

- *The Announcer*

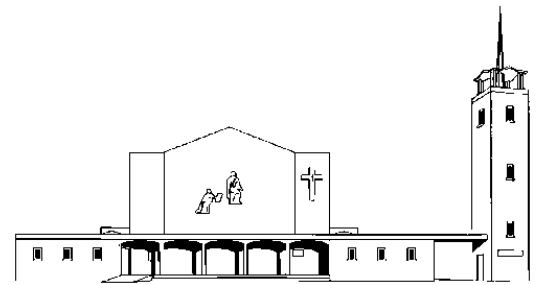
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15TH MAY 2022

Gospel: *John 13: 31-35*

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As summer approaches we are entering into the procession and pilgrimage season, not that these can't take place throughout the year but summer tends to bless them with its natural monstrance. This Sunday at 5pm we have our May Procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary which starts in the church and then make its way down to the Lourdes grotto in the presbytery garden. Celebrating our Mother in the faith and the saints reinforces our family identity as the Church and reminds us that we belong to a company which is not circumscribed by natural limitations but reaches beyond time and space. Processions and pilgrimages which take the saints as guiding lights, remind us that we are treading where others have gone before. They are the constellation of witnesses who are always reflecting the light of Christ as we journey in faith, enabling us to draw nearer to Him. If St Peter's shadow and St Paul's handkerchiefs brought blessings to the faithful...without either apostle physically touching the recipients.... why should we be incredulous that the saints today are active, though not physically present, in carrying our petitions to the throne of God? If Moses and Elijah are alive to the Lord, how much more his very Mother. But as the last book of the bible affirms she is also our Mother and we are her adopted children, hated by Satan who loves to wage war against her and us. Where Eve fell, the new Eve through her Son has conquered. Do we worship her? No. The Catholic Church is very clear that there is a distinction between the worship (latreia) that we give to God alone and the honour that we pay her and the saints. We honour them in the greatest way that we can, while reserving worship only for God. Yet there is a lesser worship which is not adoration which is all to do with the meaning of the anglo-saxon word 'worship' ...'full of worth'. It is in this respect that the office of mayor or judge is acknowledged. I am reminded also of the vow which my father made to my mother on their wedding day, according to the language of the catholic mediaeval Sarum rite....'with my body I thee worship'. If the bridegroom finds his bride full of worth, how much more she who is clothed with sun and blessed through all generations.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Maya Appiah, Finn & Joseph Birmingham, Matilda Brunton, Rebecca Chamberlain, Elio Filocco, Rocco Fiori, Aeda Heekin, Chloe Kozlowska, Rio Milsom, Matteo Moruzzi, James & Niamh Smith, Joseph Tammuzzo, Alessia Toscano, Katherine Wale and Alaura Zuccarello.

MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION will be held on **this Sunday** 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. All are welcome!

EXPOSITION will be at 7pm next week instead of 6pm, except for Monday when it will be at 8pm.

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 26th May is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm.

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 **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 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/dona>

[te/](#) 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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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: 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 all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tadeusz Buczak, Calogero Milazzo, Antonina Morreale, Antonino Quintile, Fiorina Boskovic, Felice La Corte, Elizabeth Sloan. *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 16th May at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD has launched a campaign called Fix the Food System. 800 million people face hunger in our world, including in this country, but there is no shortage of food. We need 3.7 billion tonnes of food to feed everyone, and we produce 4

billion tonnes. The problem is the global food system doesn't work for everyone. The profits of some large corporations are often priorities over the needs of small farmers around the world and this often means that those farmers live in poverty themselves. As Pope Francis said on World Food Day in 2021, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Would anyone be interested in taking part in this campaign - it probably needs 7-10? Tel. Anne Byrne - 467097.

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.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: St. Augustine's School are looking for a Foundation Governor. A SEND background and an interest in Mental Health and Wellbeing would be an advantage. The roll is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 3 meetings per term plus occasional visits to the school to meet with classes and subject teachers. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Father Julian know. More information can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Thank you to those who donated to the Fund last weekend. It is not too late to donate if you wish - please hand in your envelope to the presbytery. If you don't have an official envelope, you can still hand your donation in. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish another edition of the Parish Magazine later on in the year. If you have an article you would like to submit, please email the presbytery before the 30th June.

BIBLE TOUR OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM: The Catenian Association has arranged a Tour Guide at the British Museum on **Saturday 28th May**. This is a very interesting tour looking at the various artefacts and how they relate to the Old Testament. The price is £15.00 each. Make

your own way up to the British Museum and meet at 10.45 am on the Ground Floor. To book a place or for more information contact Steve Britto on 07730 810131.

FINANCIAL RESILIENCE & COST OF LIVING: There is one stop info for people in Herts & useful links and resources can be found at Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living You can also call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 to speak to an adviser, email info@hertshelp.net or visit <https://www.hertshelp.net/hertshelp.aspx>

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/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Lord our God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your Son. You chose her from the very beginning for this mission and in so doing preserved her from the stain of original sin. We ask Mary to join us in our prayer. By the power of the gospel message, may young people heed the call of Jesus to repent and turn away from sin. Guide their steps so that they may always choose what is good and holy. Open their ears and hearts to hear how you are calling them to serve You and their neighbour. Embolden them with courage as they face difficulties in their life. Deepen their faith and trust in your love and mercy. Open their eyes to see the needs of their brothers and sisters and respond with help. May they turn to the communion of saints, especially to the Mary, Queen of all Saints, and other young men and women who have walked the journey of life. By their prayers and example may they one day merit the grace of eternal life. Amen

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy				
<p>Sat 14th May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Raymond Smith</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 15th May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Teresa & Antonio Mercurio RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonina & Pietro Morreale RIP</i> 5pm May Procession</p>	<p>Page 271 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 14: 21-27 <i>They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.</i></p> <p>Ps 144— <i>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5 <i>God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 13: 31-35 <i>I give you a new commandment: love one another.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23 Gospel: John 14: 23-29</p>				
<p>Mon 16th May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 8pm Exposition</p> <p>Tues 17th May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick & Thomas Lawlor</i> 7pm Exposition</p> <p>Wed 18th May ST JOHN I, Pope & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Proto RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 7pm Exposition</p> <p>Thurs 19th May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> 7pm Exposition</p> <p>Fri 20th May ST BERNADINE OF SIENA, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Patrick Carolan</i> 7pm Exposition</p> <p>Sat 21st May ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, Priest 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Mary Ryan RIP</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 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>				
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i></p> <p>Sun 22nd May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>McGrath Family intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Mon 16th 7pm Confirmation</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 17th 1pm lunch club, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Tues 17th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</td> </tr> </table>	Mon 16th 7pm Confirmation	Tues 17th 1pm lunch club, crypt		Tues 17th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery
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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.*