

- The Announcer

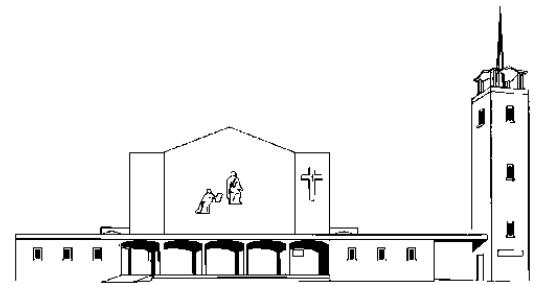
St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

Tel: 01992-440986

Fax: 01992-440244

Web-site: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon>



E-mail: hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk

FaceBook: "CatholicHoddesdon"

Parish Priest: Fr Julian Davies

Secretary: Dawn Bates (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am-3pm)

Also in residence: Fr Mathews Valiyaputhenpura Joy (National chaplain to Knanaya community)

Safeguarding parish rep: Rhian Hanson – hoddesdonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Italian safeguarding rep: Rossetta Tona – italianmissionsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Year C

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

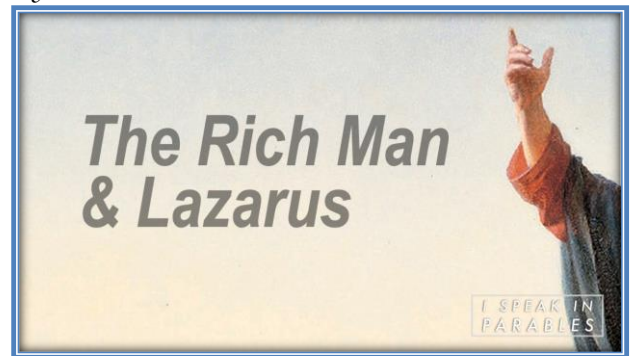
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life'. These words of our late beloved Queen invite us to reflect upon the direction of our lives and the contemplation of things eternal... what ultimately matters in the midst of this transitory life. Jesus leaves us in no doubt that our response to his teaching determines our journey in this life and its destination in the next. If we want to put together a tapestry about what we call the

four last things....death, judgement, heaven and hell....we need to go to his words. Although it is not its main point, the parable of the rich man (Dives) and Lazarus, tells us something of the landscape of what happens after death. We don't know whether anyone kindly saw to the corporeal act of mercy of burying the body of the poor man but we are told that the rich man was buried. What is buried of course is only what is mortal. I smiled when I came across a gravestone saying, 'Here rests all that is mortal' of the deceased. Our souls leave the body at death and go to place of holding, awaiting final judgment. We find that both the rich man and Lazarus retain consciousness after death. Dives is able to communicate with Abraham and make moral judgements about his past life. In fact, he is fully aware of the state of his soul, which in his mortal life we assume he paid no attention to. His conscience weighs heavily upon him. He wants to warn his family of the consequences of leading a hedonistic, self-indulgent life, oblivious to the needs of those around him. Outwardly he was blessed by a comfortable lifestyle, highly praised no doubt by some of the Pharisees against whom Jesus in the first place told this parable. Yet this gave him absolutely no leverage in the afterlife. The way he had treated others here meant that he could not pass into the light where Lazarus was. His sin was not his wealth but his sheer indifference to the needs of those around him, not least his neighbour Lazarus on his doorstep. The parable judges the rich man for us, but Jesus leaves us in no doubt that in comparison, the state of our own souls and lives is under scrutiny. Are we indifferent to the needs of those around us? More collectively and looking further afield, beyond its doorstep, the west cannot claim ignorance about the plight of poverty faced by millions. Nor can we claim personal exemption or evade responsibility on the basis that our response would be not be equal to the enormity of the issue. The welcome news is while there is life there is still hope. The trajectory of our lives can change as we heed Jesus' call to repent. There is still time to re-write our histories, time to respond to Jesus' call that we change our heart, mind, attitude and life...through Him.

Fr Julian Davies



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

Francesca Rodia and Vincenzo Ricotta who will be baptised this weekend.

MASS: This **Saturday, 24th September** there will be **NO 10am Mass** and Mass in the evening will be at **8.30pm instead of 6.30pm**. This is due to the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on that day.

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.



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.*

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

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.

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 for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Neville Yarwood, Rose Alles, Giovanni Cicchirillo, Felice Comparetto and Nicholas Stevenson. *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 will be attached to **next weekend's** newsletter and then collected on the 8th/9th October.

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm**. All are welcome. They are looking for new committee members so if anyone is interested, please come along to the AGM or contact the Under 5's on 460614.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO LONDON'S UNIVERSITIES: Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. In many of the universities & colleges there is also campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not look at <https://www.catholicatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.

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.

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.** 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. **Next weekend** there will be bacon & sausage sandwiches served.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK *SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, Archangels* *29th September*



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael ("Who is like God") was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Archangel Gabriel ("Strength of God") announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Archangel Raphael ("Medicine of God") is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

