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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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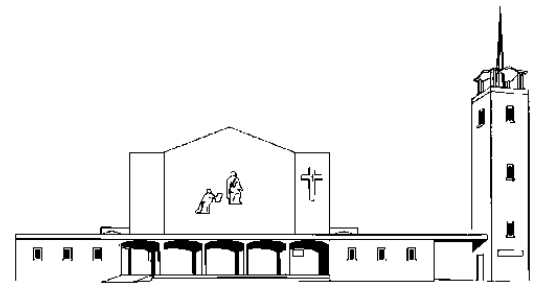
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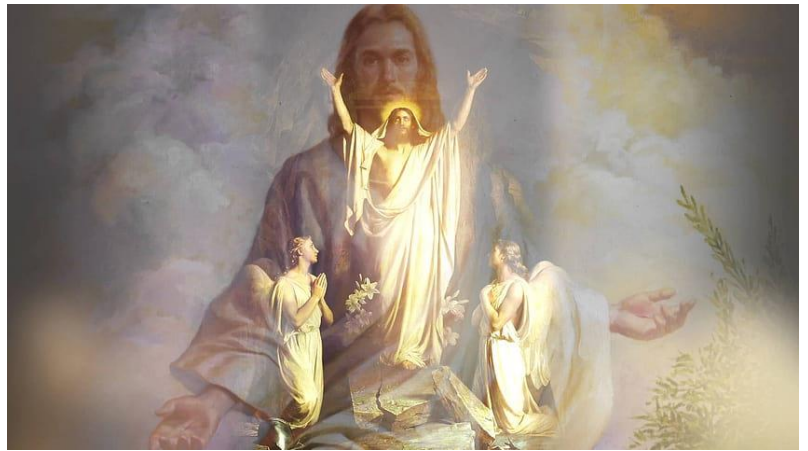
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

20TH NOVEMBER 2022

Gospel: *Luke 22: 35-43*

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Exploring parallel universes may have benefits for the real world, as long as we keep our feet on the ground and remember that the metaverse is not our first home. Critics would say that this is an indulgent form of escapism and a new opiate of the masses, replacing the role that organised religion once filled. Yet there is still a deep yearning for spiritual reality and the desire to find an overarching theory of everything to explain the wonder of life. Physics suggests it can be



found somewhere in the relationship between the theory of relativity and the theory of quantum mechanics, though black holes present a bit of a problem in explanations of everything as they are unlike everything else. It is beyond the scope of science to explain why everything exists, but it may describe it. Long before interplanetary exploration or the discovery of quarks, the Holy Spirit speaking through St Paul presented us with the greatest revelation of everything that exists, not a just theory that satisfies our intellectual curiosities but the very substance of truth which feeds the totality of our desires. It is the one described in our reading today as the Beginning of everything, the real big bang. Jesus is the image of the unseen God and in him all things were created, both visible and invisible. All entities were created through him and for him. From eternity he has existed and in him everything finds its source and meaning. He alone can bring things into unity and hold them together. That means that everything which seems disjointed, everything which at this point in time may not be aligned will be aligned and brought into unity. All things whether we see them as earthly or heavenly will find their reconciliation in him-everything without exception. At the heart of this amazing perspective is a seeming contradiction- a black hole.... the eternal blood-stained cross of Christ which draws all to itself. Such is the gravitational pull of the cross that it gives us access into its own metaverse...the Kingdom of God where a world that patently lacks reconciliation is reconciled and lives so often at odds with others healed through the forgiveness of our sins. In this metaverse we are free. It is unlike the metaverse which we currently know, for it is not computer generated. It is the universe transformed through the meta of metanoia, the grace of conversion, of receiving God's forgiveness as we bring our lives into obedience to Him. Today we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and the Author of Meta. Bend the knee Mark Zuckerberg and the rest of us.
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.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Luca Siracusa, Amelia Simpson and Franco Mistretta who will be baptised this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Pietro Perzia, Angela Oranye, & Giuseppina Lanza and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Marie Laydon, Benedetto Cicchirillo, Owen Parsons, Pietro Di Leto, Maisie & Maddy Morrissey, Richard Dundon, Catherine Mancey, Mett Curtis, Giuseppe Maniscalco and Bert Zwager. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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

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

GIUSEPPINA LANZA of Woodgrange Terrace died recently aged 80. Her Requiem will be on **Monday 5th Decembar** 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.

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 **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.

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 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 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 **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.

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

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 continues 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 **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!

ST ELIZABETH'S ADULT CARE HOME in Much Hadham will be closing on the 30th November. However, the school & college will remain operational. There are vacancies on the Governing Bodies for both the school and college. If anyone wishes to be considered as a prospective Governor, please do contact Bishop Paul by email at paulmcaleenan@rcdow.org.uk. More info about St Elizabeth's centre can be found on their website at <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/>.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: On the 23rd November, Aid to the Church in need will be asking the UK Government to prevail on their Nigerian counterparts to bring to justice those responsible for genocidal attacks, such as the Pentecost Sunday 2022 massacre and countless other atrocities: more than 7,600 Christians have been killed within just 18 months and a further 5,200 abducted. Last year alone, there were attacks on more than 400 churches and other Christian institutes. Thank you for prayers and joining ACN to call for justice and in helping to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 30th November at 4.30pm 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.

FESTIVE GET TOGETHER will be held on **Saturday 3rd December after the 6.30pm Mass**



in the crypt with festive refreshments. On **Sunday 4th December** breakfast will be served after the 9.15am and 11.15am

Mass. All are very welcome!

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

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, - 7 pm to 11 pm. £40.00 per head. To book places, please contact Stevebritto@yahoo.com.

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

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 19th Nov Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Page 167 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 <i>They anointed David king of Israel.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 121 — <i>I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'</i>
Sun 20th Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING 9.15am Mass <i>Bert Zwager RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20 <i>He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.</i>
Mon 21st Nov PRESENTATION OF B VIRGIN MARY 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> 11am Funeral Pietro Perzia RIP 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i>
Tues 22nd November St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr 8.00am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43 <i>Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.</i>
Wed 23rd Nov St Clement I, Pope 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Funeral Angela Oranye RIP 6pm Exposition in the Lady Chapel	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)</p> 1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 Gospel: Mathew 24: 37-44
Thurs 24th November St Andrew D�ng-Lac, Priest 8.30am Exposition in the crypt 9.15am Mass in the crypt <i>Holy Souls</i> NO Exposition	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.
Fri 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (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	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 26th November Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>Giuseppe & Onofria Maniscalco RIP</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 27th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 22nd 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 22nd 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt Tues 22nd 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery

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.*