

- The Announcer

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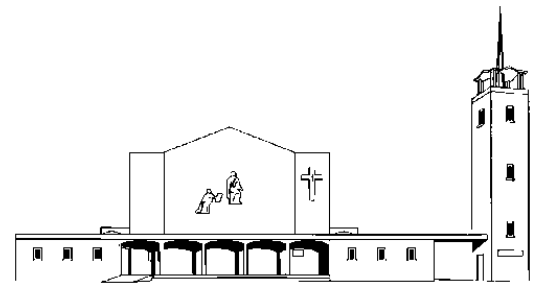
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Year C THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 14TH AUG 2022

Gospel: *Luke 1: 39-56*

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

Today's epistle reading is from the Apocalypse, the last book of the bible. The Ark of the Covenant was synonymous with God's presence. Its loss must have been a terrible blow to the Jewish people. It was as if God had deserted them. Imagine then St John's surprise as he sees the sanctuary of heaven opened and the ark of the covenant within. On earth the ark may have been lost, but in heaven it was always present, revealing God's eternal desire to live with his people. What is even more remarkable was that St John sees that God has prepared a new ark for his presence on earth. Immediately after the vision of the heavenly ark, St John sees 'a great sign.... in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth'. This passage is an embarrassment to those who wish to deny Mary a role in the heavenly economy. They say that this is not a reference to her but a reference to the Church of the Old and New. The allusion to both of these is not excluded ...the twelve stars can represent either the twelve sons of Jacob or the twelve apostles.....but the evidence that this is Mary is irrefutable. Holy scripture is the best interpreter of scripture, and each biblical book best interprets itself. So how does the Apocalypse interpret itself? We are told that the child, to whom the woman is giving birth, will 'rule all nations with an iron sceptre'. In chapter 19 this is exactly the same description of Jesus, the Word of God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who will rule the nations with 'an iron sceptre'. Further, to rule the nations with an iron sceptre is actually one of the messianic prophecies of psalm 2. It is the ark of Mary that God's presence overshadows. The covenantal implications of this are profound if we remember that the ark symbolised God's covenantal relationship with his people. Mary becomes synonymous with people of God, a theme later up in the same passage where Satan wages war against the rest of her children. Other allusions to Mary as the Ark will be found in St Luke's gospel in his accounts of the Annunciation and Visitation, the second of which is our gospel reading today. Thus, already in the early church, and its writings, we have the foundations for the veneration of Mary and the doctrines about her. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The Apocalypse shows that Mary is uniquely positioned within the divine economy even before the birth of Christ. It is inconceivable that this was not the case after her earthly life came to an end. The Transfiguration shows that Moses and Elijah are alive, having been assumed into heaven after the end of their mortal lives...the one after physical death, the other without it. How much more one who is far greater in God's purposes and uniquely clothed with universal and stellar implications. Assumed into heaven, she awaits the assumption of all her children.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

Oluwadarasimi Talabi and Leonardo Ahmet who will be baptised this weekend.

GODWIN CASTALDI of Woodstock Road, Broxbourne died recently aged 92. His Requiem will be on **Friday 26th August at 12 noon.**

LENNY ARGENT, a former parishioner, will have his Requiem Mass at St Michael's Parish, Worthing on the **17th August at 11am.** You can watch the live stream at www.stmichaels-worthing.org.uk & this can be viewed upto a week after. *May they rest in peace.*

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making a Mission Appeal **next weekend.**

JUBILEE MASS: The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23rd October, 11.15am Mass,** to celebrate our 60th-anniversary of the church. Please do put the date in your diary.

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. **There are now only 22 spaces left on the coach.** 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.



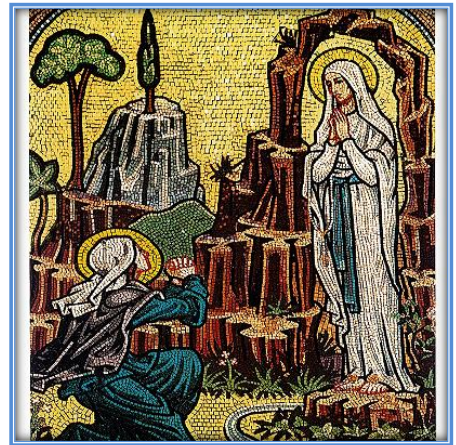
ALTAR SERVERS: As well as the yr-6 Secondary school age servers who do a great job each and every week serving, we also need some

Yr 3, 4 or 5 children to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming year. Please contact the presbytery if you are interested.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 26th-Sun 28th August,** (our Patronal Feast Day). The sign-up sheets to offer to pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are now on the blue boards at the back of church. **Please do sign your name for a half hour slot.**

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL will be

from **Sat 3rd Sept at 1pm - Monday 5th Sept at 6am.** There is no need to book and visitors are invited to go at a time suitable for them & join the queue on the Piazza



for entry via the West Doors. Please note that at peak times, especially before or after liturgies, there will be long queues. [The Cathedral website](http://TheCathedralwebsite) will provide the most up-to-date information for all those planning to visit+ during the weekend. The relics will also go on tour around England and details of the itinerary can be found at stbernadette.org.uk/prayers. (They will be visiting St Joseph's at Stevenage on the 17th October).

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:

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| Account Name: | WRCDT Hoddesdon |
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CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: There is a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the LEFT-HAND exit door from church as you leave Mass.

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 Godwin Castaldi, Brenda Gosling & Lenny Argent and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Franco Martorana, Francesco Ferraro, Joanne Perkins, Patricia Gudgin, Eva Mariotti, Mary Reidy, Mary McNaughton, Danielle Fitzpatrick, Liam Fitzpatrick, Owen Gould, Pasqualina DiChaira and Thomas Casey. *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 23rd August** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 3rd September 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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022/2023:

application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. This is on the assumption that you regularly attend weekly Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together



with a photo of the candidate. More information about the programme will follow in due course.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK is in urgent need of tins of meat, fruit, vegetables, fish, rice pudding & custard. Please note they have plenty of bakes beans & dried pasta. Please leave your donation in the box at the back of church.

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.



CHURCH CLEANERS are urgently needed to join the Wednesday morning cleaning team, as there are now only 2 members! If you can help clean for just 1 hour per month, please contact the presbytery.

SUNDAY COFFEE is still being served in the crypt during August. Please do pop down to the crypt for a coffee and a chat.

LOST PROPERTY: Some devotional jewellery has been handed in. Please contact the presbytery for more information.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Alex Thompson. 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 |
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| Sat 13th August Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Padraic Wyndham RIP anniv</i> | Page 188 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 <i>A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.</i> |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i> | Ps 44 — On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold. |
| Sun 14th August ASSUMPTION OF THE B VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass <i>Decd members of Byrne & Stickland Families</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Laura & Mary Carroll RIP</i> | 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 <i>Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.</i> |
| Mon 15th August 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Tony Casey RIP 1st anniv</i> 7pm Exposition | Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!</i> |
| Tues 16th August St Stephen of Hungary 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 7pm Exposition | Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56 <i>The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.</i> |
| Wed 17th August 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition | <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30 |
| Thurs 18th August 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Terry Cahill RIP</i> NO Exposition | <p style="text-align: center;">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> |
| Fri 19th Aug St John Eudes, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Mary Garry's intentions</i> 7pm Exposition | <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <i>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</i> |
| Sat 20th August St Bernard, Abbot & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Angelo Venturini RIP</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <i>Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</i> |
| 4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <i>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</i> |
| Sun 21st Aug 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Enzo Genuardi RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p> |
| * Vigil Mass of Sunday | |
| REGULAR EVENTS | |

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.*