

- *The Announcer*

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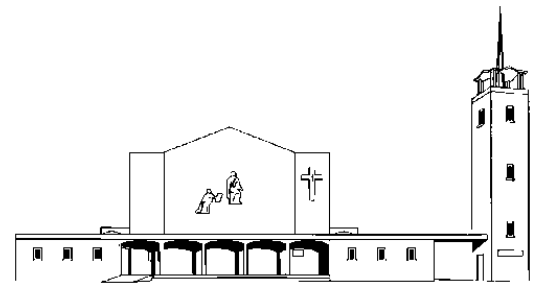
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Year C

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22ND MAY 2022

Gospel: *John 14: 23-29*

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Some people find home life a mixed blessing, and some people don't have a home at all. So what makes a home? You may have no roof over your head and you may have lost all your natural family and so the experience of feeling at home (security, peace, love, contentment...) in the end has little to do with bricks and mortar, or with ties of natural blood. There is a difference between a house and a home, between the fact of living and what makes life worth living, between mere existence and life. People who have been homeless when newly housed sometimes return to the streets because they yearn more for their unsheltered friendships than their newly-acquired atomised existence. Home is more to do with a sense of belonging than any physical comfort or location. We say that home is where the heart is. Houses can be entered but homes have to be made. In today's gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples that those who love him and keep his word will be loved by His Father, and that they will 'come to him, and make our home with him'. There's a natural progression in this. Love begets love... 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word'. It is not that he comes uninvited, as Jesus reminded the Church of Laodicea in the Apocalypse. His knocking on the door of our souls is an intimation of love. Our gospel reading today reminds us that he doesn't come as a casual acquaintance, to squat and then disappear. He, the Father and the Spirit desire to make their home in us. How amazing that God should seek such intimacy and friendship with us so that we can enter into the greatest sense of belonging, love, security and peace. What grace and humility that the Creator of the universe should want to take up residence in our little tent. If we realised that our bodies are a temple and a palace fit for the King, then we might respect them more, and even more respect the true home maker. Our patron, St Augustine of Hippo wrote that 'our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You'. Home is where the heart is...and the best homes are those whose hearts are fixed on the love of God.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Elisa Bardoni, Giovanna Bardoni, Ronnie Barnes, Fabio Bondi, Gino Bondi, Mollie Burke, Ralph Bridgeman, Cilian Cormack, Lily Eist, Mia Fitch, Teddy Gillett, Ronan Hankins, Lily Johnson, Aleyna Laserna, Julia Maciejewska, Aisling McCarthy, Massimo Militello, Antonino Morreale, Concettina Morreale, Obo Oguntokun, Elise Preston, Ava Smith & Nelly Wyremblewska.

GIOVANNI TUZZEO of St Margarets, died recently aged 89. His Requiem will be held on **Monday 30th May at 10.45am with Don Antonio**
May he rest in peace.

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

EXPOSITION will be at 7pm next week 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.

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES have issued a statement about returning to Mass. Copies of the statement can be found beside the newsletter. Henceforth, Sunday obligation now resumes.

AYESLFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY: Would you be interested in a day trip to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford, Kent? It has not been possible to arrange a trip in May, due to transport shortages, but we are hoping to organise another date very soon. More details to follow. 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/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

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 who have died recently including Giovanni Tuzzeo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Barbara Murphy, Darrel Divers, Girolamo Ferraro, Arthur McCafferty, Jan Dukta, Eileen Kelly & Pasqualina Hussein. *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 31st May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the next class will be on **Monday 23rd 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

MAY PROCESSION thank you to all who helped to make the procession such a success: thanks to the sacristan Filomena Mezzullo, Gemma Castle for the floral arrangements and to the Brownies & everyone who made the wonderful cakes.

UKRAINE REFUGEES: We now have some Ukraine families in our parish who need financial help. If you would like to donate, please do post your donation through the

presbytery door, and write on the envelope Ukraine donation. Thank you.

BIBLE TOUR OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM:

The Catenian Association has arranged a Tour Guide at the British Museum on **Saturday 28th May**. 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.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY sings Mozart Mass in C Minor on **Sat 11th June at 7.30pm** in the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets are £16. Contact Anne Byrne on 467097.

GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY

DEBTS: People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

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: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Regina Caeli

Regina Caeli Laetare Alleluia
Quia quem meruisti portare
Alleluia
Resurrexit sicut dixit Alleluia
Or pro nobis Deum Alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!
For He whom you were worthy to bear,
Alleluia!
Has risen as He said, Alleluia!
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 21st May St Christopher Magallanes, Priest 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Mary Ryan RIP</i>	Page 273 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 <i>It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i>	Ps 66— <i>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</i>
Sun 22nd May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>McGrath Family intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23 <i>He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.</i>
Mon 23rd May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Miss Purcell</i> 8pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!</i>
Tues 24th May 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Fr Brian Reynolds 60th Anniversary</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: John 14: 23-29 The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.
Wed 25th May St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</p>
Thurs 26th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 8.30am Exposition 9.30am Mass <i>Kathleen & Miles Robb</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Margaret Healy</i> 7pm Exposition 8pm Mass <i>Michael O'Connor RIP</i>	1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Gospel: John 17: 20-26
Fri 27th May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> 7pm 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>
Sat 28th May 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Juliet Smith</i>	<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>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 29th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>John Andrews 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>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<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> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 23rd 7pm Confirmation	Tues 24th 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 parroccchiani 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.*