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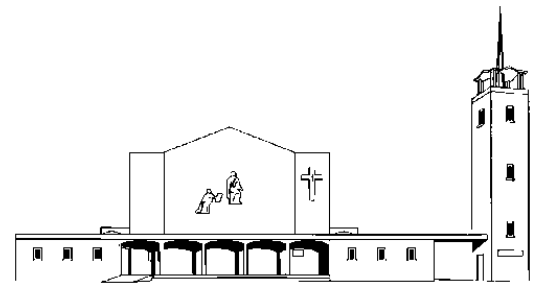
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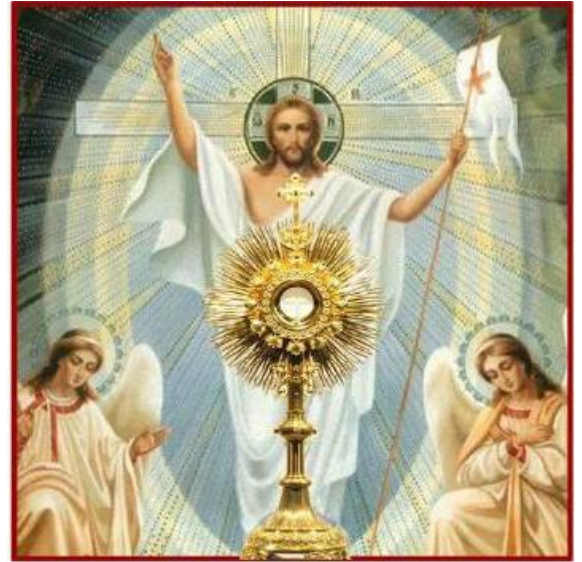
CORPUS CHRISTI

19TH JUNE 2022

Gospel: *Luke 9: 11-17*

They all ate as much as they wanted.

Today is Corpus Christi, when we celebrate the gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. It is one of the oldest feasts, established by Urban IV for the whole church in the Thirteenth Century at the request of St Thomas Aquinas. Traditionally parish processions take place, where the Lord is taken in procession into the public space. Each of us of course is called to be a personal monstrance of the Lord's presence. When we walk the streets, or walk the talk wherever we are, we are carrying the beauty, the fragrance, the reconciling love of the Lord with us. This is not just a question of faith (as if I have to remind myself and others that I believe in Jesus) but a real substantive objective spiritual presence of the Lord within us, based upon the Lord's own promise. If we love Him, Jesus reminds his disciples, then He, with the Father and the Spirit, comes to dwell within us and we dwell within Him. This dwelling of Jesus within us and we within Him cannot be sustained unless we participate in holy communion which allows us to enter into the deepest communion with him and constitutes our greatest act of worship. He reminds us that unless we eat of his Body and Blood we have no part in him and cannot receive eternal life. Here he doesn't give us the option of believing in merely his real spiritual presence. Jesus doesn't mince his words where receiving his Body and Blood are concerned. He doesn't refer to His Body and Blood just spiritually but materially, emphasising that unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood we can have no part in him. Again his words at the Last Supper are '*This is my body... This is my blood*', which means that the Body and Blood are not merely signs or symbols, memorial tokens or subjectively defined by the person who receives them. The catholic understanding of the nature of the real bodily presence merely takes Jesus at his word. As St Thomas Aquinas says in his great hymn, Adoro Te Devote 'sight, touch, taste all fail in their judgement of you, but hearing suffices firmly to believe. I believe all that the Son of God has spoken: there is nothing truer than this word of Truth.' We will never understand what happens in this great mystery but what is evident is that a change takes place in the mass, and that what before was bread and wine, though unchanged in appearance, is no longer that, but the true, substantial, corporeal, real presence of the Lord. And if Jesus could change water into wine, why can he not change bread into his Body and wine into His Blood? Or as St Ambrose said, 'Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before?' Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

CORPUS CHRISTI is this Sunday and there will be Adoration in the presbytery garden from 8-10pm, or in the garden if wet.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Freddie Conway and Mia Sandomierska who will be baptised this weekend.

ANNE SMITH of The Knowle died recently aged 81. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 21st June at 10am**. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass that day. *May she rest in peace.*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS for the period July - October is due to be drawn up shortly. It is important that you advise Pat Kavanagh el 449282 or 07485 284007 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 29th June AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. postal address, telephone number (mobile number are preferred if possible), email address etc. Rotas will be sent out by email unless you tell me otherwise. Thank you.

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 on the **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.

SAINT PETER & PAUL is on **Wednesday 29th June** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am in church with St Augustine's School, 2pm in church with St Cross School and 8pm. Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the Masses and a reader is needed for the 8pm Mass. If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.

TALK ON WALSINGHAM: Edmund Matyjeszek will be giving a talk on Walsingham in our church on **19th July at 7pm**. More details to follow. All are welcome.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 24th September**. We will 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
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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 Anne Smith and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael Sherman, Aldo Mariotti, Patricia Leach, Salvatore Santaniello & Yvonne Dignan. *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 28th June** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 9th July 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD Fix the Food system campaign - The system is broken but we CAN do something! "We need a new mindset and a new holistic approach and to design food systems that protect the Earth and keep the dignity of the human person at the centre; that guarantee sufficient food globally and promote decent work locally; and that feed the world today, without compromising the future ..." Pope Francis. Please go online to easily send a message to Liz Truss, Foreign Secretary, calling on the government to implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first. cafod.org.uk/food - (over 4,000 CAFOD supporters have already done so!)

CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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/serving-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.

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>.

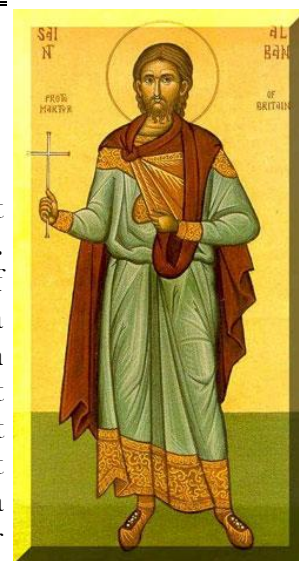
CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Kathleen Connors & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ALBAN – 20th

June

St. Alban was the first martyr of England. During a persecution of Christians, though a pagan, he hid a priest in his house. The priest made such a great impression on him that Alban became a Christian. The governor was told that the priest was hiding in Alban's house, and he sent his soldiers to capture him. But Alban changed clothes with his guest, and gave himself up instead. The judge was furious when he found out that the priest had escaped so, the judge had Alban whipped. He commanded him to be beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the saint was converted, and he too, became a martyr. St Alban's shrine can still be visited in the sacred precincts of St Albans Abbey.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 18th June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Enzo Genuardi RIP</i>	Page 83 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20 <i>He brought bread and wine.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Brian Moore RIP</i>	Ps 109 — You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.
Sun 19th June CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15am Mass <i>Clayton Family intentions</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 <i>Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.</i>
Mon 20th June St Alban 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Mary & John Hayden</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 8.30am Exposition NO 9.15am Mass 10am Funeral <i>Anne Smith RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17 <i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i> NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
Wed 22nd June SS John Fisher & Thomas More 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Chloe Woodward followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21 2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18 Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62
Thurs 23rd June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Bridget Fennelly</i> 7pm Exposition	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.
Fri 24th June MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Angela McIntyre RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 25th June Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Eddie Quinn</i>	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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	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
Sun 26th June 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Genevieve Bailey</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Giovanni Tuzzeo RIP</i>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	REGULAR EVENTS
Tues 21st 1 pm 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.*