus comes from within himself. St John is the only gospel which doesn't mention the event which is remarkable given that he so often highlights light. However, we might say that the whole of his gospel is about Transfiguration... how Jesus the Light of the world reveals the glory of his light through his birth, ministry, death and resurrection. The theme of divine light, as of the centrality of the Transfiguration, is central to all expressions of Eastern Christianity. Iconographers will first study the Transfiguration because it speaks so powerfully of light. Icons have no shadows because the artist is not trying to depict created natural light but the uncreated light of glory. The skies over Ukraine are sullied by the fires of war. As our Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox brothers and sisters face the onslaught of a living hell, may they know that their glory is assured through Christ Transfigured.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

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

**JOSEPH STEPHENS** of McKenzie Road, died recently aged 89. His Requiem will be held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby will be running 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: **20<sup>th</sup> March** and **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** will be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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 30<sup>th</sup> March**.

### LENT

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April.** If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.

**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 the church.

'**ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT**' is the diocesan faith-sharing resource for Lent and is offered to encourage and enable to the continuation of "spiritual conversations" begun in the synod process. The week 2 leaflet, entitled Mountain Top, is inserted in the newsletter this week.

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT:** Fr Julian will be available to hear confessions on Fridays in Lent during Exposition from 6-7pm in church.

**CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY** was on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter & will be collected **this weekend**. Donations will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can also donate via the website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**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 LUNCHES:** During Lent, a simple lunch of soup & a roll will be served on a Friday after Mass in the crypt for a donation of £2.50.

### UKRAINE

**HELP UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL:** The Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK and Ukrainian Cultural organizations have organized an appeal. The money will go directly to support the work in Ukraine & Poland. You can donate directly to the appeal fund at AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 ref HelpUkraine. You can also donate on the fundraising page GoFundMe by following the link or by scanning the QR code. You can also send a cheque payable to AUGB LTD -Central Appeal Fund & send it to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney St, London W1K 5BQ. There are also details of how you can donate clothes etc on the blue board at the back of church. **Thank you to everyone from the Tuesday lunch club & Wednesday coffee morning who gave donations which totalled £750.00.**



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### 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
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<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/bishopstortford>

**IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL:** 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 John Kelly, Joseph Stephens and Assunta Fonzo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Rosa Abella, Sheila Barry, Ted Leatherbarrow, Felicia Abella, Milly Yarwood, Palmino Ingino, James O'Brien, Margaret Staines, Donald Gifford and George Dyke. *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 15th March at 7.30pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** The date for the next class will be on **Monday 14th March at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents will need to sign the register this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023:** 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 May 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.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Saturday 19th March at 11.30am** in church. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

## **SCHOOLS**

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** currently have places in Reception, Year 4 & 5 classes. If you are interested, please contact the school on 467309 or email [admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk).

**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** will be served in the crypt after Mass. All are welcome.

**PLANNED GIVING: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year are available from the back of the church from this weekend.** If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms will be available beside the boxes. Gift Aid forms will also be available. Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations. 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 your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.**

**UNDER 5'S 200 CLUB RENEWALS** will take place on the **19th/20th and 26th/27th March**. Please note there are still spare numbers available.

**INTERCESSIONS BOOK:** A book for you to write any prayers is available on the left-hand table beneath the sculpture of Jesus.

**SUGGESTIONS/REQUEST BOX** is now available at the back of church for any suggestions or requests you may have.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.00am Adoration      9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Deceased members of Mezzullo Family</i>	<b>Page 156 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 <i>God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Bridget &amp; Martin Moriarty RIP</i>	<b>Ps 26—</b> <i>The Lord is my light and my help.</i>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Inelfa Zanna RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 3: 17-4:1 <i>Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.</i>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Robb's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Graham Johnston RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9: 28-36 <i>As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Ben &amp; Justin Ighade's intentions followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13: 1-9
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March ST PATRICK Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Eilish Doyle</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, Bishop</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Jimmy's intentions</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March ST JOSEPH, Spouse of B Virgin Mary</b> 9.00am Adoration      9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Gaetano Martorana RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Sr Mary Norbert RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Dave Greenall RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 14th</b> 7pm Confirmation, church <b>Tues 15th</b> 1pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 15th</b> 7.30pm 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.*