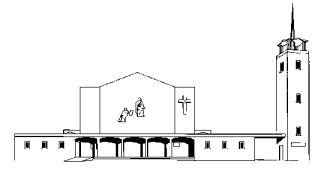




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Year A

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21ST MAY 2023

Gospel: *John 17: 1-11*

Father, glorify your Son.

A few days ago, we celebrated the Ascension, forty days after Jesus' Resurrection. The Ascension can be seen as Jesus' re-entry into the non-dimensional life of heaven. We are limited by living in a four-dimensional world of space (height, width and length) and time. When Jesus asks his Father to restore to him to that state which he had before the world began, he is of course asking to return to much more than the limited circumscriptions of our dimensional world. Heaven knows neither space nor time. Whenever we, with our limited faculties and bodies, put our trust in him and acknowledge his saving grace (confessing with our lips that Jesus is Lord, and believing that God raised him from the dead) we experience a foretaste of the spaciousness of heaven. We cannot localise heaven, as our understanding of locality is limited by our understanding of space. Heaven is beyond our dimensional understanding. We can only experience it, as it is opened to us. When we pray that God's kingdom should come on earth as it is in heaven we are praying that God's power should break through into the dimensions of our world. Eternity is eternal because it is not bound by these worldly dimensions of space or time. This is why it is a condition of inestimable freedom. If the Son of Man makes you free, you shall be free indeed. Jesus' return bestows on those who believe in Him without limitation, the gift of freedom, the gift of the Holy Spirit, who imparts the spaciousness of heaven and prepares us for it. This spaciousness is a spaciousness of incredible glory. Being open to heaven is being open to the glorious infinity of God. So much of today's gospel passage highlights glory. In just eleven verses Jesus uses the word six times, twice asking the Father to glorify him, with the glory he had before the foundation of the world, so that he himself will glorify the Father, just as he has glorified him during his earthly life. Glory belongs to God, and through Jesus, that glory is seen in man. It is seen in the fact that he has made us in his image, but even more so, when we are restored through his redemptive power. No man has been as fully alive as Jesus, but in as much as we are alive in Him, we share his glory as well. The *'glory of God is man fully alive, and the life of man is the vision of God'*, said St. Irenaeus. We were created for one thing only-the glory of God. Our motivation should be, as St Ignatius Loyola said, *'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.....for the greater glory of God and the salvation of humanity'*. In today's gospel, Jesus makes a final statement about glory. It is that he himself has been glorified in his disciples. Remarkably, this is in spite of their waywardness, and in spite of his knowledge that on the morrow, they will desert him. This strengthens us in our resolve to soldier on and not lose sight of our destination in spite of our own setbacks and prevarications. We are comforted for our destiny is assured in the one Destined. As St Paul reminds us: *'we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit'*. This same Spirit, St Peter says in today's epistle, is the *'Spirit of glory'*, which rests upon those configured to our crucified Lord. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ has ascended. The Spirit has come and ever comes! Glory to God in the highest!



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Oliver Durkin, Isabella Gunputhram, Louis Hussein, Salvatore Iamarino, Liliana Lukasik, Alisia Martorana, Eva Mazziotta,

Anastasia McQuillan, Amelia Nicastro, Harry Panschuk, Charlie Potter, Aurora Sigona, Myla-Rose Spires, Sienna Teoli, Mya Valencia, Sofia-Mia Vitorino, Brody Walsh and Remi Witham.

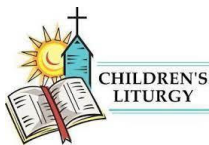
GIUSEPPE PIZZO of Ferguson Close, died recently, His Requiem will be on **Monday 22nd May at 11.30am.**

PATRICIA DEMPSEY of Riversmead died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Friday 26th May at 12 noon.**

WENDY PYPER formerly of Bourne Close died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 6th June at 10am.** There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass that morning.
May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Giuseppe Pizzo, Patricia Dempsey and Wendy Pyper and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Barbara Murphy, Darrel Divers, Girolamo Ferraro, John & Fatimo Pinto, Terrence Clarke and Arthur McCafferty. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be taking place at the **9.15am Mass on the 28th May, 11th and 25th June and 9th July.**



MONTH OF OUR LADY: During May, a decade of the Rosary will be prayed for before each Sunday Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running 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 **4th & 18th June.** 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.

'SINNERS CALLED TO HOLINESS': 2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will lead a reflection on the **15th June** at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH from 11am-3pm. Refreshments



are available, but please bring your own lunch. The days are free but donations are welcome. To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrim-church-tickets-629250403897>

'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church, if you wish to complete one. Please hand the completed copy into the presbytery.

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



ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION will take place on **Saturday 10th June at 3pm** in the church. This will be followed by Mass and then coffee in the crypt. All are welcome to attend.

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

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 Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

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 23rd May** at 7.30pm in the crypt.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

2023: The last session will be on **Tuesday 6th June at 7pm in the church.** It is necessary that your sponsor (or, if your sponsor is not available, then please attend with a parent who will clearly explain to the sponsor afterwards the procedure) turns up at 7.45pm in the church for the rehearsal.



presbytery.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 3rd June 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

SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL have nursery tours available. Please contact the school office on 01992 463549 or admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk for further details.

GOVERNING BODY OF ST CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Walsh on 01992.467309.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are looking for a cleaner for two hours per week. If you are interested, please contact the Under 5's on 460614.

St Augustine's
Under 5's



ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are holding a Table Top Sale on **Sat 24th June from 10-1pm.** If you would like to sell your unwanted children's clothes and toys, please reserve a table for £10

by contacting the Under 5's on 460614 staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD Campaign to 'support small-scale farmers around the world!' - Our global food system is



broken! One-tenth of the world go hungry whilst one-third of all food produced is wasted and giant corporations make huge profits. The way

we produce food damages our planet too. But many of the small-scale farmers are pushing for alternatives that are good for people and planet. It's vital for us to support them in order to fix the global food system. One weekend in July, parishioners will be asked to sign a giant letter to the World Bank. More of which later!

CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH: You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on **Saturday 10th June** for a short time exploring our faith, why we

Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate Bob and Polana Jenkins who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this Sunday.



WARE CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing L'Elisir d'Amore at the Drill Hall Ware, on **Sat 17th June at 7.30pm.** Tickets can be purchased from Anne Byrne 467097 for £18.

MISSIO: The total amount raised in 2022 by our parish was £1,763.08. Thank you to all who donated and for helping to share the love and compassion of Jesus with the world.

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Most Glorious Virgin, chosen by the Eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the Eternal Word made flesh, thou who art the treasurer of Divine graces, and the advocate of sinners, I,

thy most unworthy servant, have recourse to thee; be thou pleased to be my guide and counsellor in this vale of tears. Obtain for me through the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, the forgiveness of my sins, the salvation of my soul, and the means necessary to obtain it. In like manner, obtain for Holy Mother the Church victory over her enemies, and the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the whole earth. Amen



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 20th May St Bernadine of Siena, Priest 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Pietro Dileto RIP	Page 275 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Acts 1: 12-14 <i>All joined in continuous prayer.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass John & Fatimo Pinto RIP	Ps 26 — I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Sun 21st May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.15am Mass Terrence Clarke RIP anniv 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16 <i>It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.</i>
Mon 22nd May St Rita of Cascia, Religious 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Pat Dempsey RIP 11.30am Funeral Giuseppe Pizzo RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia! Gospel: John 17: 1-11 <i>Father, glorify your Son.</i>
Tues 23rd May 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Nadia Miragliotta RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)</p>
Wed 24th May 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20: 19-23
Thurs 25th May St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Juliet Smith's intentions NO 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.
Friday 26th May St Philip Neri, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Pat Dempsey RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 27th May St AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Anna Gianfrancesco RIP	<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 Bill Pollard RIP	<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 28th May PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.15am Mass Pasquale Ricotta RIP anniv 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 23rd 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 23rd 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Tues 23rd 7.30pm RCIA, crypt Wed 24th 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.*