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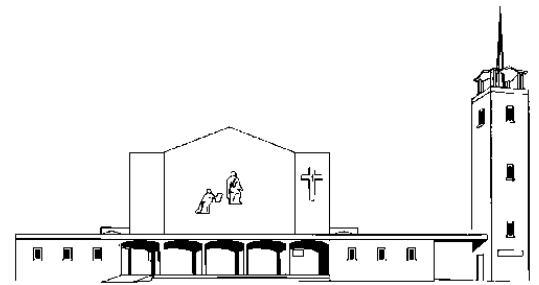
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Year C

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

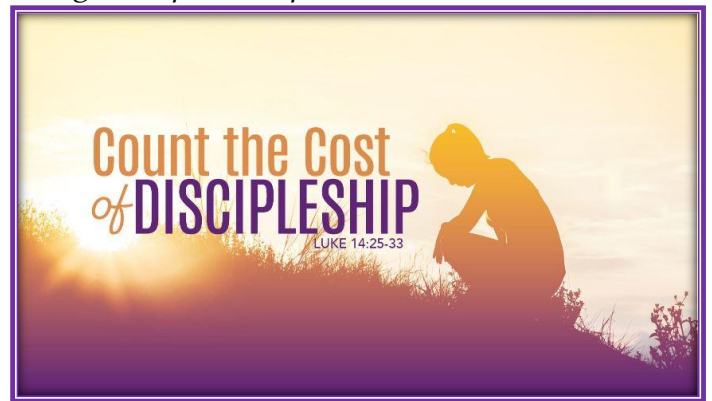
Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

In his war of aggression against Ukraine President Putin seriously underestimated the opposition that he would encounter. Although he has mustered many forces, little real military headway has taken place. In Pakistan we have seen an invasion of a different kind, as the torrents of water have taken many lives, destroyed communities and washed buildings away like cards. Although this disaster could not have been averted, its magnitude is all the greater because of poor infrastructures, often built too close to rivers. Going to war and how we build are features of the two parables

in our gospel reading today. In the case of the one, Jesus talks of a king who seriously underestimated the might of his opponent. In the other, a builder whose tower was non-existent because although he laid a foundation he found that he hadn't considered the true cost of the structure. In both cases there was insufficient long-term planning and a disregard for the outlay. While this has obvious life application, Jesus calls us to consider its implication for discipleship. God calls us to participate in his grand designs, but we will never participate in those designs unless we weigh up what following Jesus entails and its cost. And it is a question of following him, and not just of vaguely believing in God. Even the devil believes in God, as St James reminds us, so there is nothing extraordinary in that. Following Jesus is not about some moral inclination or inducing a comfort fix in self-absorption when we feel like it. If we allow him, he induces a fundamental change in our self-orientation and our awareness of reality and truth. He is being honest in telling us that being a Christian is costly. Everything not least our human relationships has to be prioritised accordingly. Lumen Gentium described the family as the domestic Church, as indeed it is, whenever faith is seeded and nurtured. Increasingly it is also a battle ground where the values for or against God are fought out. We are called to be faithful, witnessing resiliently and lovingly to the truth of the gospel in the face of opposition, rebellion and defection. I say lovingly because no one can be forced to faith, not least our family members. Love is long suffering and patient, whether at home or in the streets. After all our parables today assume long-term development and progression. Wars are neither fought nor buildings built in a day. But if Jesus asks us to hate those nearest and dearest to us, why should we love at all? When we consider that he is calling us to hate even our own life, hatred here is not a vice but a virtue. It is the virtue of seeing everything through the eyes of transcendence. Are we trans in a Christian sense? Are we transitioning to see a world transcended where everything loses its pre-eminence, permanence, and possessiveness including our own hold on life and body, where only the truly eminent and permanent lays claim to us? Faced by those claims, I have only obligations.....obligations to love family and neighbour, and above all our obligation to God and take up my cross and to ruthlessly follow the one who loves us and gave his life for us.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Renz Amico who will be baptised this weekend.

GIUSEPPA CUFFARO of Rodney Crescent, died recently aged 91. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 19th September at 11am** with Don Antonio. *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. 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 a picnic 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 3 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 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.

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 Franco Cirino, Giuseppa Cuffaro and Luigi Masucci and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Lomanto, Philomena Robb, Francesca Crimauto, Alice Warden, Francesco Acquisto, James Magee, Joseph Alles & Antonino Dileto. *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.

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: DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal: Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give.

SCHOOLS & UNDER 5'S

ST CROSS SCHOOL are holding their Summer Fete on **Saturday 10th Sept from 11-3pm**. There will be live music, a BBQ and lots more. Please bring a blanket or deckchair with you. Donations on entry.

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 PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Cheshunt will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **Wednesday 28th 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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

MISSION APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who donated to The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) Appeal. The total of £592.40 was raised.

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 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. **This week** there will be bacon & sausage sandwiches. We look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie Lenguito. 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 3rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Matthew Breen RIP anniv	Page 133 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18 <i>Who can divine the will of the Lord?</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Rabin Pinto's intentions	Ps 89 — O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Sun 4th September 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Simon Bird RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 <i>Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.</i>
Mon 5th September 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Tony O'Reilly RIP 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 6th September 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Travelling Community intentions 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33 None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.
Wed 7th September 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Peter Linscott RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32
Thurs 8th September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family 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 9th September St Peter Claver, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Private intention 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 10th September Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Angelo Venturini 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 For the Parish Sun 11th September 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Stanley & Isabella Abrahams RIP 11.15am Mass Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 6th	1pm lunch crypt, 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.*