

- The Announcer

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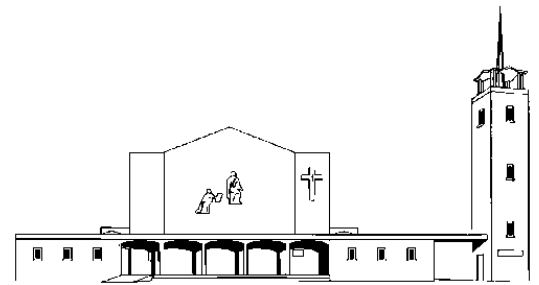
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1ST MAY 2022

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

In our second reading from the last book of the bible, the Apocalypse speaks to us profoundly about ecological equilibrium. Heaven and earth impinge upon each other regardless of whether we are aware of it or not. The book ends with the total transfiguration of the entire cosmos, through the revelation of the kingdom of God and the city of God. This incidentally is what we are praying for in the Lord's Prayer when we pray '*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*'. The reading today is taken from Chapter 5 in the Apocalypse, well before



the consummation of all things as envisaged in the last pages of the book. It sees all living things as configured to Jesus Christ and worshipping Him as their creator. This is echoed elsewhere in the New Testament. In the first chapter of the gospel of John, the apostle tells us of Jesus... '*through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made*'. St Paul writes in Romans 11: 36 '*For of him, and through Him, and to Him are all things*'. In Colossians 1: 16 the apostle says of Jesus, '*For in him all things were created; things in heaven or on earth, visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him*'. The same theme marks the end of the eucharistic prayer in the Roman missal, when the priest says 'Through him, and with Him and in Him' which solicits the great Amen. When we say all things find their true end in the worship of Jesus their creator, we mean things that we can see and those which we can't see. To God all things are visible, but not to us. In the Apocalypse, St John is granted a share in that vision...that which is invisible to the naked eye...the worship of heaven by the invisible creation. What is interesting is that the angels gather around not just Jesus and the elders but around the four animals, which in the Apocalypse represent the whole of the natural world. The four animals, perhaps because the animal world existed before humanity, are mentioned even before the elders, the representatives of the Church. If this doesn't broaden our horizon ecologically then consider what St John next sees. He hears 'all living things in creation...everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea' cry out in praise. Clearly the natural world freely accepts God as their creator, whereas mankind does not. That should blow our minds if not our ear drums. Weak is the worship of my heart?

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Archie Ashdown and Emelia Meneses who will be baptized this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on **Friday 6th May at 7pm.**

EXPOSITION will be at 8pm next week instead of 6pm.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Sunday 15th May** starting in the Church at 5pm, ending in the Grotto in the garden. This will be a service of the rosary, hymns and prayers in honour of our Blessed Lady. Tea and cakes will be available afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to make the refreshments – if you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

BISHOPS' SYNOD PATHWAY REPORT has now been sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Diocese has gathered together all the responses received from parishes, schools, universities & organisations to the consultation that was carried out before Christmas. The report is available to read on the Diocesan website:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

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 & 29th May & 12th & 26th June.** 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.

AYESLFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY: Would you be interested in a day trip to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford, Kent? This would be on a Thursday in May, depending on numbers. If you are interested, please do contact the presbytery.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be from **22nd-29th July.** It is a requirement that pilgrims who wish to travel must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. There are limited spaces this year and booking forms from Tangney Tours can be found by the newsletters.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 24th September.** We hope to take a coach and more details to follow in due course.

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: We still have some boxes of envelopes for the new financial year. If you have not yet collected your new box, please contact the presbytery. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms are available at the back of the church beside the newsletters. 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>

<p>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</p>
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PLEASE PRAY for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Canon John Longstaff, George Heeny, Mary Mitchell, Timothy O'Brien, Francesco Tona, Karl Schuster, Linda Tuzzeo and John McElroy. *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: If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 9th May at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents and candidates need to sign the register this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023: The register for parents to sign has now begun and is on the blue board at the back of church.

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend.** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and 2 men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year, 4 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend.** You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

BEAUTIFUL MINDS 2 Supporting Young People's Mental Health in Herts is holding an online meeting on **4th May at 7.30pm**. This will be hosted by Doral Hayes of Churches Together

in Herts. To register, please follow the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beautiful-minds-2-supporting-young-peoples-mental-health-in-hertfordshire-tickets-328215881537>.

LENTEN COLLECTIONS: The Holy Places collection after the Passion Liturgy on Good Friday raised £528.67. The amount raised in the Lenten Alms was £272.15. Thank you to all who contributed.

SUNDAY 9.15AM COFFEE will be served in the crypt after Mass with bacon and sausage sandwiches this week. All are welcome!

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

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

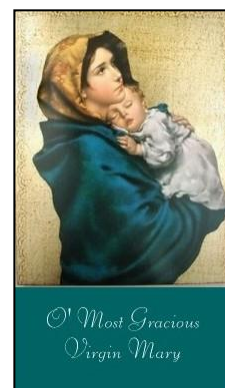
CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Benge & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 30th April SAT ST PIUS V, Pope 9.30am Exposition <i>Pope Francis</i> 10am Mass	Page 265 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 <i>We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.</i> Ps 29— <i>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</i> 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5: 11-14 <i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.</i> Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: John 21: 1-19 <i>Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) 1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 Gospel: John 10: 27-30
Sun 1st May 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Larry, Jane & Hugh O'Reilly</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Francesco Borrelli RIP</i>	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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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. SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
Mon 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS, Bishop & Dr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Angela McIntyre RIP</i> 8pm Exposition	
Tues 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Jim & Rosalind Needham RIP</i> 8pm Exposition	
Wed 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family- followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 8pm Exposition	
Thurs 5th May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Edward Kenny</i> 8pm Exposition	
Fri 6th May (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Del Mitchell RIP</i> 7pm Mass <i>James Zsibrita RIP</i> 8pm Exposition	
Sat 7th May 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>David Hale RIP</i>	
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 8th May 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving McGrath Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
	Tues 3rd 1pm lunch club, crypt

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.*