

# - The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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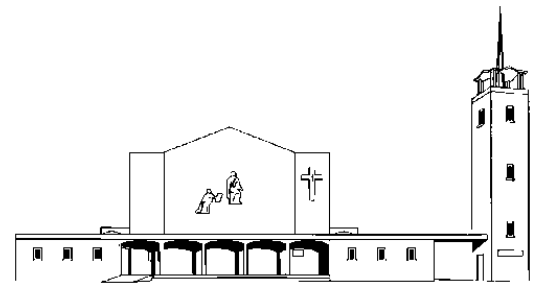
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Year C      TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      16TH OCT 2022

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

*God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

In today's gospel, Jesus asks the question whether on his return he will find any faith on earth... faith in the sovereign power of God, revealed in himself and accompanied by persistent and ardent prayer. This faith is closely related also to our yearning for justice, as both are directed towards God, the fount of all



justice and righteousness. Jesus tells the story of a widow who seeks justice from a judge who is not interested in giving it. Eventually because of her persistence the judge concedes and grants the woman's request and gives her the justice she craves. God is not like that, Jesus says. He will '*see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night*', even when it may not seem forthcoming and that this will be '*done speedily*'. As Jesus' audience listened to this parable, they would have been struck by the woman's victory as she was a widow. Widows were the most vulnerable in society, and without rights. Yet in this case the widow gets her justice., '*her just rights*' as Jesus says. It provokes us to ask what are just rights in our world today? We can all think of situations of injustice in our world, where much persistent prayer has gone up by and on behalf of those who have suffered it. We witness today the plight of the impoverished in our world, often caught in the crossfire of internal wars or pawns in the surrogate wars of others. What of the millions affected by climate change caused by the unsustainability of our selfish lifestyles? Do they not have 'just rights' like the widow in the parable? The Church tells us that when we seek to help the needy we exercise the theological virtue of charity and when we seek to change the situation which causes that need, we exercise the cardinal virtue of justice. To the mind set which tries to keep God out of the public space, faith worked out in charity is generally inoffensive, but faith worked out in justice is seen as a threat to vested interests. '*When I give food to the poor they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food they call me a communist*', said Helder Camara, former Archbishop of Recife in Brazil. We cannot be people of prayerful faith if we have our eyes closed to the needs of those around us or fail to ask uncomfortable questions, which rattle those with vested interests. Let us earnestly pray for the coming of God's kingdom of justice and righteousness. After all our Mother in the faith has revealed the trajectory of history and made the declaration of 'just rights'. '*He has exalted the humble and meek and filled the hungry with good things*'.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MASS:** Please note there will be no morning Mass on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, or Exposition.** The Mass will be at 6.30pm instead which will be followed by Exposition. There will be no Exposition on Monday evening.

**ANN JENKINS** of Brookside, died recently, aged 77. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.**

**PASQUALA ORLANDI** of new Road, died recently aged 88. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm** with Don Antonio.

**BERNADETTE FIELD** of Barnfield Close, died recently aged 74. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.**

**JAMES DIGNAN** of Bell Lane, died recently, aged 91. His Requiem will be on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1pm.**

**ANNA GIANFRANCESCO** of Reeves Lane, died recently, aged 81. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

**MARGHERITA DIESI** of Stortford Road, died recently aged 84. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**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 & **30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS** for the period November 2022 - February 2023 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh (telephone 07485 284007 or 01992 449282 or email [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com)) by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Once drawn up, rotas will be dispatched by email unless requested otherwise.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am with St Cross in church, 2pm with St Augustine's in church and 8pm.

Ministers of Holy Communion, a reader & altar server are needed. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR:** **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm** Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish but all are welcome to attend.

### **NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED:**

Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends will be attached to the next newsletter. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

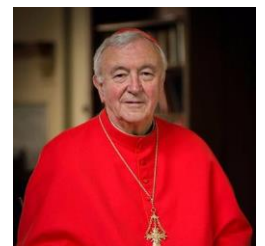


**NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY:** Fr Julian will lead Rosary prayers and bless the graves of the deceased parish members at Ware Road on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am.** (Please meet inside the main gate) and at Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am.**

### **PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE**

#### **\*\*\* JUBILEE MASS \*\*\***

The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 11.15am Mass,** to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> 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. **Finger food only though please!**
- 3. We will need volunteers** to help on the day with refreshments and if you can help, please also sign the lists. Thank you.

## 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 Bernadette Field, Margherita Diesi, Anna Gianfrancesco, James Dignan, Ann Jenkins, Pasquala Orlandi and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ellen Dunne, Zdzislaw Patterson, Catherine Stockwell, Helen Sherman, Daniela Ruggiero, Christopher Ayerst, Marjorie Benfell, Filippo Adamo, Luisa Di Palma, Mary Belcher, Danuta Patterson, Francisco Hernandez, Francesca Ricotta, Maria Corbisiero & Baby Brooklyn Moore. *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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please return the form to the presbytery by the 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

### SCHOOLS

**ST CROSS** are looking for a midday supervisor. You will help and encourage the children to eat their lunches and support them outside in the playground. Hours are Monday to Friday 12:00 till 1:15pm. Please call 01992 467309 or email [admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk)

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** would like to thank everyone who came to their quiz night. £273 was raised and a great night was had by all.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**SUPPORT GROUP:** We are developing a support group for those **undergoing divorce or separation**. We envisage there will be a social dimension to the group and occasional outside speakers to give advice. If you would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.

**MISS ZULU** would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts & good wishes on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was very touched and emotional and enjoyed her special day.

**THANK YOU** from The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund to all those who attended the Quiz Night and special thanks to Vicky Lee-Lozone for organising the quiz and coming back from France. An amazing amount of £2,460 was raised, so thank you to everyone!

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Benge & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Dr</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv</i>	<b>Page 152 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 17: 8-13 <i>As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Ps 120 — Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Pier Kohler Fernandes RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 <i>The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.</i>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Pauline Callanan RIP</i> <b>NO</b> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October ST LUKE Evangelist</b> <b>NO</b> Exposition <b>6.30pm</b> Mass <i>Mary &amp; Michael Lawlor</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 1-8 God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October St John de Brêbeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues,</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Mary Hanley's Birthday intentions followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(YEAR C)</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 9-14
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>James Quinnlivan RIP</i> <b>NO</b> Exposition	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Pauline Callanan RIP</i> 7pm Exposition	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct St John Paul II, Pope</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh RIP</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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>Antonino Cusumano RIP</i>  <b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Giovanni Lenguito RIP</i> <b>11.15am Diamond Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols For the Parish</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> 1pm lunch crypt, crypt	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> 6pm Brownies, crypt
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**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.*