

# - *The Announcer*

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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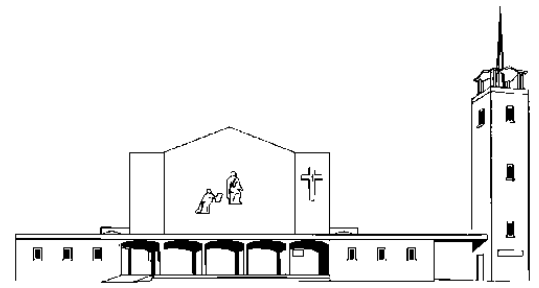
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**Year C THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

Gospel: *Luke 21: 5-19*

*Your endurance will win you your lives.*

On assuming office in May 1940 Churchill offered the country, *'nothing but blood, toil, tears and sweat'...* *'I can give them nothing but disaster for quite a time'*. This has resonance, if amplified many times over, in Jesus' words today. The disciples are told that their beloved Temple would be destroyed, that the world would be rent apart in international war and ecological disaster, and that they would face betrayal, arrest, imprisonment and persecution. Are we seated comfortably? If we thought that following Jesus meant that we can ignore the turmoil of the world,



evade difficult decisions and conflicting loyalties then we haven't taken on board his words. Look how we sanitise the saints. They rightly give us comfort when we read about them but their lifestyle and witness was anything but comfortable. Even those Christians who retreated into the desert went there not to escape conflict but to enter into it more deeply, to wage warfare with the enemy and his minions. That enemy is good at exploiting our divisions. St James reminds us that differences occur because the truth must prevail, and that wars happen because our selfish desires are not fulfilled. This weekend marks Remembrance and our second mass this Sunday will be a requiem for the war dead, not just of the two World Wars but the wars that have been since and are currently being waged. We will remember with thanksgiving the sacrifice that so many made so that others could live, while recognising that war stems from our fallen humanity and has no place ultimately in the Kingdom of God. We will remember also those who continue to bear the scars of conflict and those who have lost loved ones, not least in Ukraine. While it may be a sweet and fitting thing to die for one's country, it is a sweeter and more fitting thing to die for Christ. Sometimes the two collide (especially if the war is not just), at best correspond and at worst collude. Yet Christians may be found on either side of a conflict, and their conscience has to be respected. In some engagements the lines of demarcation are not as clear as they become with hindsight. Mercifully if we are true to our calling then in the midst of war we will also be making for peace. Lamentably this has been absent on some occasions in the past, not least when countries have turned in on themselves, justified the unjustifiable and turned their hand to persecution. Rwanda, South Africa and Nazi Germany are classic examples. Persecution has come also at the hands, not just of a sacralising State, but of a secularising Church. When mortal man draws to himself the power or adulation that belongs to immortal God alone, claiming that he is Supreme Head or Messiah of a New Reich (Kingdom), we need to remember Jesus' words: *'Take care not to be deceived'*. At the eleventh hour the guns fell silent. At this eleventh hour of God's providence may we be deafened also by a more pervasive silence.... a requiem for humanity's fallen state and our failure to live up to Jesus' law of love.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WEEKDAY MASS:** On Tuesdays whilst the church is being painted, Mass will be said at 8am in the crypt. Mass for the rest of the week will be at the usual times, but will still be held in the crypt. Exposition will be at 6pm instead of 7pm in the Lady Chapel, due to the redecoration.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Pietro Perzia, Angela Oranye, Giuseppina Lanza & Anna Gianfrancesco and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonino Grana, Maud Divers, Cono Miragliotta, Carmela Santaniello, Mathilde Krajewski, Carlo Gaudiano, Margaret Higgins and Assunta Porto. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**ANNA GIANFRANCESCO** of Reeves Lane, died recently, aged 80. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon** with Don Antonio.

**PIETRO PERZIA** of High Street, died recently, aged 76. His Requiem will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 11am.**

**ANGELA ORANYE** of Pulham Avenue, died recently aged 45. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am.**

**GIUSEPPINA LANZA** of Woodgrange Terrace died recently aged 80. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 12 noon with Don Antonio. *May they rest in peace.*

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

Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are beside the newsletters. 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.



**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** This weekend we will take up the annual collection to support the sick & retired priests of the Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools,

hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You can also make your donation by scanning the QR code.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** will be held in church on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am.** Any child who has made their First Holy Communion and would like to become a server, please contact the presbytery.

**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 **13<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WARM SPACES PROJECT:**

A Warm Spaces project is being set up as part of Churches Together and will be for people of all ages. The Warm Spaces will be open from the 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. A number of warm spaces will be provided across the Borough. **We will provide a warm space in our crypt on Tuesdays from 2.30pm-5.00pm.** Each venue will offer hot drinks and soup. For further info, please see the noticeboard in the church and also in the crypt. If you would like to donate to the Warm Spaces, there is now a GoFundMe page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/warm-spaces-in-broxbourne>.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY** will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from the **1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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:

<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/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**

### 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 22nd November** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.



### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022/2023:**



The register begins this weekend and is on the blue board in the porch at the back of the church. More details of the programme will follow in due course.

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

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are holding their Christmas fair on **Friday 25th November** from 3.30-5.30pm. There will be stalls, food and drink and all are welcome!

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE



**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP** for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 16th November at 3pm in the presbytery**. 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.

**CAROL SINGERS** are needed for **Saturday 26th November** from 2.15-3pm by the clock tower for the Hoddesdon Loves Christmas event. Please dress in bright Christmas colours.

**BROXBOURNE 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](mailto:Stevebritto@yahoo.com).

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** You can now order your digital 4 weeks free introductory offer by calling Michelle 0743 661 7650 [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk). You can read this week's Universe Catholic Weekly by clicking the link below: <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/november-2022/UNIVERSE-04-NOV-2022.pdf>

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

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov St Josaphat, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Page 164 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Malachi 3: 19-20 <i>For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Antonino Grana RIP anniv</i>	<b>Ps 97 — The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.</b>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Requiem Mass <i>Holy Souls (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 <i>Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.</i>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> November St Albert the Great, Bishop &amp; Dr</b> <b>8.00am Mass</b> in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21: 5-19 <i>Your endurance will win you your lives.</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</b> 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> followed by coffee in the crypt <b>12 noon Funeral Anna Gianfrancesco RIP</b> 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (YEAR C)</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 12-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 23: 35-43
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> November St Hilda, Abbess</b> 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> NO 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 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction in the crypt 12 noon Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>For the Parish</i>	<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>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Bert Zwager RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

#### REGULAR EVENTS

<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, 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.*