

- The Announcer

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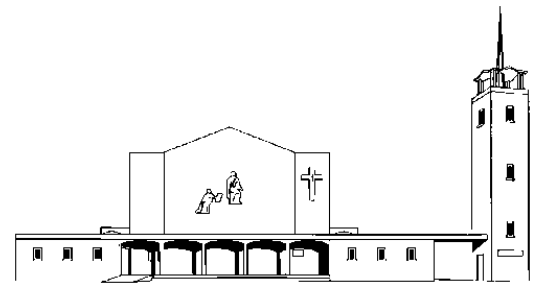
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Year C

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3RD APRIL 2022

Gospel: John 8: 1-11

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

St Paul says something remarkable in our epistle today which shows how thoroughly fleshed out was his faith. 'All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead'. How can we share the sufferings of Christ? There will be the obvious suffering that comes from putting Christ first, being obedient to what he says and running the gauntlet of the world, the flesh and the devil. But what about the sufferings that come our way, whose provenance is sometimes difficult to discern...a mortal illness, an inexplicable disaster, the surprising event, creation seemingly denied, contradiction of hope. Christian tradition invites us to offer up all such suffering sacrificially so that through them we can draw closer to Christ. While it is easier to offer up our own suffering rather than to see the suffering of those around us, it may help if we see the general suffering of the world in light of Jesus' incarnation.....his becoming one of us. If we believe that he enters fully into what it is to be human, then the suffering of humanity is an essential aspect of that. Throughout lent we have been invited to walk his Via Dolorosa through realigned priorities and by attuning ourselves to the God's kingdom agenda. Walking the stations in church is a poignant way of focusing upon that agenda, confronting our wayward wills and realigning our hearts. The suffering of the world is the essential filter through which the stations take on added poignancy. This year Ukraine looms large. Jesus is condemned to death among the Ukrainians whose very right to exist is denied and whose freedom is withdrawn. He accepts his cross with those who enter into this time of unavoidable affliction. His falling three times is like the scorched earth policy inflicted on Mariupol, Kharkiv and Kherson. His meeting with his mother is like the balm which the Ukrainian people draw from their devotion to the Virgin. Simon of Cyrene and Veronica are like all those outsiders and those insiders who help to ease the suffering of Christ among the people. The women of Jerusalem are like the mothers and their children mourning Christ in the plight of their husbands. Jesus is stripped in the denuding of the people of their dignity to life and essential protections. Jesus is nailed in the relentless and merciless showering of the missiles, and crucified in a million hatreds that war elicits. Jesus dies on the cross in the killing of everyone whose blood is spilt. Jesus is taken down from the cross in those who are powerless to resist. Jesus is laid in the sepulchre among so many without a grave, but who have died with the hope of better days in their hearts. Jesus walks the stations of his cross in many guises....



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSALIND NEEDHAM of Rosehill Close, died recently, aged 86. Her Requiem will be held on **Monday 11th April at 11am.**

JOHN KELLY of Stains Close, died recently, aged 84. His Requiem will be held on **Wednesday 13th April at 12 noon.**

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 this Sunday.** 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS: 12 volunteers, male or female, are needed to have their feet washed. If you can take part, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. **During the Mass, there will also be a Rite of Re-commissioning for the Ministers of Holy Communion, so if you are a Minister, please attend the Mass at 8pm.**

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION, READERS & ALTAR SERVERS: If you can assist at any of the services of Holy Week, please sign your name on the lists on the blue board in the porch.

GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS: Please meet in the town at the clock tower at 11am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY: children should be taken straight to the crypt before 3pm. **Children should also be collected from the crypt.**

LENT

LENTEN ALMS: Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. 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 5 leaflet, entitled **The Temple**, 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.

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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE for the parish will be held on **Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm.**

HOLY WEEK – advanced notice of times:

Tuesday 12th April: CHRISM MASS at Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 14th April
8.30am Exposition
8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.30pm–Midnight: praying at Altar of Repose.

GOOD FRIDAY: 15th April
9.45am Morning Prayer
c. 11am *Churches Together* Act of Witness –
Meet at Clock Tower in town.
12-3pm Adoration before the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY: 16th April
9.45am Morning Prayer
9pm Mass of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 9.15am and 11.15am Mass

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.



<https://rb.gy/dcqgccc>

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

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. **If your circumstances have changed, and you pay less or no tax, please inform the presbytery asap.**

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: 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 Maria Randazzo, John Kelly, Rosalind Needham & Julia Parker and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Gaetano Chiazza, David Charles-Edwards, Girolamo Abella, Bridget Newson, Michaela Cantwell, Giuseppa Provenzano, Dennis Dempsey, Florina Ingino, Salvatore Insalaco, Marie Riccardi & Baby Marie Brien. *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 5th April at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 25th April at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents will need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023: Application 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 2022.** 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 14th May at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL There is limited availability for 30-hour Nursery places and, some places available in our afternoon Nursery session. Please contact the School Office for more information on 01992 463549.

WE WISH THE STUDENTS & STAFF of our parish schools a blessed and restful Easter break.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CAFOD: The amount collected for the Family Fast Day was £783.04. Thank you!

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Penny Bengé. Thank you for your help. **please contact the presbytery.**

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 2nd April ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, Hermit 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Aidan & Owen Doyle</i>	Page 176 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21 <i>See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.</i> Ps 125— <i>What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</i> 2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14 <i>Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything in Christ.</i> Gospel Accl.: <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i> Gospel: John 8: 1-11 <i>If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Marion Miller RIP</i>	
Sun 3rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Jimmy Hurley RIP</i>	
Mon 4th April ST ISIDORE, Bishop & Dr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	
Tues 5th April ST VINCENT FERRER, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Tricia Hunt RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	
Wed 6th April 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Jimmy Dooley RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C)</p>
Thurs 7th April ST JOH BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Maria Randazzo RIP</i> 6pm Exposition	1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23: 56
Fri 8th April (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Julia Parker RIP</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sat 9th April 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Renzo Pini RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Bertie Roddy RIP</i>	
Sun 10th April PALM SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>William Anthony RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 5th 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 5th 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.*