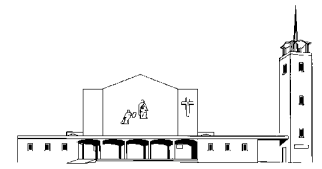




The Announcer



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Year A

CORPUS CHRISTI

11TH JUNE 2023

Gospel: *John 6: 51-58*

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

There are many ways in which Jesus is present to his Church. He is present whenever two or three are gathered in his name. He is present in the poor, the sick and imprisoned of his brothers. He is present in the sacraments of which he is the author. He is present as the occupant, in those who have responded to his invitation to set up home in their lives. He is present in his Word wherever it is proclaimed. Yet if we were to identify where Jesus makes himself most present, it would be as the catechism affirms, *'most especially in the Eucharistic species'*...or in other words, in his body and blood under the guise of the consecrated bread and wine. This is what today's solemnity celebrates, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, otherwise known as Corpus Christi. This ancient feast invites us to stand back and consider the wonder of what is at the heart of each celebration of the holy eucharist and of every adoration before the holy tabernacle...the real presence of the Lord. The catechism reminds us that the mode of Christ's presence in the blessed sacrament of the Eucharist is unique, for within it, *'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained'*. To say that Christ's presence is real does not exclude other types of presence, as if they were not real. It means that he is present in the fullest sense.... Christ *'makes himself wholly and entirely present'*. "This is my body...this is my blood". How he makes himself present, has exercised the minds of many throughout the generations and inevitably so, as it is both mystery and miracle. What we can say is that the combined action of the Word of Christ and the Holy Spirit transform ("transubstantiate") the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood. This has nothing to do with human agency. St John Chrysostom writes that, *'It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered'*. St Ambrose puts it like this. *'Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed...Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature'*. Liturgically, Jesus, the Word proclaimed at the lectern and altar, is manifested as the Word made flesh in the liturgy of the eucharist. As the catechism affirms, the two parts of the liturgy...the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the eucharist...are *'one single act of worship'*, for *'The Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord'*. Word and Body engender faith, and by faith they are to be received. As St Thomas Aquinas reminds us in his great hymn, *Pange Lingua* in the eucharist, *'Word made Flesh, by word he maketh Very bread his Flesh to be; Man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh: And if senses fail to see, Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery'*. The miracle takes place regardless of our faith, but faith welcoming and trusting in Jesus' words, is the only understandable response to the One who gives us not just the consolation of his Body and Blood, but his very Soul and Divinity as well.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ada Leonard-Satwick who will be baptised this weekend.

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate the 20 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: Sara Arguello, Illaria Babbar, Giada Caruso, Melissa Caruso, Rosie Donaghey, Chisimdy Ezinwa, Archie Hurley, Ciara MacLaren, Sofia Martinez De La Cruz, Daniela Martorana, Luisa Martorana, Kelan McCarthy, Alessandro Militello, Jack Morrissey, Munyaradzi Moyo, Charlie Nicastro, Marivlyne Plange-Rhule, Alessia Ricotta, Luca Teoli and Marcel Walerowicz.

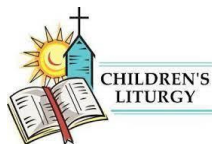
CORPUS CHRISTI is this Sunday and there will be Adoration in the presbytery garden from 8-10pm, or in the church if wet.

SAINT PETER & PAUL is on Thursday 29th June and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am with St Augustine's School, 2pm with St Cross School and at 8pm.



PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Rosa Russo, Joseph Hayward, Roy Clucas, Giuseppe Cognata, Gabrielle Cook, Gaetano Bondi, Giuseppe Diesi, John Kelly and Enrico & Maria Rega and Margery Davies. *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 11th and 25th June and 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 **on the 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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS: The next rotas for the period July - October will be drawn up shortly. For this rota and going forward, Pat Kavanagh will only draw up the rota for 9.15 am Mass. Dawn Bates (Parish Secretary) has kindly agreed to draw up the rotas for both 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **29th June AT THE LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 Mass (telephone 07485 284007 or 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) and Dawn Bates for 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses



(telephone 01992 440986 or email hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk) Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Once drawn up, all rotas will be dispatched by email unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

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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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 13th June 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.



BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 17th 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

presbytery.

SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

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. There will also be children's clothes, toys, jewellery, baby bits & much more. All are welcome to browse and have a slice of cake and a cup of tea.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD Campaign - "Sowing the seeds of poverty:



how the World Bank harms poor farmers"! It's based on CAFOD'S latest report which shows how the World Bank is damaging local seed systems by forcing low-income countries to subsidise commercial seeds from big companies. This approach has done very little to address the needs of small-scale farmers that the World Bank is supposed to be helping. Instead, it has meant that public funds have been transferred from low-income countries into the pockets of big business. Read the full report at cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds

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**. 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.



200 CLUB WINNER for June is no. 188 David Greenall. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason and Graziella on the birth of their son Luca, born on the 19th May.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 28th June 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.



BROXBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR are hosting "Summertime Singing" at Christ Church, Ware on **Sat 1st July at 4pm**. Adults are £10 and children £3. Tickets are available from Gabby 07875221543.



EXHIBITION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: The National Gallery is holding an exhibition until **30th July** exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Admission to the exhibition is free

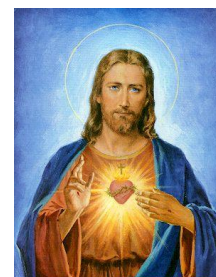
DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sacred Heart of Jesus

16th June



O MOST HOLY HEART OF JESUS, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

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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
<p>Sat 10th June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Giuseppe Cognata RIP</p>	<p>Page 83 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 <i>He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.</i></p> <p>Ps 147 — O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 <i>That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats the bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: John 6: 51-58 <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i></p>
<p>3.00pm St Anthony's Procession 4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass John Kelly RIP</p>	
<p>Sun 11th June CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15am Mass Enrico & Maria Rega RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish 1.15pm Confirmation Mass 8-10pm Adoration</p>	
<p>Mon 12th June 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Geoff Warde RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Next Week's Readings 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11 Gospel: Matthew 9: 36-10:8</p>
<p>Tues 13th June St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Dr 9-9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Gaetano Bondi RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Wed 14th June 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Margery Davies RIP anniv followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>Thurs 15th June 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Ann Brien RIP anniv NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Friday 16th June MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Bill Pollard RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Sat 17th June Immaculate Heart of B Virgin Mary 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Justin Ighade's intentions</p>	
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass For the Parish</p>	
<p>Sun 18th June 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Pat Lavers RIP 11.15am Mass Francesco & Francesca Pizzo RIP anniv</p>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 13th	1 pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 13th	7.30pm RCIA, crypt
Tues 13th	2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Wed 14th	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.*