

# - *The Announcer*

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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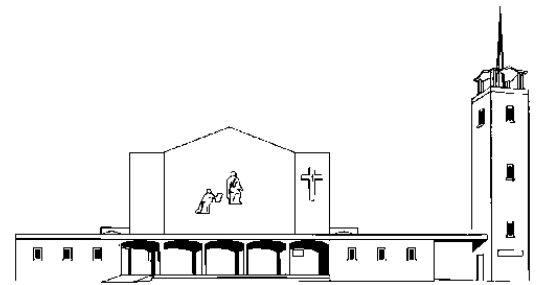
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**Year C**

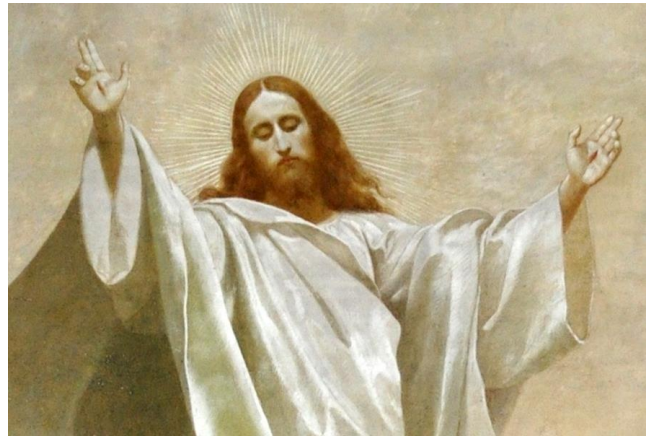
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**29TH MAY 2022**

Gospel: *John 17: 20-26*

*The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

This year we shall be celebrating 70 years since the queen's accession. We talk of her ascending the throne, which means more than just ascending the steps to the coronation chair. This ascending or accession marked a real change in status for the queen, from being the heir apparent to becoming the monarch. Such a change necessitated a coronation so that she could be acclaimed visibly as the rightful occupant, and vested with the dignity of the office. I'm writing this on Ascension Day when we celebrate Jesus' ascending to his Father in heaven. Jesus' ascension is different from



an earthly monarch's ascension to the throne. Jesus doesn't assume a position which he had not already held. He returns to the glory which was always his by right, which earthly monarchs can only palely imitate and never attain. His ascension starts with the cross and his true kingship is proclaimed in a coronation of thorns and the outpouring of divine love. The night before he dies he asks his Father to restore him to the glory which he had before the foundation of the world. As Judas leaves to betray him, Jesus declares that 'now is the son of man glorified'. Jesus' ascension doesn't alter the status which he has had from eternity and which the cross has now universally revealed. He is always King of Kings so he doesn't need to assume an office which he hadn't previously possessed. He has no need to be vested with sceptre or orb as all authority, might, majesty, dominion and power belong to him. His kingship is not limited territorially and it has no bounds. No human could crown him. He crowns others. We talk of the coronation of our Lady, and pictures of Jesus crowning her abound in mediaeval art, though not always with the crown of stars with which the Apocalypse depicts her. This is the also the last of the glorious mysteries of the Rosary. Traditionally this mystery was known as the triumph of the saints, and in a real sense the coronation of our Lady foretastes the coronation of all those who triumph through Christ against sin, death and the devil. By virtue of our baptism all the baptised have the dignity of royalty but alas many will lose their crowns and betray their destiny. 'Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown', the Lord says to the Church at Philadelphia. Our true royalty is tested by our allegiance to the King of Kings. In St John's vision of the throne room of heaven, the elders cast their crowns down before the one who wears many crowns. In her seventieth year of accession what a wonderful gesture it would be if Her Majesty, our dutiful monarch offered her crown, like some of her royal forebears, to the throne of heaven.....and where better than Walsingham.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Arabella-Rose Vitorino and Emilia Di Piazza who will be baptized this weekend.

**GIOVANNI TUZZEO** of St Margarets, died recently aged 89. His Requiem will be held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 & Friday when it will be at 8pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm.**

**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 & 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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:** The trip to the Marian Carmelite Shrine at Aylesford, Kent will now be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** We now have a coach which will leave the church at 9am and there will be Mass at 12 noon, followed by a 3-course meal in the pilgrims' Hall, the rosary and Benediction. The coach will then depart after tea about 4pm. The total cost, including the coach will be £39. If you would like to go, please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the presbytery with your money by **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June** as numbers need to be confirmed.

**ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION** will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** The procession will begin at 3pm from the church. Mass will be at 4pm. All are welcome.

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

## 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 & Terrence Clarke and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including David Lloyd-Jones, Donato Fonzo, Angelica Mangiun, Giuseppina Conti, Alfonso Tagliavore, Vincenzo Ricotta, Ken Parker and Anthony Rayner. *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 31<sup>st</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2022:** The date for the next class will be on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** for candidates in the church. Parents need to sign the register this weekend. The rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.** Candidates need to attend with their sponsors.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2022-2023:** The register for parents of children in year 2 has now begun and is on the blue board at the back of church.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor).

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**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.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** Children's aprons will be on sale for £3 after the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses this weekend. All funds raised will go to the Ukraine families in our parish.

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND:** The final amount raised was £802.60. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**MISSIO:** Thank you to everyone who donated to Missio in 2021. Our parish raised £1,204.61.

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** sings Mozart Mass in C Minor on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the Drill

Hall, Ware. Tickets are £16. Contact Anne Byrne on 467097.

**NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION:** Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm to support anyone with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

**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:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD  
PRIORY ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:  
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Menu choice - **please indicate your choice:**

Melon/soup/Brussels or Ardennes pate

Roast chicken with roast potatoes & veg  
Brie & tomato tart with new pots & salad  
Cottage pie with seasonal veg

Mixed fruit salad  
Chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce  
Fruit crumble with custard

**Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £39.00 by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the very latest.**

**PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY**

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 28th May</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Juliet Smith</i>	<b>Page 281 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 7: 55-60 <i>I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Ps 96—</b> <i>The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</i>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>John Andrews RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 <i>Come, Lord Jesus!</i>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Trevor Baldwin RIP</i> 10.45am Funeral <i>Giovanni Tuzzeo RIP</i> 8pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy' Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> John 17: 20-26 May they be completely one.
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas &amp; Mary Griffin</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>  <b>(YEAR C)</b></p>
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June St Justin, Martyr</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 2: 1-11 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 <b>Gospel:</b> John 20: 19-23
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Margery Davies</i> 7pm Mass <i>Private intention</i> 8pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>HM Queen Elizabeth</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Danaher</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 30th</b> 7pm Confirmation	<b>Tues 31st</b> 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.*