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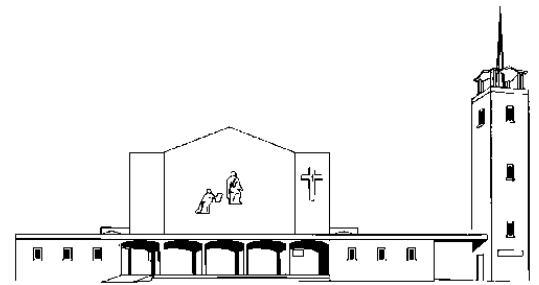
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Year C

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH JULY 2022

Gospel: *Luke 10: 38-42*

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

Do you worry and fret about many things? If so, then Jesus has something to say to you. He wants you not to get 'distracted' with preoccupations but consciously spend time with him. Mary sat at his feet, listening to him. Your blood is beginning to boil since your sympathies are more with Martha than Mary. Someone has



got to do the work... 'all the serving' you say! Anyone who has read Jesus' words knows that he calls us into active service. When he sent the disciples out into the world it wasn't just to baptise but to teach the baptised to practice what he had commanded. Jesus expects us to be activists as well as contemplatives, so why was Martha's activism suspect? Again, why was the hospitality offered by Abraham so welcome, but the hospitality in the house of Bethany on this occasion seemingly less so considering that Jesus responded favourably to open hospitality and table fellowship. We may even have some sympathy for Martha given that Abraham had plenty of help while she was operating on her own. So, what's up? Jesus certainly wasn't rejecting her hospitality but he says that she has got distracted. The word literally means dragged away. She was dragged away by the very things that had become her preoccupation. Martha was so wound up in her concern to entertain that she had forgotten why and whom she was entertaining. If we are to entertain Jesus in our lives then our focus should be on him. Seek and welcome his presence, so that he becomes the centre of our serving. There can be no limit to our serving but why are we serving and whom are we serving? Is our service orientated towards Christ or towards ourselves? Martha was concerned about what she was doing and saying. Are you not concerned that my sister is not helping *me*? Jesus wants us to be concerned about what he is saying and doing. Are we spending quality time with him, listening to him and learning from him, or are we shut away in our own worlds? Obedience has to graduate from the faculties of listening and adoration.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Noella Bristow and Santino Russo who will be baptised this weekend.

MARIA GAITERI of Lord Street died recently aged 88. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 26th July at 12.30pm** with Don Antonio.

MAUREEN FALLON of Boleyn Court died recently aged 77. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 3rd August at 11am**.

May they rest in peace.

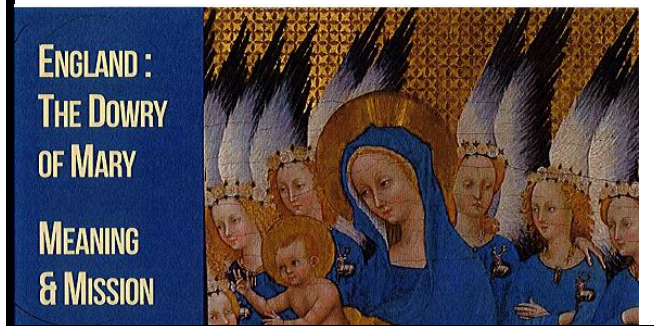
MASS on Tuesday will be at 9.30am at St Cross School. There will therefore **be no 9.15am Mass** in church. All are welcome to attend at school.

EXPOSITION will not take place on Thursday evening.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are currently some spare *weekday* dates for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick or for special intentions such as thanksgiving. An intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

'**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS**' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church, if you wish to complete one. Please hand the completed copy into the presbytery.

TALK ON WALSINGHAM: Edmund Matyjeszek will be giving a talk on Walsingham in our church on **19th July at 7pm**. All are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.



WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 24th September**. We will take a coach and more details to follow in due course.

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 **this Sunday**. 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.

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
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 Marie Gaiteri, Michael Whyton, Pauline Fell and Maureen Fallon and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonio Martucci, Patricia Grant, Pamela Newell, Nicola Barone, Maria DiMaggio, David Green, Peter Zwager & Theresa Pomeroy. *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 26th July** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

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

WALKERS/TROLLEYS: I have been donated two walkers and two shopping trolleys, all in very good condition. Two have got seats. If anyone would like one or more of these for a donation to Ukraine, then please contact me Margaret Byrne on 01992 443351.

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 PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Cheshunt will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **Wednesday 28th September** with a special Mass said by Bishop Paul followed by a picnic lunch. Past and present pupils, families and friends of the school would be most welcome to join the celebrations. For more info please contact the school office: 01992 635060 admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk.

DAY TRIP TO WINDSOR: The Broxbourne Catenians are organising a day trip to Windsor on **Saturday 20th August**. Coach pick up at 9.00 am from The Spotlight car park and leaving Windsor car park at 5 pm. Cost is £42 per person which includes a boat trip with Ploughman's lunch passing Windsor Castle and Eton College etc. There are still a few seats on the coach. Please email stevebritto@yahoo.com

COST OF LIVING: If you are struggling with the cost of living, the diocese have a page full of useful tips on financial resilience which can be found as a link on this page:

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/financial-resilience.php>

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/dioocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Sophie Lenguito & Alex Thompson. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Patron of Europe 23rd July

Birgitta Birgersdotter
(1303 - 23 July 1373) of Sweden was a mystic and saint. She founded the



Bridgettine Order after the death of her husband of twenty years. Saint Bridget prayed for a long time to know how many blows Jesus Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. Rewarding her patience, one day He appeared to her and said: "I received 5480 blows upon My Body." In 1999 Pope John Paul II named St Bridget as one of the patron saints of Europe. Her feast day is celebrated on 23rd July, the date of her death.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	Page 111 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10 <i>Lord, do not pass your servant by.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 14 — <i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i>
Sun 17th July 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Ian Hunter RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Nicola & Margherita Barone RIP</i>	2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28 <i>A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.</i>
Mon 18th July 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Luciano & Rosalia DiLena RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 19th July 8.30am Exposition 9.30am Mass at St Cross School <i>Yr 6 Children St Cross</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42 <i>Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.</i>
Wed 20th July St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Whyton RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14 Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13
Thurs 21st July St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Casey & Delaney Family intentions</i> NO 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 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private intention</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Emma Piralì RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 24th July 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Margery Davies RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 19th 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.*