

- The Announcer

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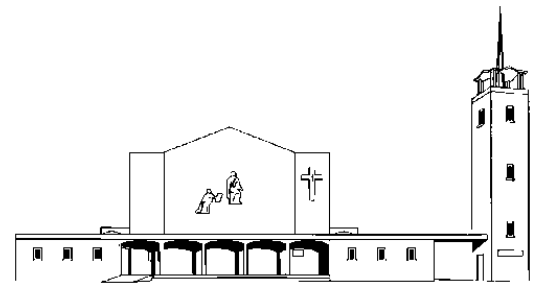
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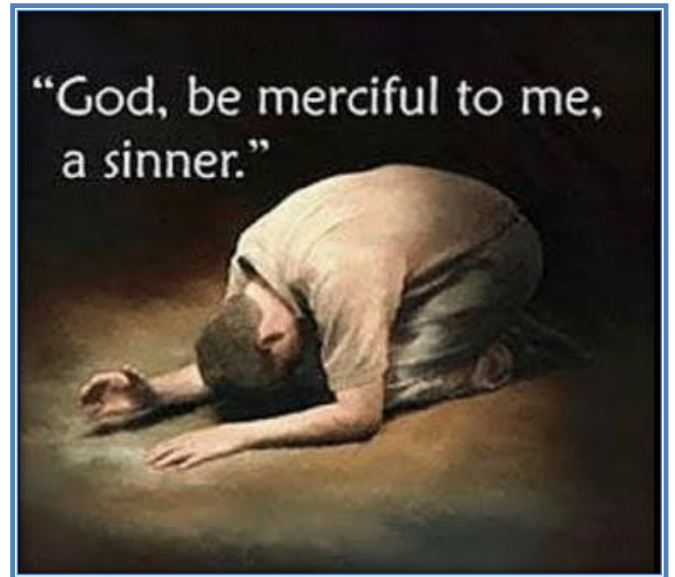
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Gospel: *Luke 18: 9-14*

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

When we draw closer to God, God reminds us that we have often been inclined to move away from him. We may have been heading in a direction, diverging from where he wants us to be. That disinclination from his way may even have led us into serious sin. Sin sets us apart from Him and creates a barrier between us, a barrier that prevents us from moving forward and from becoming the person that God wants us to be. If the sin is more collective then it prevents us from being the people that God wants us to be. This gulf cannot be bridged by our own construction. The gulf is too wide and we don't have the spiritual and moral excellence to bridge it. God in his mercy throws us a bridge. The eternal sacrifice of Christ is the clearest



and fullest expression of the mercy of God which bridges the divide. That mercy has always bridged the divide and has always had a cross-shape to it, for Jesus is the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. God did not all of a sudden become merciful on Calvary. It's simply that Calvary reveals the depth of how merciful he is. Psalm 103 reminds us that '*the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness*'. To access the bridge of God's mercy fortunately we do not have to pay a toll. That would be too expensive for us to pay. The payment has already been paid in precious blood. The barrier for access is lifted the moment we cry out, '*God have mercy upon me a sinner*'. To recognise our need of God's mercy is to become aware not only of the presence of God, but of who we are also. God is holy and we are unworthy to be in his presence. Being aware of God and being self-aware means that we are alive. The tax collector who recognised his sin and cried out for God's mercy was aware of God and self-aware. The pharisee was aware of neither. He was praying to his imagined self. God for him was merely an object, an idol, who existed to rubberstamp his self-righteousness. The pharisees' pride also fed an idol of himself. It was the humble tax collector, conscious of his sin and the merciful holiness of God who, according to Jesus, went home put right by God. With whom do we more identify with in this parable? Whichever, may we not thank God that we are not like the Pharisee nor like anyone else for that matter! Perhaps we can learn from the church that put a notice on its door 'sinners only welcome here.'

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY
PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

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

We welcome Cardinal Vincent to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the church at the 11.15am Mass on **Sunday 23rd October**. This will be followed by a shared meal in the crypt. All are welcome!



A DECADE OF THE ROSARY is recited before each Sunday Mass in October.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is this Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to his work. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter. **The annual collection will be taken next Sunday, 30th October.**

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

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

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

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

MARGHERITA DIESI of Stortford Road, died recently aged 84. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 2nd November at 11.30am.**

ANNA GIANFRANCESCO of Reeves Lane, died recently, aged 81. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 16th November at 12 noon** with Don Antonio. *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 **30th October, 13th, & 27th November**. 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 by **Thursday 28th 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 1st 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 4th 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 are attached to the 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 5th November at 11.30am. (Please meet inside the main gate)** and at Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 12th November at 11.30am.**

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
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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 Antonio Insalaco, Francesca Marino, Baby Rosie Delaney, Patrick Walsh, Mr D'Amato, Guerino Santaniello, Carlo DiMaria, Giuseppe Augello, Rosie Popham, Ignazia Tagliavore, Domenico LoPiccolo, Wanda Marino, John Shanley, Vincenzo Graffato and Francesca Di Maria. *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 1st November** 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 23rd October.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 26th November at 11.30am** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has tours for new Reception and Nursery Parents on Thursday 3rd Nov at 2pm, Wed 9th Nov at 9.15am, Thurs 17th Nov at 2pm & Wed 23rd Nov at 9.15am. Please click this [link](#) to book a visit.

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to have the magazine ready for sale very soon.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will not take place next week.

BROXBORNE CATENIANS are organising a Christmas Gala Night on Monday 5th December at Brickenden Grange Golf Club, Pembridge Lane, Hertford SG13 8PD - 7 pm to 11 pm. Hot plate carvery, dessert, wine, and coffee. Dance away to Michael Buble /Rat Pack Tribute Act £40.00 per head. To book places, please contact Stevebritto@yahoo.com

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

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 22nd Oct St John Paul II, Pope 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Patrick Walsh RIP	Page 155 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19 <i>The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Antonino Cusumano RIP	Ps 33 — This poor man called; the Lord heard him.
Sun 23rd Oct 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Giovanni Lenguito RIP 11.15am Diamond Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols For the Parish	2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i>
Mon 24th October St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Holy Souls 11am Funeral Ann Jenkins RIP 1pm Funeral Pasquala Orlandi RIP 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 <i>The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.</i>
Tues 25th October 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Private intention 2pm Funeral Bernadette Field RIP 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10
Wed 26th October Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Eileen Carolan followed by coffee in the crypt 7pm 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.
Thurs 27th October 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Vincenzo Graffato RIP anniv 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.
Fri 28th October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Vincent & Michael Byrne RIP NO Exposition	<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.
Sat 29th Oct Blessed Martyrs of Douai College 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Angelo Venturini 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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass Pauline Callanan RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Sun 30th October 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Bill Pollard RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*