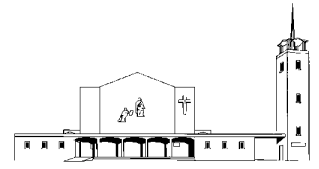




The Announcer



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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23RD APRIL 2023

Gospel: *Luke 24: 13-35*

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Our gospel reading today is the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. A traveller joins them and walks alongside them. They do not realise that the traveller is Jesus, even though they discuss the recent events in Jerusalem, leading to his death and resurrection. Only later, as Jesus breaks bread with them, do they recognise him. Much in this story is a parable of life. As we step out on life's journeys, we may think we know the broad landscape, yet much remains uncertain. Encountering others, walking the same way, though not for the same reasons, often opens to us the deeper meanings of life. We discover more about ourselves and the world around us. The greatest discovery and journey we can make is into the heart of God. The Emmaus story reminds us that Jesus walks alongside us even when we do not



recognise him. In the divine economy we entertain angels unaware, so we can be sure that in the mystery of encounter, grace operates to draw us closer to God in unexpected ways. True journeying is an outward and inward pilgrimage, where we are confronted with the illusion of worldly appearances and the truth of divine love. As the disciples walked to Emmaus they were downbeat at the seeming contradiction of everything they had lived through and for. Why did Jesus have to die? Why have all their aspirations come to nought? All these cul-de-sacs and dead ends. They had heard reports of the empty tomb, but they had not yet begun to accommodate this into their immediate loss and confusion. In the journey of life, we cannot sidestep the transience of material things, the reality of finality, and the intimations of our mortality, but the gospel reassures us that death has not the last word. The human soul is meant for immortality. It longs for this reality, but of its own strength and volition it can never attain it, even though we search for it endlessly and often through many diversions. To find what we are really searching for, the human soul has to entertain God who is unknown to it, but who knows it better than itself. The soul cannot find God, so God 'finds' it, in ways which are often hidden from us. The soul first welcomes, often unconsciously, God into its company. It listens to his Word, and begins to question the presuppositions by which it has lived. *Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?*⁹ For the two disciples that realisation came later. As Jesus was conversing with them, he was opening to them a landscape of truth previously unperceived and horizons unrealised. They had returned home and yet were soon to discover that their home was elsewhere. The crucial turning point was inviting Jesus through the front door and sharing with him a meal. It was when Jesus was at table with them, when he took the bread, blessed, broke it and handed it to them that their eyes were opened. His company was what mattered. Accompaniment means *ad cum panis*, breaking bread with each other, so true accompaniment is when we allow Jesus to break bread for us. Through holy communion we discover not only who Jesus is, but who we are, and where all our meanderings find their meaning, or as we often sing here in holy mass, '*Bread of Life, Truth eternal, broken now to set us free*'.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

VINCENZO VASILE of Hoe Lane, Nazeing died recently. His funeral will be held on **Thursday 11th May at 12.30pm.**

CARLO FERRARO of St Leonards Road died recently. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Carlo Ferraro and Vincenzo Vasile and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Concetta Lercara, Fr Philip McMichael, Fr Robert Tollemache, Maureen Murphy, Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo and Antonino Curaba. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God 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 **23rd April**. 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.



AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 11th May** and the coach will leave the church at 9am. The coach is now full. If you have not yet paid, can you please drop your money in to the presbytery.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION will be held on **Friday 5th May**. Mass will be at **6pm** and the May Procession will be after Mass. This will be a service of the rosary, hymns and prayers in honour of our Blessed Lady. Tea and cakes will be available afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to make the refreshments - if you can help, please contact the presbytery.**



MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer to lead this, please contact the presbytery.

MASS INTENTIONS: There are many spare weekday dates for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is from **21st to 28th July 2023**, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as

places are limited at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 23rd September**. Mass that evening will therefore be at 8.30pm. More details will follow.



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 the link below <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

PLANNED GIVING: We still have some boxes of envelopes for the new financial year. If you have not yet collected your new box, please contact the presbytery. If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms are available at the back of the church beside the newsletters.

GIFT AID: We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax, please contact the presbytery, so we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.



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 25th April** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The next meeting in the crypt will be on **Tuesday 2nd May 7-8pm**. If you have not yet returned your completed blue sponsor form together with the sheet with your chosen Confirmation name, can you please return them to the presbytery.



MARRIAGE CARE is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided, and volunteers will join the local Centre. For more info, please call Karen on 0800 389 3801 or visit the website at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>.



SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. **The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend.** This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. **The envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend.** Please read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



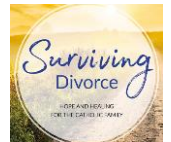
SCAN TO GIVE

'COME AND SEE': Men who may be considering a vocation as a deacon, or for those wanting to

know more about the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an Introductory Morning on: **20th May, 10am-12noon:** New Southgate Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, 373 Bowes Road, N11 1AA. For further information please contact Deacon Colin Macken at colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD Wed 17th May St James, Spanish Place (tube Bond St/Baker St) Open Evening for any interested men. Mass is at 6pm which will be followed by a social gathering.

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 24th May 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.



CORONATION CEREMONY: We will be showing the King's Coronation on the large screen in the crypt on **Saturday 6th May**. You are welcome if you would like to watch it with others.



200 CLUB: St Augustine's Under 5's still has some spare numbers. If you would like to join, please contact them on 01992 460614.

HERTFORDSHIRE AGE UK are currently looking to recruit volunteers to help combat loneliness across the Hoddesdon & Broxbourne areas. To find out more, contact Age UK on 07525 070472 or email volunteering@ageukherts.org.uk.



DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK **24TH APRIL –** **ST GEORGE**

Martyr, Patron of England
St George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil. He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians. He put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without fear, he went to the Emperor and sternly scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. For this he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 22nd April 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Julia & Ken Parker RIP	Page 258 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 <i>It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Maureen Murphy RIP	Ps 15 — Show us, Lord, the path of life.
Sun 23rd April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP	2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21 <i>Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ.</i>
Mon 24th April ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Michael Delaney RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!
Tues 25th April ST MARK, Evangelist 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35 <i>They recognised him at the breaking of bread.</i>
Wed 26th April 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Margaret Whelehan RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)
Thurs 27th April 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Pauline Mitchell RIP NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25 Gospel: John 10:1-10
Friday 28th April St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Deceased members of O'Brien Family 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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.
Sat 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Dr 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Luciano Ricotta RIP	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Denis O'Donovan RIP	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
Sun 30th April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella & Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 25th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 25th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Tues 25th 7.30pm, RCIA Wed 26th 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 in the porch. 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.*