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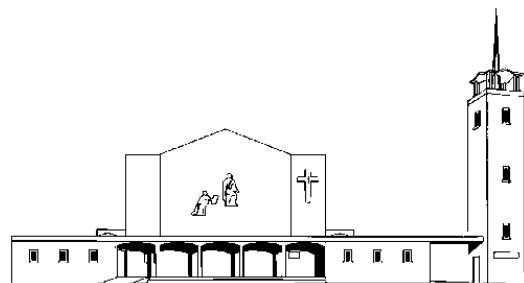
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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

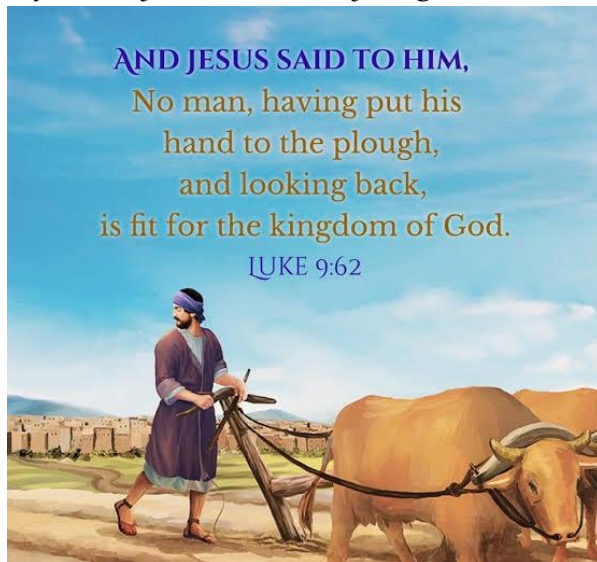
26TH JUNE 2022

Gospel: *Luke 9: 51-62*

Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go.

What did Jesus mean when he said, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God?' Surely he didn't mean that we shouldn't 'look back' to learn from the past? He himself used illustrations from the history of the people of God to underline moral truths and to fine tune his gospel of the kingdom, such as... '*you have heard it said but I say to you...*'; ... '*your ancestors ate manna in the desert*';... '*before Abraham was I am*';... '*in the days of Noah...*'. In fact the gospels are full of historical illustrations. Jesus also told us to recall key events in his own ministry... '*do this in remembrance...*'; '*remember the parable of the...*'. Furthermore, one of the reasons for the pouring out of the

Holy Spirit was to remind us now of all that Jesus said previously. If we believe also that there is a reason for everything, that everything has its purpose within the divine economy and that God is working out his purposes through creation, then we can learn not just from the internal story of the people of God but from the wider context in which that story has meaning. We cannot understand the present war against Ukraine if we don't understand Russia's pretensions to be the third Rome. Christians are given the eye of faith through the Holy Spirit to discern and understand the signs of the times, and those times are past as well as contemporary, but it has to be said that often we share in the amnesia of the rest of the world. We don't learn easily from the mistakes of the past and often we suffer before we have that change of heart, mind and action which is the essence of metanoia-repentance. A society without a history is like a man without a memory. True, but the problem is more that society either doesn't want to own up to it or that it re-creates it. Nazi Germany is a classic case in point. Today the past seems fair game as the false authoritarian religion of wokeism rewrites it, and woke's handmaid 'cancel culture' discriminates against the nonconformists to its creed. This is not to say that we cannot identify with some of the concerns of the 'woke', nor that when Jesus tells us to 'wake up', he is not asking us to reflect upon our actions and attitudes which may overlap with those concerns. He tells the Church at Sardis in the Apocalypse: '*Wake up and strengthen the things that remain which were about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete. So remember what you have received and heard, and keep it and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief and you will not know at what hour I will come to you*'. That should surely make us put our hand to the plough and not look back! Fr Julian



AND JESUS SAID TO HIM,
No man, having put his
hand to the plough,
and looking back,
is fit for the kingdom of God.

LUKE 9:62

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Mabel Larkin and Crew Brennan who will be baptised this weekend.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to John O'Connor and Margaret Cash who will be married in church. May God bless them in their married life.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be held on **Friday 1st July at 7pm**. This will be followed by Exposition at 8pm.

IAN HUNTER formerly from Broxbourne died recently. Details of his Requiem Mass will follow in due course.

DOMENICO PROVENZANO of Rodney Crescent died recently. Details of his Requiem Mass will follow in due course.

May they 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 **this weekend**. 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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - LOOKING TO LISBON World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

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 pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Ian Witham & Frances Kearney.

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 Margery Davies, Francesca Pizzo, Michael Whyton, Domenico Provenzano and Ian Hunter and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Arthur Carini, Angela McIntyre, Bill Coffey, Brian Moore, Maria Santaniello, Gaetana Ciruolo, Croce Cuffaro, Livia Melillo, Caterina Carini and Allan Connolly. *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 says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers and donations for the people of Ukraine. Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support – such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering in your prayers. Visit cafod.org.uk/UkraineAppeal for more information.

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

WE WELCOME Fr Mathews to our parish. Fr Mathews is replacing Fr Joshy. We wish Fr Joshy all the best as he leaves to go to his new parish in Leeds.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the funeral of Giovanni Tuzzeo and made donations. £1,000 was raised for the British Heart Foundation.

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: Elizabeth Nsonwah
Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & Assunta Jameo.
Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 25th June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Eddie Quinn</p>	<p>Page 102 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21 <i>Elisha rose and followed Elijah</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* For the Parish</p>	<p>Ps 15 — O Lord, it is you who are my portion.</p>
<p>Sun 26th June 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Genevieve Bailey 11.15am Mass Giovanni Tuzzeo RIP</p>	<p>2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18 <i>You were called to liberty.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i></p>
<p>Mon 27th June St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Diana Mariotti RIP 7pm Exposition</p>	<p>Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62 <i>Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go.</i></p>
<p>Tues 28th June St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Dermot & Christine Williams 7pm Exposition</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p>
<p>Wed 29th June SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah family followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 2pm Mass Private intention 7pm Exposition 8pm Mass Fr John O'Donoghue's intentions</p>	<p>1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14 2nd Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20</p>
<p>Thurs 30th June 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Patrick Farnell 7pm Exposition</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>Fri 1st July Dedication of the Cathedral (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Bill Pollard 7pm Mass Roy Clucas 8pm Exposition</p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 2nd July Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Nadia Miragliotta RIP</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>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass Anthony Quaiocoe RIP</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
<p>Sun 3rd July 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Janet Lampard</i> 11.15am Mass For the Parish</p>	<p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
<p>Tues 28th 1pm lunch club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 28th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery</p>

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.*