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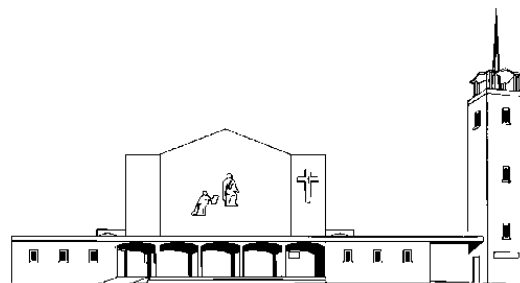
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6TH MARCH 2022

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

One of the most beautiful objects in our church is the large woven tapestry of Christ's head in the style of the Orthodox Acheiropoieta icon known as 'not made with human hands'. The eyes of Jesus transfix the on looker with a loving gaze, drawing us nearer, comforting us but reminding us of the Saviour's utterly holy and cleansing presence. This tapestry links us with the theatre of war in Eastern Europe as it was given by a family in Mogilev to thank St Augustine's for helping the children of Chernobyl after the disaster



in Ukraine in 1986. Now a much greater disaster is occurring and we ourselves will be called to make a far greater sacrificial response. There will be many ways in which we can respond to the crisis but we would do well to take up the weapons of prayer, almsgiving and self-renunciation. Lent calls us to embrace the wilderness...whatever that wilderness may be...and undergo willingly the temptations that will inevitably come our way. We will survive because we know that Jesus underwent every temptation known to us and shows us how to conquer in the battle. Satan will use all his resources against us, accusing us of our weaknesses and failures, dragging up forgiven sins of the past, seeking to convince us that anything and everything is more important than obeying Our Father's will. Jesus had many names for the one who opposed God but among them was the Destroyer and the Father of Lies. It might not have gone unnoticed that Putin described the opposition against his war as the Empire of Lies. Perhaps he thinks the Ukrainians are being deceived as they see their beloved country pulverised into dust and their streets running with blood. May we willingly share their wilderness as we pray for their protection against the brutal onslaught of the destroyer. They are outnumbered but we pray for a victory 'not made with human hands'. *'Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls'.*

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

PIETRO MORREALE of Stortford Road, died recently, aged 77. His Requiem will be held on **Monday 7th March at 12.30pm.**

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.

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, 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.

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

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.

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 the continuation of "spiritual conversations" begun during the parish listening phase of the diocesan synodal process. The week 1 leaflet, entitled *Wilderness*, 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 is on **Friday 11th March.** The envelopes will be attached to the newsletter next week & also collected **next week.** 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

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. Each week the funds raised will be donated to a different charity. All are welcome.

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. There are also details of



<https://rb.gy/dcqgccc>

how you can donate clothes etc on the blue board at the back of church.

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
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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 Angelo Gentile, Pietro Morreale, Joseph Stephens and Assunta Fonzo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Providenza Esposito, Mary Banks, Francesco Cannatella, Ciriaco Di Chiara, Ernest Swarbrick, Agnes Piper, Iolanda Fattore, Salvatrice Castronovo, Rosa Vasile, Pietro Cracchiolo, Salvatore Morreale & Angelo Orsini. *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 March at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 7th March at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE MAY 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 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.

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST will be served on **Saturday 12th March from 8.30am-11am** at the Parish Centre, St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne. All are welcome.

200 CLUB WINNER for March is no 112, Mirella Di Chiara. Congratulations!

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Benge & Assunta Iameo. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy								
<p>Sat 5th March BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Sr Leonard Azzopardi</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Denis O'Donovan & 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>Page 153 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 <i>The creed of the chosen people.</i></p> <p>Ps 90— <i>Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13 <i>The creed of the Christian.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13 <i>Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36</p>								
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<p>Thurs 10th March 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>John Duggan RIP</i> 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 11th March LENT FAST DAY <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Mercurio Family</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 12th March BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Deceased members of Mezzullo Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="833 1859 1085 1892">Mon 7th</td> <td data-bbox="1085 1859 1533 1892">7pm Confirmation, church</td> <td data-bbox="833 1859 1085 1892">Tues 8th</td> <td data-bbox="1085 1859 1533 1892">7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="833 1892 1085 1926">Tues 8th</td> <td data-bbox="1085 1892 1533 1926">1pm lunch club, crypt</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mon 7th	7pm Confirmation, church	Tues 8th	7.30pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 8th	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.*