

- The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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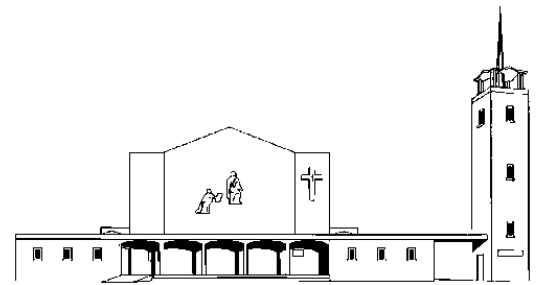
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Year C THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30TH OCTOBER 2022

Gospel: *Luke 19: 1-10*

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Of the house blessings which I have done, it is the first which most sticks in my mind. It was in my first curacy in Nottinghamshire. A couple had got in touch. They didn't feel any great sense of unease in their home but they wanted it blessed. That they sought a blessing in the first place suggested that they had some faith but I wanted to explore matters with them more deeply since our beliefs always impact upon our sense of domestic ease. When the day of blessing came, I duly sprinkled each room with holy water, accompanied by the parents and their four-year-old son. As we gathered in the last room, the little one, who up to that time had not said a word, shouted out... 'I can smell flowers everywhere!' There wasn't a flower in the house, nor any garden on the housing estate. We adults didn't smell a thing but I took this as confirmation that God had cleansed and blessed their inhabited space. Christians from the early times have asked God to bless where they live. Opening our homes to Him may make us feel vulnerable as there may be things which we may need to get rid of, which at the best may hinder our wholistic well-being or at worst bring a curse rather than a blessing. We may need to ask ourselves, do we hold any space where God is not welcome, or anything which we would rather God not see? God sees everything and He is present everywhere, yet He is more present in some places than others. He is eager to be welcomed. *'Hurry, because I must be at your house today.'* Jesus says these words to Zacchaeus with the urgency of a landlord visiting his tenanted property. That probably is the best way to look at the places where we live. Our homes, if we are fortunate to have a roof over our heads, as everything else, is held on trust. What is true of our homes, is even more true of our ensouled bodies. Jesus wants entry and he is not content to be a casual visitor. The very fact that he wants to know us intimately, is a sign of how much he loves us. To recognise that love, is to recognise his deep desire to inhabit. If we love him, he tells us then he will come to us and dwell within us. And what he says of himself, he says also of the Father and the Spirit... 'we will come to (you) and make our home with (you)'. Our bodies are temples, but they are also palaces, even if in need of some divine restoration and renovation. *'Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof but only say the word and I shall be healed.'* We say these words just before we receive the sacrament. They are taken from the gospel passage where the centurion seeks healing for his servant. They could equally have been said by Zacchaeus. Despised as an outcast and stigmatised as socially dis-eased, he found salvation in his wholehearted response to Jesus' request to enter his life. Not only did he throw a party to welcome the Saviour but he made amends by an incredible act of self-abandoned generosity and grace. Zacchaeus blessed Jesus and what a blessing he received in return. And us? Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH
Chikamara Anaedobe who will be baptised this weekend.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was last 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 annual collection will be taken this Sunday.**

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 80. 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 **this Sunday 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.

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.

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.**

WARM SPACES PROJECT: With the rising cost of living likely to cause problems for many this winter, a Warm Spaces project is being set up as part of



Churches Together. It is anticipated that people will value somewhere warm and welcoming to go during the day, so they don't have to spend so much money on heating their homes. This will be for people of all ages, from young families to older people. The Warm Spaces will be open from the 7th Nov 2022 to 31st March 2023. A number of warm spaces will be provided across the Borough. **We will provide a warm space in our crypt on Tuesdays, starting on the 8th November, from 2.30pm-5.00pm.** Each venue will offer hot drinks and soup. For further details of the other venues, please see the noticeboard in the church and also in the crypt. **If anyone has any questions about volunteering, Mary Briggs will be in the crypt on Tuesday 1st Nov from 1-2pm to answer any questions.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from the **1st-6th August 2023.** More details will follow in due course.

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.

GIFT AID: Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they have made through envelopes or standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. You will need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a Gift-Aid form. If your circumstances have changed and you pay less or no tax, simply inform the parish office and your Gift-Aid declaration will be cancelled.

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/bishopstortford>

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 Giuseppina Lanza, Margherita Diesi, Anna Gianfrancesco, James Dignan, Giuseppina Lanza and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maria Mustoe, Carmine Ruggiero, John McNaughton and James Higgins. *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 8th 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 available to collect from the presbytery. This is on the assumption that you regularly attend weekly Mass. Please return the form by **Sunday 6th November**.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST DAY was on Friday 7th October. The total collected came to £1,152.46. Thank you!

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SUPPORT GROUP: We are developing a support group for those **undergoing separation or divorce**. 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed towards the wonderful 60th Anniversary Mass last weekend, not least those who brought food to share and the children who sang.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Ware. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Theresa Casbard 301551 or Anne Byrne 467097.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Val. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 29th Oct Blessed Martyrs of Douai College 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Angelo Venturini RIP	Page 157 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12:2 <i>You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Pauline Callanan RIP	Ps 144 — I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.
Sun 30th Oct 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Bill Pollard RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2 <i>The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.</i>
Mon 31st October 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Thomas Robb birthday intentions 1pm Funeral James Dignan RIP 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 1st November ALL SAINTS 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass with St Cross School Holy Souls 2pm Mass with St Augustine's School Holy Souls 7pm Exposition 8pm Mass Holy Souls	Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10 <i>The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.</i> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p>
Wed 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Holy Souls followed by coffee in the crypt 11.30am Funeral Margherita Diesi RIP 7pm Exposition	1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38
Thurs 3rd November St Winifride, Virgin 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Holy Souls NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
Fri 4th November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Holy Souls 7pm Mass Deceased of the past year 8pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sat 5th November Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Holy Souls	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass Vincent Byrne RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
Sun 6th November 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Holy Souls 11.15am Mass For the Parish	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 1st	1pm lunch club, 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.*