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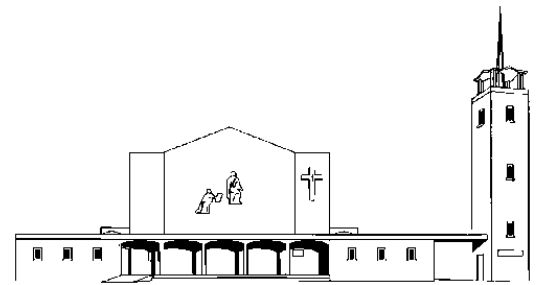
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

Gospel: *Luke 15: 1-10*

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

8<sup>th</sup> September may mark various events in the lives of various people in the world. In the Catholic church, it is the memorial of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. However, for the millions of Catholics, non-Catholics, people of other faiths and none across the globe, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 will be memorable for many years to come because on this day, Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning monarch of Great Britain and Head of the Commonwealth breathed her last. The mood of the nation is overwhelmingly sombre while the outpouring of affection and expression of condolences from the four corners of the world can only be construed as a reflection of the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman. In many ways Her Majesty wrote a stellar piece by her life and in death, our mourning and sense of loss merely retell the story. As we condole with the royal family for their loss and wish King Charles III, to whom the baton of leadership and rule has been seamlessly handed over in this most ancient institution, every grace and blessing for a successful reign, we must not fail to seize the opportunity to reflect on our own lives as individuals and a society.



Our Gospel reading for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 15: 1-32) offers us a splendid occasion for such a reflection. The scenario: Jesus telling a set of three parables of the lost-but-found to publicans and sinners who had come to listen to him in the full glare of the auditorium of the judging Pharisees and Scribes. The first and rather poignant truth of all three parables (of the lost coin, lost sheep and so-called prodigal son) is that God cares for all, especially the lost, those who feel they have failed and those who have fallen



short of the standards. The point is not that God condones with sin or moral waywardness as it is that He loves us despite our failures and will do everything to save us. All we have to do is to cooperate with His grace. The second is how God deals lovingly with apparent justified-anger. He doesn't dismiss the concerns of even the self-righteous but, addresses them in order to fix the dysfunctions of sin and scapegoatism within the human family. A good life, lived in imitation of God is one which seeks to both overcome sin and avoids pointing the accusing finger. This is the mirror of self-reflection that God offers us all today.  
Fr Michael Quaioco.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Blossom and Bear Best-Joyce who will be baptised this weekend.

**EXPOSITION:** There will be no evening Exposition next week.

**LUIGI MASUCCI** of Highbury Avenue died recently aged 86. His Requiem will be on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** with Don Antonio.

**GIUSEPPA CUFFARO** of Rodney Crescent, died recently aged 91. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11am** with Don Antonio. *May they rest in peace.*

**JUBILEE MASS:** The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23rd October, 11.15am Mass**, to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup>-anniversary of the church. There will be a shared meal with refreshments in the crypt afterwards. Please do put the date in your diary.

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** The



coach to Walsingham is now fully booked. The coach will leave the church at 8am to arrive in time for

the 12 noon Mass. Please do bring a picnic lunch, suitable clothing and items for all weathers (eg umbrella, sun-cream etc) as well as water to drink. Sensible shoes are also recommended. Please note there will be two collections during the day. One during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of the Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the cost of the day. We will be leaving Walsingham about 4.30pm.

**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.

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS:** The Cardinal has addressed the cost of Living Crisis in a letter to the new Prime Minister which you can read at <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-congratulates-new-prime-minister-and-addresses-cost-of-living-crisis/> The Bishops' Conference Dept for Social Justice has also released a briefing paper on the Cost of Living Crisis which you can read at <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/briefing-cost-of-living-crisis/>

## 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

**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 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Agnes Manning, Franco Cirino, Giuseppa

Cuffaro and Luigi Masucci and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Millie Corbet, Jean Weaver, Francis Jones, Concetta Morreale, Bernardo D'Agosta, Philip Scully, Mary Starling, Antonio Cerrar, Alfonso Gibilaro, Vincenzo Tuzzeo & John Fallon. *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 20<sup>th</sup> September** 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.



### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD:** Right now, over 20 million people in East Africa are facing a food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through. CAFOD writer Jack Ellinas will share stories of communities he recently met in northern Kenya on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 2.30pm** at the Parish Centre at Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Please Contact Tony at [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk) to book a place.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,** Broxbourne are holding a "Plastic Free" Brunch on **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 10.30am. There will be a short talk on Turning the Tide on plastics for Broxbourne council. All welcome. Please contact Judith Hyde at [hydehaven@ntlworld.com](mailto:hydehaven@ntlworld.com).

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** are having their Open Evening on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept from 6-8.30pm**. The Open Evening is a ticketed event so please log onto [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) to book your ticket.

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Cheshunt will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** with a special Mass said by Bishop Paul followed by a picnic lunch. Past and present pupils, families and friends of the school are welcome. Please contact the school office: [01992 63560](tel:0199263560) [admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk).

### 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.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**200 CLUB WINNER** for September is no. 173, Maria Hunt. Congratulations!

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** are looking for new members to sing 'Messiah' on **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Rehearsals begin on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.25pm at Riverside Hall in Priory St, Ware. For further info contact [gillwoollgar@hotmail.com](mailto:gillwoollgar@hotmail.com)

**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.** 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. Please do pop down for a coffee and a chat.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Alex Thomson. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 10th September Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Angelo Venturini RIP</b>	<b>Page 136 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 <i>The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>For the Parish</b>	<b>Ps 50 — I will leave this place and go to my father.</b>
<b>Sun 11th September 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Stanley &amp; Isabella Abrahams RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>Linda &amp; Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 <i>Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.</i>
<b>Mon 12th September The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Private Intention</b> NO Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 13th September St John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Margery Davies RIP</b> NO Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 15: 1-10 There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.
<b>Wed 14th Sept THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass with St Cross School <b>John Fallon RIP followed by coffee in the crypt</b> <b>2pm Funeral Luigi Masucci RIP</b> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>(YEAR C)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Amos 8: 4-7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 16: 1-13
<b>Thurs 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>The sick of the Parish</b> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Fri 16th September Ss Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Tony and Justin Ogbodu's intentions</b> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 17th September St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Luigi Corsini RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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 <b>Patrick Malone RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<b>Sun 18th September 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <b>John Fallon RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm lunch crypt, crypt	<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b> 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.*