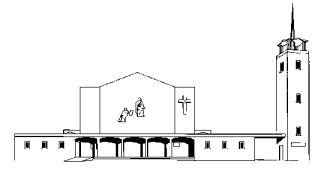




The Announcer



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Year A

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

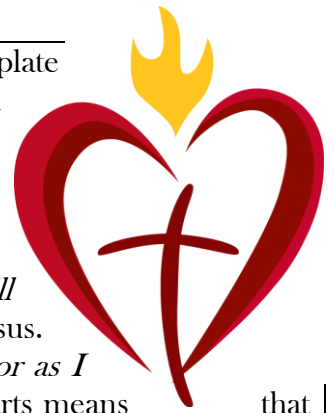
18TH JUNE 2023

Gospel: *Matthew 9: 36-10:8*

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

A few days ago, we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast invites us to contemplate the wonder and depth of Jesus' love. I remember a sketch used for evangelistic outreach in my university days. It was of someone who goes to see her doctor asking for a new heart. There is no meeting of minds between patient and doctor, for the doctor assumes that she wants a heart transplant, while the patient is suffering from the sickness of the soul, the heart of her matter. In order to save us, God wants to give us a new heart. The prophet Ezekiel, says *'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh'*. This new heart is the heart of Jesus. Without this divine transplant, no conversion takes place. *'What shall I give him, poor as I am?'* Christina Rossetti asks in her much-loved carol.... *'give my heart'*. Giving our hearts means that we undergo some much-needed progressive surgery. If we need to keep our physical hearts in good condition, how much more our spiritual hearts? We can easily develop stony hearts closed to compassion. We can suffer from the hardening of the 'oughteries', not taking delight in the things which would bring us well-being, but allowing ourselves to be clogged by ungodly priorities. Our regular spiritual check-ups involve receiving from the Lord, through listening to his Word, weekly attendance at mass, willing and joyful participation in the eucharist and reconciliation, and putting into practice what he wants in our daily lives. Reflecting upon Jesus' heart inevitably draws us out of ourselves and brings us back to our senses. For St John Paul II devotion to the Sacred Heart *'means to go to the inner centre of the Person of the Saviour, the centre the Bible identifies as his Heart, the seat of the love that has redeemed the world. If the human heart is really an unfathomable mystery known only to God, how much more sublime is the Heart of Jesus in whom the very life of the Word is pulsating'*. The readings for this Sunday show us something of that sublimity. In the Book of Exodus, God draws in love to himself a people, so that they can take his love to the rest of the world. This mission is fulfilled as his people identify with God's heart by willingly obeying his voice and holding fast to his covenantal love. As they do, they become a consecrated nation. God's love towards his people and the whole of humanity remains constant. The psalmist says of God's heart, *'how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age'*. Whereas human love is conditional and provisional, God's is the opposite. The Jews had a special word for it - *hesed*. The gospel from St Matthew reveals that same heart of compassion...for the harassed and dejected crowds, for those suffering from all kinds of sickness and diseases, for those who were 'lost' and in all respects without hope....but for the heart of Jesus. God's *hesed* love is shown to those who least deserve it, can never earn it or expect it. It is shown above all in the forgiveness of our sins. We see this graphically in the passage from St Paul's Epistle to the Romans: *'Christ died for us while we were still sinners'*. The words of a popular hymn invite us to respond. *'Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy. Today we come thy blessings to implore; Oh touch our hearts so cold and ungrateful, And make them Lord, thine own for evermore'*.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

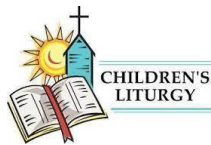
WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Telson Thomas and Riya Joseph who will be married in the church next week. May God bless them in their married life.

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 Ann Brien, John Kelly, Francesco Pizzo, Michael Sherman, Aldo Mariotti, Patricia Leach, Salvatore Santaniello, Ian Hunter, Pat Lavers and Domenico Provenzano. *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 **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 **this Sunday**. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

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| 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 27th 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.



SCHOOLS/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.



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.

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.

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.



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

RACIAL JUSTICE WEBINAR In order to help inform the Bishops' Conference on the ongoing mission of promoting racial justice throughout the country, they will host a webinar to advance the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in

recent years. The webinar will be held on **July 11th from 2-3.30pm** and will provide an opportunity for those working in the area of racial justice to learn from one another, share experiences and initiatives. Anyone can register for the event by following the link below.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

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

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

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
ST ALBAN – 20th June**



St. Alban was the first martyr of England. During a persecution of Christians, though a pagan, he hid a priest in his house. The priest made such a great impression on him that Alban became a Christian. The governor was told that the priest was hiding in Alban's house, and he sent his soldiers to capture him. But Alban changed clothes with his guest, and gave himself up instead. The judge was furious when he found out that the priest had escaped so, the judge had Alban whipped. He commanded him to be beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the saint was converted, and he too, became a martyr. St Alban's shrine can still be visited in the sacred precincts of St Albans Abbey.

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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 |
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| <p>Sat 17th June Immaculate Heart of B Virgin Mary 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i></p> | <p>Page 91 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6 <i>I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.</i></p> <p>Ps 99 — We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</p> |
| <p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> | <p>2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11 <i>Now that we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.</i></p> |
| <p>Sun 18th June 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>Pat Lavers RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Francesco & Francesca Pizzo RIP anniv</i></p> | <p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>Mon 19th June St Romauld, Abbot 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Sherman RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> | <p>Gospel: Matthew 9: 36-10:8 <i>He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.</i></p> |
| <p>Tues 20th June St Alban Protomartyr 9-9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Ian Hunter RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> | <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</p> |
| <p>Wed 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Iris & Terry Gracias intentions</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> | <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33</p> |
| <p>Thurs 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop & THOMAS MORE, Martyrs 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Decd members of Stickland Family</i> NO 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>Friday 23rd June St Etheldreda Virgin (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> | <p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> |
| <p>Sat 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Bernie Meaney RIP</i></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>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Peter Bartley & Peter Galigan</i></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>Sun 25th June 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i></p> | <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p> |
| * Vigil Mass of Sunday | |
| REGULAR EVENTS | |
| <p>Tues 20th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 20th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p> | <p>Wed 21st 6pm Brownies, crypt</p> |

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.*