

- *The Announcer*

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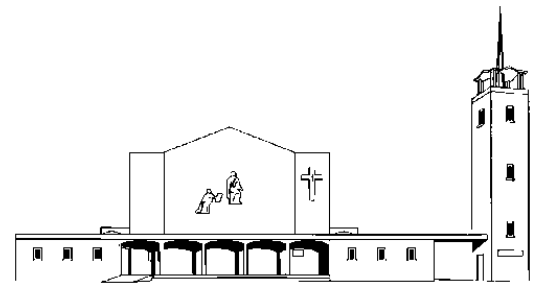
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Year C

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND OCTOBER 2022

Gospel: *Luke 17: 5-10*

If only you had faith!

We cannot have failed to notice that the already unsure economic climate has got a lot more variable, overcast and even tempestuous as a result of the recent governmental budget. Some of the changes have hit the poorer sections of society adversely. Does this have any bearing upon our faith? The prophets leave us in no doubt that it does. The socio-economic and political landscape in which we exercise our faith is not irrelevant to our faith. We don't live in a personal vacuum or a holy bubble and faith always has a social dimension as it works



itself out in relationship to those around us and the condition in which live. Faith is a work out, and its outworking doesn't take place in the gym of self-gratification but in the market place of life. It is very easy for the Christians to lapse into the heresy of thinking that God is concerned only about what we call the sacred and not about the secular. Did God not make the whole kosmos, into which he sent his Son for its redemption? Are not all things...yes, all things... made through Him, for Him and in Him? Is the shepherd just concerned about the flock or not also about the sheep outside the pen? Ever since Mary gave her fiat leading to the birth of the Saviour, the kingdom of God has been breaking through into the world of frail flesh and secular affairs. At the same time the Spirit has been drawing the Church to immerse itself more deeply in that world, from which it is not separate but set apart. We are saved not only from our sins but also for a purpose...the glory of God in whatever walk of life we undertake. Our worship is reserved not just for the holy place but to be expressed at all times and in all places. Here the word liturgy helps. It has come to mean simply the ritual worship of the Church. Understanding its roots gives us a richer understanding of what worship is all about, a worship that is fully fleshed out in our lives. The original word leitourgia stems from two Greek words...litos ergos..which means 'work for the people'. It was the word which was used in ancient Greece to describe the public service which the richer sort had to expend on behalf of others if they were to exercise the benefits of their position. It was like an unofficial tax for the commonweal. Applying this to the more modern understanding of liturgy, thus true worship is always for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. The holy mass of Jesus Christ is offered for the sins of the whole world, just as Jesus died beyond the camp, for the unrighteous as well as the righteous, the holy as well as the unholy. From the mass we are sent out into the world to continue to offer our lives and work as an acceptable sacrifice of worship to God. True liturgy is not just about what we offer in four walls but in the public arena. From the vantage point of faith all ground is sacred, and all economics, and indeed governmental policy, open to the scrutiny of divine leitourgia. Fr Julian Davies

PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSARY: As October is the month of the holy rosary, there will be a decade of the rosary recited before each Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer to lead this, please contact the presbytery.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on **Friday 7th October at 7pm** and will be followed by Exposition at 8pm.

PAULINE CALLANAN of Tunfield Road died recently, aged 81. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 5th October at 12 noon**. *May she rest in peace.*

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby will be resuming the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to join the choir, Gabby will be playing this **weekend, 16th, & 30th October**. 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.

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

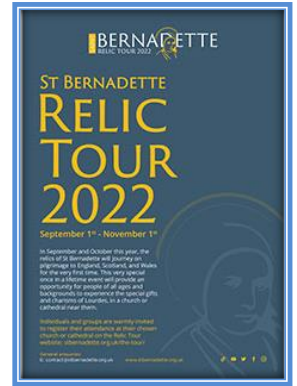
***** JUBILEE MASS *****

The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23rd October, 11.15am Mass**, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the church.

LISTS IN THE PORCH DETAIL HELP NEEDED:

- 1. Altar servers** will be needed for the 11.15 Mass: please sign your name on the list at the back of church, on the blue board.
- 2. After the Mass there will be a shared meal in the crypt.** If you can bring either a savoury or sweet dish, please also sign the lists.
- 3. We will need volunteers** to help on the day with refreshments and if you can help, please also sign the lists. Thank you.

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR will be at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ on **Monday 17th October**. The Church will open 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6.00 to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. For the full programme please visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>



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 Pauline Callanan and

Pasquala Orlandi and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nora Campkin, Lilian O'Sullivan, Desiree Ponambalum, Salvatore Scaffidi, Roland Schyr, Kathleen Jones, Carmela Scaffidi, Bill Askew, Adua Nolan, Richard Pyper & Michael Ward. *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 4th October** at 7.30pm in 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. **Please return the form to the presbytery by the 23rd October.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next Baptism course will be held on **Saturday 8th October 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST DAY is on **Friday 7th October** and the Fast-Day envelopes are attached to **this weekend's** newsletter and then collected on the 8th/9th October. Millions of

families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.



SCHOOLS & UNDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S QUIZ NIGHT

will be held in the crypt to raise funds for the Under 5's on **Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm for 8pm** start. £5 per head. Please contact the Under 5s on 460614 to book your table. Please bring your own drink & nibbles with you.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

WARM COATS: B3 Living are collecting warm coats to help people in the winter. These need to be in good condition and clean. The coats can be taken to reception at B3 Living, opposite Morrisons in Hoddesdon, FAO Helen Wright.

MISS ZULU will be celebrating her 90th birthday on **Wednesday 12th October**. Mass on that day will be offered for her intentions and this will be followed by a tea party in



the crypt. All are welcome to come and for catering purposes, please do contact the presbytery to confirm your attendance.

CELEBRATE IAN HUNTER'S LIFE: You are invited to an afternoon of memories and song to celebrate the fabulously kind man that was Ian Hunter. It will be on **Sat 22nd Oct from 4-7pm** at Wadesmill Suite, Wodson Park Sports & Leisure Centre, Ware. Refreshments will be available. For catering purposes, please contact Gabby Hanley at dayodrums@gmail.com.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 7th October** 7.30pm in the church crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Welcome to bring your own refreshments, nibbles and brains! Please contact Luisa on 07968 332274 to reserve a table. It would be great to see many of you there to support a local charity.

CHURCH CLEANERS are urgently needed to join the Wednesday morning cleaning team. **One volunteer has come forward, but we do still need one more person** as there are only 3 on the team. If you can help clean for just 1 hour per month, please contact the presbytery.

SUNDAY COFFEE is being served in the crypt, after the 9.15am Mass. **This weekend** there will be bacon & sausage sandwiches served.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Val. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 1st Oct St Thèrèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Saint Rita</p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 2nd Oct 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Richard Pyper RIP 11.15am Mass Francesco & Francesca Pizzo RIP</p>	<p>Page 146 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2:2-4 <i>The upright man will live by his faithfulness.</i></p> <p>Ps 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 <i>Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.</i></p>
<p>Mon 3rd October 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Bill Askew RIP 7pm Exposition</p>	<p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10 <i>If only you had faith!</i></p>
<p>Tues 4th October St Francis of Assisi 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass with St Augustine's School Nora Campkin RIP 7pm Exposition</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p>
<p>Wed 5th October St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Tony Clayton RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 12 noon Funeral Pauline Callanan RIP 7pm Exposition</p>	<p>1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19</p>
<p>Thurs 6th October St Bruno Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Thomas Murphy RIP NO Exposition</p>	<p>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>
<p>Fri 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Lampard Family intentions 7pm Mass Madeleine Ruocco RIP 8pm Exposition</p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 8th Oct Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Unity of the church</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 9th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Maureen O'Neill RIP anniv 11.15am Mass Filippo Adamo RIP</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 4th 1 pm lunch crypt, crypt	Wed 5th 6pm Brownies, 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.*