



The Announcer



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Year A

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH JUNE 2023

Gospel: *Matthew 10: 26-33*

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

Eve is blamed for enticing Adam into evil in Eden. Yet St Paul reminds us that it is through one man that sin entered the world. Adam and Eve were free to eat the fruit of any tree in the garden save for the tree of good and evil. St Louis de Montfort suggests that the restriction on their freedom wasn't because God wanted to deprive them of the fruit. Rather it was because it was only God's to give. It wasn't theirs for the taking. Only God could reveal to them what was good and evil. It is not for us to invent morality without God, or to aspire to a freedom which will not make us free. St John Paul II sees our attempt to invent the moral law for ourselves as the original act of rebellion. When we lose our moral-compass we have lost sight, not only of the four cardinal points of virtue but of why we needed a compass in the first place. Life becomes difficult to navigate in a world adrift and without moral direction. Ignoring or rejecting the moral law, tested and tried across different cultures and ages, is an act of defiant recklessness. Holy Scripture calls it pride. It engineers the fall of both man and angels..... our desire to do what we wish, to go it alone, to organise our lives without God. According to C.S. Lewis, pride is *'an instrument preferring to play itself because it thinks it knows the tune better than the musician'*. The Church sees pride as the mother of all sin and the deadliest of the seven deadly sins. This being so, what then are we to make of this current 'Pride Month'? Its advocates often go out of their way to ridicule traditional moral values. Flaunting one's sexuality in today's world is big business. But is it anyone else's business, other than in the confines of a committed monogamous marriage? With respect to all forms of what the Church regards as sexual deviance, the Christian adage has been to hate the sin but to love the sinner, recognising that we are all sinners. Through offering a fulfilment which went far deeper than immediate carnal desires, Jesus attracted among his followers many whom respectable society cast beyond the pale. His answer, to those who would wish to mete out the death penalty for sexual deviance, was *'he who is without sin cast the first stone'*, and to the accused, whom he did not condemn, *'sin no more'*. Pope Francis has said no one should be discriminated against for their sexuality. He has also reminded us that whatever civil arrangement, the state sanctions for people of the same sex, can never be equal to the sacrament of marriage. For Catholics, the marriage of man and woman prefigures the union that God seeks for his Church....the bridegroom for the bride. The Church teaches that the exchange of life-giving, procreative love which God designed in the complementarity of the sexes can only be found in a heterosexual union. This does not mean that the Church regards homosexual orientation as sinful per se, nor that it is necessarily opposed to people of the same sex entering into covenantal arrangements for their mutual convenience, such as David and Jonathan did. All this of course is far from the pride agenda. It is worth noting the difference between the pride flag and the rainbow. The pride flag has six colours, the colours of the rainbow seven. The rainbow points to the eternal union which God seeks with his people and the whole of creation. The Church's seven rays or sacraments are our means in Christ of restoration to life's wholeness. Because of this, St John Paul II sees marriage as the primordial sacrament in which all other sacraments find their prototype. Whatever we think of the pride month, isn't it time that we had a month celebrating marriage? It is after all the fundamental building block of society, through which most of us have entered the world and upon which the survival of the human species depends. Perhaps even the government will support it, shop windows will advertise it, and teachers can teach it ...and with impunity. Does not equality and freedom demand it?



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Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

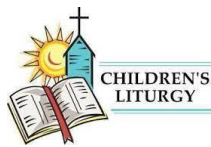
WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Bertie Drew who will be baptised this weekend.

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 Yvonne Dignan, Michael Whyton, Arthur Carini, Angela McIntyre, Maria Gaiteri, William Coffey, Brian Moore, Maria Santaniello, Gaetano Ciruolo, Croce Cuffaro, Sebastiano Randazzo, Peter Bartley, Peter Galigan and Livia Melillo. *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 this Sunday 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 **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.

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:

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 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.

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)!

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.

BROXBORNE 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Pasquale & Helen Ciccarelli who celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

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.

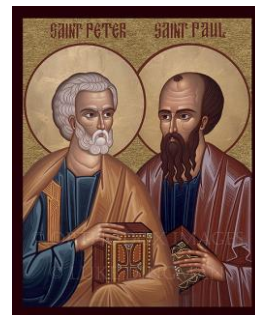
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
SS PETER & PAUL

29th June



St. Peter is regarded as the first of the Apostles, the rock upon which the Church is built. He was intimately connected with the earthly life and ministry of our Lord, and after His death preached the Good News of Jesus. Peter and Paul were each martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero in the years 64-67. Peter was crucified, head down at his own request (so that he would not die in the same way as Christ), and because Paul was a Roman citizen, he was beheaded. The Church unites them in a common celebration and gives them identical honour.

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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 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Bernie Meaney RIP	Page 93 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 <i>He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.</i> Ps 68 — In your great love, answer me, O God.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Peter Bartley & Peter Galigan	2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15 <i>The gift considerably outweighed the fall.</i>
Sun 25th June 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Private intention	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!
Mon 26th June 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Gaetana Ciraolo RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33 <i>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.</i>
Tues 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Croce Cuffaro RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</p>
Wed 28th June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Dr & Martyr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Livia Melillo RIP anniv followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42
Thurs 29th June SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with St Augustine's School Oliver O'Neill RIP 2pm Mass with St Cross School Barbara Doran RIP 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm Mass Maria Beschizza Venturini RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
Friday 30th June The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Christopher Whelehan RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
Sat 1st July DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Bill Pollard RIP anniv	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Maureen Fallon RIP anniv	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
Sun 2nd July 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Nadia Miragliotta 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 27th 1 pm lunch club, crypt Tues 27th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Wed 28th 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.*