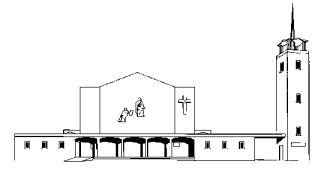




The Announcer



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Year A

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND JULY 2023

Gospel: *Matthew 10: 37-42*

Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

The film 'Cry Freedom' is the story of Steve Biko, the anti-apartheid activist who was put on trial by the South African authorities for advocating black consciousness. In court, the judge asked him why he used the term black, for 'you people are more brown than black'. Biko replied, 'Why do you call yourselves white? You people are more pink than white'. I am glad that Biko was more gracious than those who considered a five-year-old a safeguarding risk (a record which will remain until his secondary school ends) simply because he used the wrong colour to describe the skin of a fellow pupil. Education seems to have lost all sense of proportionality when it treats children like adults. No wonder children no longer know who they are. Racism however is a scourge, and it is back in the news with the appalling revelation that years after Stephen Lawrence's racially inspired murder, evidence has now come to light, which was conveniently dismissed by authorities at the time. As today's psalm says, we look to God's justice, not our own, as the source of our happiness. In the alternative gospel acclamation, from St Peter, we are told that '*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light*'. Regardless of our feelings, perceptions, or the colour of our skin, such is our status in Christ. The attributes of the chosen people are now attributed to the followers of Christ. That doesn't mean that we have displaced 'our elder brother', as St John Paul II described the Jews of the old covenant. It means that through the grace of God we share in their inheritance. St Paul makes this very clear in his Epistle to the Romans. Yet what does a '*chosen race*' mean? Surely this introduces a racial theme, alien to our faith. Would it not be better to say '*chosen people*' or '*chosen generation*', as we find in other translations? The Jewish people were never a separate race. Over the centuries the racist abuse directed towards them, has come precisely from the fact that they were seen as a separate race, when they were not. Their separateness stems from their covenantal relationship with God, not from any supposed racial identity. Abraham the father of our faith is described as a wandering Aramean, who hails from Ur of the Chaldees in modern Iraq. Moses marries a Cushite woman whose skin may have been black. The Jews were permitted to marry inter-ethnically, so long as the marriage was in the faith. We see this in Jesus' genealogy, where four Gentiles are named as having married Jewish men: the Canaanites, Tamar and Rahab; Ruth, a Moabitess and Bathsheba a Hittite. This highlights the future mission of the Church to call all the non-Jewish peoples of the world into covenant with God. It reminds us also that we share Christ's love through colour-blind eyes. The last book of the bible, the Apocalypse highlights the ethnic mix of the Church, for we see that Christ has redeemed people from '*every tribe and language, people and nation*'. Amazingly, on seven occasions in its chapters we find this fourfold grouping of multi-ethnicity. As four is the number of the world, and seven is the number of completeness, God's kingdom in its fullness is going to be incredibly kaleidoscopic. There will be many shades of skin colour. '*All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy*'.



Fr Julian

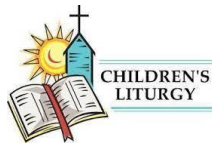
PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Noah Leukes and Ayodele Zion Alake who will be baptised this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Thomas Dunne and Clare Broadbent and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Caterina Carini, Alan Connolly, John Jones, John O'Driscoll, Bill Pollard, Maureen Fallon, Nadia Miragliotta, Giuseppe Ferrari, Antonio Orlandi, Calogero Merulla and Patricia Connell. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will take place on **Friday 7th July at 7pm.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be taking place at the **9.15am Mass on the 9th July.**



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 **2nd, 16th & 30th July.** 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.



NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH is a Catholic conference being held from the **31st July - 4th August** at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is an outstanding programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship and teaching.

New Dawn does not charge an attendance fee, but relies solely on donations. The website <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/> provides more detailed information as well as links to available accommodation in the Walsingham area. There is also information about the availability of seats on a coach from Euston Station to take pilgrims from London to Walsingham on Monday, 31st July, returning on Friday, 4th August - <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/travel/>

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
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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/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 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 18th July at 7.30pm** in the crypt.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:

Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together with a photo of the candidate. The programme will begin in early October and more details will follow in due course.



SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL are looking to employ two class teachers: one in Nursery and one in Key Stage 2. Are you looking for an inspiring and rewarding job in a fantastic and friendly school, where children are valued and at the heart of all we do? If so, please contact the Headteacher's PA on 01992 463549.

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 CROSS SCHOOL have two vacancies for a Midday Supervisor Assistant and an Afterschool

Club Leader. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 1992467309 or visit the link:

<https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE



CAFOD Campaign - On the weekend of **15th/16th July**, the plan is to ask parishioners to sign a giant letter from Salina, an organic farmer and seed saver in

Bangladesh, asking the World Bank to help people in her community and other countries in the Global South to help small-scale farmers to have their rights upheld, so that they can use their own seed varieties and ensure long-term food security and climate resilience. Rather than supporting these farmer-led seed systems, the World Bank has been pushing an agricultural model which benefits big agribusiness at the expense of small farmers. These seeds are more expensive, demand more chemical inputs (further increasing the cost)!

MISSION UNLEASHED: an event with Cardinal Tagle. Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online on **14 July 7:00-8:30pm**. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording.

URGENT: STOP UK GOVERNMENT FUNDING CHINA'S GENOCIDAL REGIME: SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) are holding a



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Petition Day this weekend. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21. Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse. **The petition will be available at the end of all Masses this weekend.**

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC: Instead of holding a Parish BBQ this year, we are thinking of holding a Parish picnic on **Sunday 13th August in the presbytery garden and the band will be playing.** This would involve bringing food to share with others. In order to get a rough idea on numbers, if you would like to



attend, can you please fill out the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery. **So far, only 16 people have confirmed they would like to attend. If you would like to come, please do let us know so that we can start planning the event.**

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 26th July 4.30pm** in the presbytery. If you need support and would like to join the group, please do contact the presbytery.

THE DANIELA RUGGIERO SCHOLARSHIP FUND will be holding a coffee morning in the crypt on **Saturday 8th July** from 11am-3pm to raise funds. All are welcome.



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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna and Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST THOMAS
3RD JULY



St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." But, St Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas's unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title "doubting Thomas." He is the patron saint of architects.

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PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

Name:

Contact no:

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details will be held on file until after the picnic. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 1st July DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Bill Pollard RIP anniv	Page 96 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 <i>This is a holy man of God; let him rest there.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Maureen Fallon RIP anniv	Ps 88 — I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.
Sun 2nd July 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Nadia Miragliotta RIP anniv 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 <i>When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life.</i>
Mon 3rd July ST THOMAS, Apostle 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Patrick Delaney's intentions 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42 <i>Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.</i>
Tues 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass John Whelehan RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</p>
Wed 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Carmela & Angelo De Luca & Michelina De Piano RIP anniv followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30
Thurs 6th July St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Chrissie Speechley'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 7th July (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Thanksgiving for Maria Smith 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass Nellie Kearns 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 8th July Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Breno & Angelo Venturini RIP anniv	<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 Geoff Warde 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
Sun 9th July 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Decd members of the McGrath Family 11.15am Mass For the Parish	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 4th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 4th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Wed 5th 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.*