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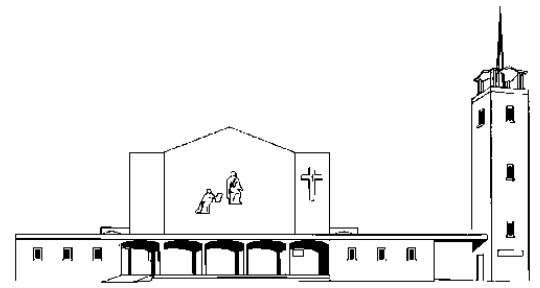
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Year C TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9TH OCT 2022

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

I grew up in the Welsh Borders. I wasn't very conscious of a border existing between England and Wales. You tended to have a cross-border mindset. In today's gospel, we find Jesus walking along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he goes, he encounters ten lepers, one of whom is a Samaritan. Wherever it afflicts, leprosy is a great leveller of borders, as is all illness, including our final illness. Samaritans would not normally be found among Jews and vice versa, but in this case the similarity of their affliction outweighed any racial prejudice. The gospel encourages us to have a cross-border mindset. It always challenges us to step out in faith beyond the narrow circumferences of our associations and vision. When told to wash in the waters of the Jordan, Naaman the Syrian reacted fiercely against the prospect of crossing the border. To do so was tantamount to acknowledging that there was greater truth the other side. Naaman is not alone. Pride gets in the way. We have all tried to resist and to barter our way into the kingdom of heaven, standing on the insecure ground of our own understanding. We may try to defend and self-justify ourselves by saying that we've never harmed anyone, we keep out of the way, we lead a moral life, while ignoring Christ's call to surrender the territorialism of our self-congratulation and embrace the empire of his self-less love. Naaman had to leave his comfort zone, otherwise he would frustrate the healing for which he longed and block the even greater healing on offer.....his salvation...for he returns not just healed of his sickness but as one saved, acknowledging no other 'God except the Lord.' It's the same with us. We become blockages to God's gracious activity as we turn inwards on ourselves. To cross the border from self-independence into God-dependence is to enter into the catholicity of being a universal citizen. It means that the whole world is an open landscape and that like St Paul we carry the good news wherever we go. Christians know that we belong to a universal family of like-minded brothers and sisters, even if we are disunited. St Augustine reminds us that we have everything to do with each other, for we are on one in our belief in Christ. The danger of building up territorial barricades rather than encouraging open borders is a perennial problem for us all. Among those who are not Christians we are also called to build bridges, to exercise the ministry of reconciliation reaching out to those who are not in our camp, to share the good news that Jesus Christ is alive, good news not just for those who are in, but for those who are also out. There may even be border crossings that we can make today.... and always giving thanks to the one who opens the gate and carries us over.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

MASS: Please note there will be no morning Mass on **Tuesday 18th October**. The Mass will be at 6.30pm instead which will be followed by Exposition.

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.

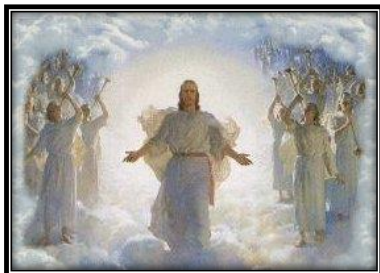
JAMES DIGNAN of Bell Lane, died recently aged 91. His Requiem will be on **Monday 31st October at 1pm**. *May they rest in peace.*

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 on the **16th & 30th 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 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

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED:

Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends will be



attached to the newsletter **next weekend**. 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 the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Saturday 5th November at 11.30am**. Please meet inside the **main gate**. Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 12th November at 11.30am**.

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

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

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

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR will be at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ on **Monday 17th October**. The Church will open 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6.00 to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. For the full programme please visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>



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/dona>

[te/](#) 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 James Dignan, Ann Jenkins and Pasquala Orlandi and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Tony Clayton, Nora Durkan, Richard Norman, Giuseppe Miragliotta, Monica Hunter, Anna Toro, Francesco Pizzo, Maureen O'Neill, Anna Higgins, Patrick Morrissey, Anna Curaba & Antonino Cusumano. *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 18th 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.**



JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD HARVEST DAY

was on **Friday 7th October** and the Fast-Day envelopes **will be collected this weekend**. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.



SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

200 CLUB WINNER for October is no. 10, Jim Crotty. Congratulations!

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

CELEBRATE IAN HUNTER'S LIFE: You are invited to an afternoon of memories and song to celebrate the fabulously kind man that was Ian Hunter. It will be on **Sat 22nd Oct from 4-7pm** at Wadesmill Suite, Wodson Park Sports & Leisure Centre, Ware. Refreshments will be available. For catering purposes, please contact Gabby Hanley at dayodrums@ymail.com.

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** as there are only 3 on the team. If you can help clean for just 1 hour per month, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie Lenguito & Alex Thomson. Thank you for your help.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 8th Oct Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Unity of the church</i>	Page 149 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 <i>Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 97 — The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Sun 9th Oct 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Filippo Adamo RIP</i>	2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 <i>If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.</i>
Mon 10th October St Paulinus of York, Bishop 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP anniv</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 11th October St John XXIII, Pope 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> 7pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19 No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.
Wed 12th October St Wilfrid, Bishop 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Miss Zulu's 90th Birthday followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 7pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2 Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8
Thurs 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>John Lumley RIP</i> 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 14th October St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private intention</i> 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 15th Oct St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Dr 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv</i>	<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 <i>For the Parish</i>	<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.
Sun 16th October 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Pier Kohler Fernandes RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 11th 1pm lunch crypt, crypt	Wed 12th 6pm Brownies, 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.*