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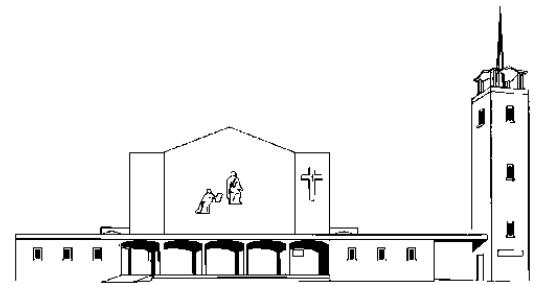
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Year C

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST AUGUST 2022

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

If we think of a company then the Church is the greatest of all, and literally so, for the word company means those who break bread (com-pane) together, exactly the phrase which is used of the early Christians. The difference of course is that the company of the Church exists to glorify God not to self-perpetuate ourselves by whatever dubious means. The Church doesn't just benefit its share-holders. We, the shareholders are the Church. We don't just have a stake in it or share in the comp any of the Church, as one might have shares in a company. In fact, the company of the Church has no life without its shareholders. There is no Church without its people. All form one body, and not one is inessential. If one is diminished all are diminished. If one is magnified, all are magnified. Many companies are multinational, but the Church



is the greatest multinational of all. It is also thoroughly multi-racial and multi-lingual. In the Apocalypse, St John hears the praise of Jesus because he has '*purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation*'. Later he sees a '*great multitude in white robes, that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe*'. With whom do we populate our vision of heaven? People only like ourselves...the same colour, race, language, gender? Might we have an identity problem? We sometimes have. On occasions Christians have been so racially or nationally prejudiced as to contradict the very mission that we have been entrusted with. When I have visited business schools I have always been struck by how the world of commerce has highjacked the mission language of the Church. All have their mission statements. What is ours? The Church's mission statement is the same as it has always been to go out into the whole world to baptise people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to teach them what Jesus has commanded. That mission is universal, and its authentic proclamation and reception breaks down all human walls of self-defence and stereo-typing. God so loved the whole kosmos... (not just those like us)... that he sent His only begotten Son. This is reinforced today by the voice of the prophet Isaiah: the Lord says this: '*I am coming to gather the nations of every language*'. Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, has inaugurated the ingathering of the nations. Racial, linguistic, national barriers fall as they give way to pentecostal grace. Our mission isn't just to the city but as apostolic decrees proclaim...*urbi et orbi. To the city and to the whole world!* In our gospel reading today, Jesus says that people '*from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places in the feast in the kingdom of God*'. For some today our society is uncomfortably multi-ethnic and multi-racial. That society is not to be equated with the kingdom of God and its values often run counter to the gospel, yet in its ethnic and racial diversity it presents something of what the kingdom of God will eventually look, more so than anything which has gone before.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

MISSION APPEAL: Fr Damian Moneke from The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making a Mission Appeal **this weekend**. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make it payable to The Spiritans. You can also make a bank transfer to sort code 01-03-46 acc no. 83279806.

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

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 13 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).

'**THE JOURNEY WE SHARE**' are the autumn faith-sharing booklets from the diocese. This new resource will explore over 5 sessions some of the emerging themes of our recent Synodal Pathway. If you would like a booklet for £3, please contact the presbytery by the **9th September**, so an order can be made.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michel & Jacky Jordan who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday.

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

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 and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Chris Ambury, Maria Cannatella, Giovanni D'Ambrosio, Carolina Cuffaro, Maria Insalaco, Vincenzo Genuardi, Orsola Scibelli, Girolamo Re, Stanley Abrahams, Antonietta Randazzo and Gaetana Conti. *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 20th September** 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

BROXBORNE 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

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: 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 20th August St Bernard, Abbot & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Angelo Venturini RIP	Page 127 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21 <i>They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* For the Parish	Ps 116 — Go out to the whole world proclaim the Good News.
Sun 21st August 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Enzo Genuardi RIP 11.15am Mass Orsola Scibelli RIP	2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 <i>The Lord trains the one that he loves.</i>
Mon 22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed V Mary 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass John Hanley Birthday Mass 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 23rd August St Rose of Lima, Virgin 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Caroline Delaney's intentions 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30 <i>Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.</i>
Wed 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Margery Davies RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ST AUGUSTINE – PARISH PATRON SAINT (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-10, 15-16 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 8-12 Gospel: Matthew 23: 8-12
Thurs 25th August St Louis 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass David Turpin RIP NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Fri 26th Aug Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Godwin Castaldi RIP 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 27th August St Monica 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Gianni Galelli RIP	<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 Bill Pollard RIP	<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 28th Aug ST AUGUSTINE – PARISH PATRON SAINT 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Wilfried Maciel & Stanley Almeida RIP	<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.*