- The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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Year C

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5TH JUNE 2022

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Gospel: John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

There is a happy confluence this week. Not only do we celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost but we celebrate seventy years of HM The Queen as our sovereign. Both events are jubilees, a celebration rooted in our Jewish past and synonymous with gracious freedom. The year of Jubilee was a time when God showered his favour on his people as they aligned themselves with his loving purposes. Jubilee is also



bound up in the idea of seven, and it is highly ironic that this royal jubilee is a seventieth one. On the seventh day of creation God rested. Consequently seven became synonymous with rest, renewal and release. The significance of this was carried over to the seventh day each week (the Sabbath Day a day of rest for the people), the seventh year (the Sabbatical Year, a year of rest for the land), and the year after the seven times seven year...the fiftieth year...otherwise known as the Jubilee Year. During the Jubilee Year debts were wiped away, slaves set free, alienated land returned to its original owners and the soil freed from tillage to recover. It was not coincidental that when Jesus proclaimed the good news at Nazareth at the start of his ministry (...the release of captives and freedom for the oppressed...) he read from Isaiah's prophecy of jubilee freedom, 'the acceptable year of the lord's favour'. Just as the year after seven times seven years was to be for the Jews the Jubilee Year, so on day after the seven times seven weeks (the fiftieth day after Passover) they were to hold a special festival known as the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. Pentecost was like a mini Jubilee Year. The Jews celebrated God's favour to both land and nation. They remembered their freedom from slavery, and how God had brought them into the favoured land of liberty and rest. They remembered also God's gift of the law at Sinai and with thanksgiving offered the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Pentecost, like the other major feasts, as well as the sabbath day, the sabbatical year and the year of Jubilee looked back in order to look forward to the ultimate freedom when the whole of creation and all the world's inhabitants would enter into the joy, freedom, release, renewal and restoration of all things as God established his kingdom on earth. As the disciples prayed in Jerusalem on this important day, little did they know that God was about to extend his jubilee favour not just to the Jews but to all nations, and that jubilee favour continues today. 'Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and you shall renew the face of the earth'.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Kathleen Cash who will be baptized this weekend.

EXPOSITION will be at 6pm on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evening & 7pm on Tuesday and there will be no Adoration on Friday evening.

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

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 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.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI is on **Sunday 19**th **June** and there will be Adoration in the presbytery garden from 8-10pm, or in the church if wet.

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

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 Anne Smith and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Gwen Phelan, Raffaela Bagan, Joseph Onyenakala, Bernadette Munday, Calogero Nicastro, Pat Castaldi, Andrew Kelly & Rosa Russo. 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 14**th **June** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2022: The rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass will be on **Monday 6**th **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.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 9**th **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!)

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.

200 CLUB WINNER for June is no. 82, Alison Smith. Congratulations!

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.

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

THE FRIENDS: The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a

part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date **19 June 2022**. For further details please see https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/

COMMUNITY GARDEN SESSION will be held at Peace Cottage, Lord Street on **Thursday 9**th **June 4-6pm**. All are welcome to get stuck into gardening or have a chat over a cuppa!

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 Benge & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of his realm, may



continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour, may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy this week

Sat 4th June

9.30am Exposition

10am Mass HM Queen Elizabeth

- 4.00pm Italian Mass*
- 6.30pm Mass* For the Parish

Sun 5th June PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.15am Mass Patrick Danaher

11.15am Mass Calogero Nicastro RIP

Mon 6th June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass *Margery Davies & Blessed Stefan Wyszynski* 6pm Exposition

Tues 7th June

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass Don Gifford RIP

7pm Exposition

Wed 8th June

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass Deceased members of Lampard Family

followed by coffee in the crypt

6pm Exposition

Thurs 9th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

8.30am Exposition

9.15am Mass O'Connor Family

6pm Exposition

Fri 10th June

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass Private intention

NO Exposition

7pm Confirmation Mass

Sat 11th June St Barnabas, Apostle

9.30am Exposition

10am Mass Giuseppe Cognata RIP anniv

- 4.00pm Italian Mass*
- 6.30pm* Mass Kathleen McCallum RIP

Sun 12th June MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.15am Mass Molly & Bert Zwager RIP

- 11.15am Mass For the Parish
- 2.30pm Confirmation Mass

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Ps 103—Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 *In the one Spirit we were all baptised.*

Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive

the Holy Spirit.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR C)

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-5 Gospel: John 16: 12-15

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30 – 11 am & 5.30 – 6.15 pm Sunday 8.45 – 9 am & 10.45 – 11 am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.

ROSARY

The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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* Vigil Mass of Sunday

REGULAR EVENTS

Mon 6th 7pm Confirmation Tues 7th 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.