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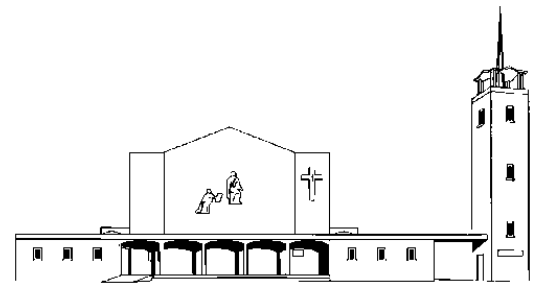
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7TH AUGUST 2022

Gospel: *Luke 12: 32-48*

You too must stand ready.

When I was a child I loved astronomy, and I have never lost the fascination of looking up at the night sky. The James Webb Telescope has revealed things to us previously unseen to the naked eye. Perhaps what is even more remarkable is that we are gazing at things, which though seemingly present to us, are actually in the past. What we see is many light years away, the light having travelled many millions or



billions of years to reach us, so we are seeing galaxies as they were millions or billions of years ago. Abraham was told that his descendants would be like the stars of heaven. Abraham of course didn't have a telescope to look into the night sky, but he did have faith. Faith is a bit like a telescope in that it enables us to make claims about the present and the future on the basis of past truth. Abraham looked back to the promises made by God to him and through faith trusted in those promises and the God who had made them. Faith has this dual purpose of looking forward but always from the springboard of what has been. It is never blind but always enlightened. God has spoken. The light has pierced the darkness. This is why the Letter to the Hebrews talks at length about the characters of the past who through faith were able to look forward to the fulfilment of God's promises made to their ancestors and to 'see' by faith the realisation of the ancient prophecies in the revealing of the Messiah and God's kingdom. Today's epistle from Hebrews says, '*only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen*'. We don't normally think of faith as the guarantor of blessing or the proof of reality, but we might understand how, if we liken our faith to the James Webb telescope. The scope is universal. The picture glorious. The revelation unmistakable. We don't necessarily understand all that we see. We may stare in wonder. There are more amazing things to be uncovered, but the telescope does not lie. It reveals by light the truth of the past working in the present so that we can with confidence by faith have assurance for the future. The guarantee of the blessings that we hope for, and the proof of the realities that at present remain unseen..... What blessings are you hoping for, and what unseen realities would you like proof of? We should learn from our father Abraham. The realisation of those blessings and of those realities always comes when we and they are grounded in faith in the Light of the World.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alexio Kitipos, Ariella Debra and Constantin Nicola 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.**

May he rest in peace.

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making a Mission Appeal on the **20th/21st August.**

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 still 36 spaces 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.



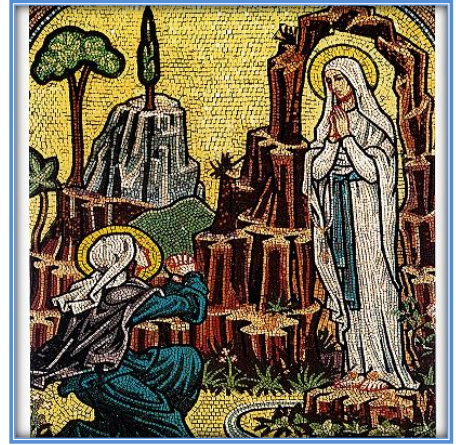
ALTAR SERVERS: As well as the yr-6 Secondary school age servers who do a great job each and every week serving, we also need some Yr 3, 4 or 5 children to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming year. Please contact the presbytery if you are interested.

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](#) 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:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
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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 Erlinda Cabrera-Velasco, Godwin Castaldi, Brenda Gosling and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Sr Maria, William McGettigan, Ellen Pearson, Giuseppe Di Stefano, Gerald Cookson, Giuseppina Vaccaro, Connie King, Antonino Cicchirillo, Lindsey Redshaw, Giuseppe Re, Margaret O'Sullivan & John Kelly. *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 9th 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. Thank you.

CAFOD: Thank you if you signed CAFOD's petition to urge Boris Johnson to work with world leaders at the G7 summit towards the world being fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Even now, only one-in-five people in low-income countries has received a single Covid

vaccine, despite Boris Johnson calling before last year's G7 summit for leaders to commit to a goal for the world to be fully vaccinated by the end of 2022.

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 August is no. 129, Carmelina Ferraro. Congratulations!

DAY TRIP TO WINDSOR: The Catenians are organising a day trip to Windsor on **Saturday 20th August**. Pick up at 9.00 am from The Spotlight car park. Cost is £42 pp. Please email stevebritto@yahoo.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: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you for your help.

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<p align="center">PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 24TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Contact no.:</p> <p>Email address.....</p> <p>Next-of-kin name & contact number:</p> <p>Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £28.</p> <p align="center">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.</p>

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Annamaria & Massimiliano Venturini RIP</i>	Page 121 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9 <i>By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Helen Lonergan RIP</i>	Ps 32 — Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Sun 7th August 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Wendy Thurlow RIP</i>	2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 <i>Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.</i>
Mon 8th August St Dominic, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Margery Davies RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 9th August ST TERESA, BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen Fallon RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48 <i>You too must stand ready.</i>
Wed 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Eddie Ogbodu's intentions followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
Thurs 11th August St Clare, Virgin 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Eileen Carr 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 12th Aug St Jane Frances de Chantal (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 13th August Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Padraic Wyndham RIP anniv</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>For the Parish</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 14th Aug THE 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>	<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.*