

- *The Announcer*

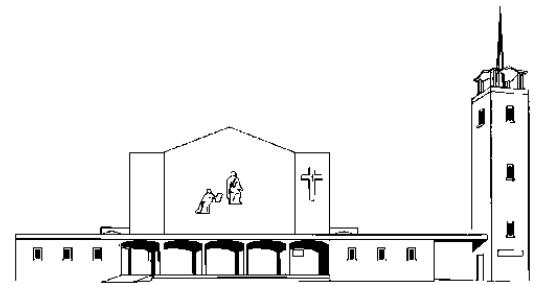
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Year C

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH JULY 2022

Gospel: *Luke 11: 1-13*

Ask, and it will be given to you.

The mercy of God is most clearly seen through the saving work of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament mercy was offered primarily, though not exclusively, through the sacrificial system, but now in Jesus Christ, God provides the one eternal sacrifice who willingly takes on himself the punishment for sin that would otherwise fall on us. It wasn't that God was punishing Jesus for something that he had done, but that out of his love for his Father and for us, Jesus of his own free will underwent the punishment for us. This is why in his human nature Jesus had to learn his Father's will and why he faced such a battle in Gethsemane. The judgement which should have fallen on us, falls instead on him. This being so, why does Jesus talk so often of a Judgement Day and the consequences of rejecting God? Jesus emphasises more than any Old Testament figure, the reality of God's wrath and the hell that awaits the unrepentant sinner. St James proclaims that mercy triumphs over judgement, but that doesn't sidestep judgment, for as the apostle goes on to say, judgement will show no mercy to those who show no mercy. The question posed by Abraham today is what mercy is there in the face of judgement? God replies that the just will not suffer in the same way as the unjust. So where does that leave the many people who die as a result of what are called acts of God? Jesus tells us that God knows when his creatures die, so is God not implicated in the disasters of the world? While it may satisfy insurance companies to call natural disasters acts of God, science tells us that they are very often acts of man. Take for example the effects of climate change. Is it not the greed of humanity which has caused the climatic and ecological equilibrium of the planet which poses such a threat to our existence? Is it not our greed which condemns so many people in our world to poverty and disease? Judgement falls and the vehicle for that judgement is very often the effects of our sin upon the environment. Yet the natural disasters which befall humanity often fall indiscriminately. Environmental degradation hits the poorest, and can we say that the just escape earthquakes, tsunamis and typhoons? When Lisbon was destroyed on All Saints Day in 1755 by three earthquakes many people died because they were in church. At best we can say that such disasters draw us closer to God and to remind us that the destruction of the body is as nothing compared to the destruction of the soul. Perhaps the issue at Sodom was not whether God could have averted the disaster but whether its inhabitants could have. We might say that its destruction was an act of God both because God willed it but also because the creative processes of a sulphuric explosion executed its natural judgement. God acts also to restore a broken world. Are not corporeal acts of mercy in the face of disaster acts of God? Catholic tradition recognises also spiritual acts of mercy, and the first of these is to admonish the sinner. The Divine Mercy offered through Jesus Christ alone averts a second judgement and a second death. On Judgement Day, our Lord says that Capernaum will fare worse than Sodom, because Capernaum had had more opportunity to repent. How will Hoddesdon fare? Ask and it will be given to you.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

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.

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.

WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

**Saturday 24th
September:**

We have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with

Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Mary Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'. For our troubled world in a year of turmoil, confusion, and the continued war in Ukraine, we bring our prayers and intentions to Our Lady of Walsingham. The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. We have a 49-seater coach, with a toilet. To book a place on the coach, fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and give it in with the £28 (£23 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery.



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, 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.

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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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/bishopstortford>

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 Erlinda Cabrera-Velasco, Marie Gaiteri and Maureen Fallon and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonina Schembri, Rosaria Papa, Ida D'Onofrio, Leonarda Chiazza, Ellen Reid, Vincenzo DiMaggio, Silvestro Filocco, Susannah Fitzpatrick, Margaret Johns, Silvia Cracchiolo & Enzo Alio. *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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD writes - In East Africa (Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan) up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival in areas affected by a world food crisis, worse than any we've lived through! Remote communities have been learning to cope with the impacts of climate change for years, but collapsing supply chains, on top of FOUR consecutive years of unbearable drought, have put everything they've worked for at risk. The scale of this global crisis is immense. Please keep people affected in your prayers!

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/ser-ving-as-a-governor.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL currently have places in Nursery, year 4 & 5 classes from September. If you are interested, please contact the school on 463549 or email admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk.

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 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.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will finish on Tuesday 26th July and will resume again on **Tuesday 6th September**.

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.

PEACE COTTAGE community hub are holding a Summer Open Day on **Saturday 13th August** from 12-4pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Lord Street. You can join in with the Active Herts Wellbeing Walk from 10am (meet at clocktower) & finish at the Peace Cottage. For more info email peacecottagehub@gmail.com

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

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM
ON 24TH SEPTEMBER**

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £28.

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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Emma Piralì RIP</i>	Page 114 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32 <i>I trusty my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i>	Ps 137 — On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.
Sun 24th July 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Margery Davies RIP</i>	2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14 <i>He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.</i>
Mon 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 26th July SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Ian Hunter RIP</i> 12.30pm Funeral <i>Maria Gaïteri RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you. NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
Wed 27th July 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Whyton RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21
Thurs 28th July 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Terry & Angela McIntyre RIP</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 29th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Fergal Lawlor RIP anniv</i> 7pm Exposition	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 30th July St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Maria Cocchi Beschizza RIP</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.
Sun 31st July 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Stanley & Isabella Abrahams RIP</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 26th 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 26th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery

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.*