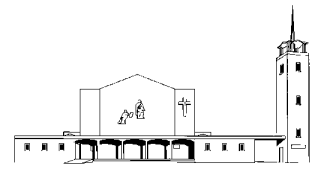




The Announcer



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Year A

MOST HOLY TRINITY

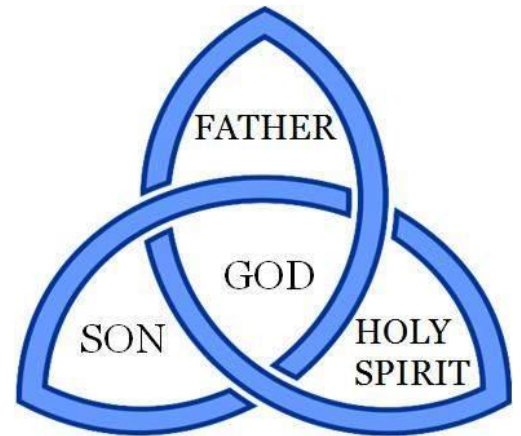
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Gospel: *John 3: 16-18*

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. If someone asked us what is the Catholic Faith how would we answer? We would probably consider many things, but would we consider first our belief in the Holy Trinity? This is how one of the great creeds of the Church would have us respond. *'Whosoever will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith. Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. And the Catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance.'* These words are the first lines of the long *Athanasian Creed* which we used to recite every Trinity Sunday in one of my parishes. They were drawn up, or at least inspired by, the great Egyptian doctor of the Church, Athanasius, as he and others fought

for the truth of the Trinity against the Arians who denied the eternal divinity of the Son. For the Arians Jesus was a created being, who did not exist from eternity as the divine logos, in express contradiction of holy scripture. Such Arian views underlay the beliefs of many cults today. While it is true that the word 'Trinity' is not used in the bible, the truth of the Trinity is self-evidently there, not least in what Jesus says of himself, the Father and the Spirit. The Athanasian creed reminds us that worshipping God involves recognising the oneness of God, and the unity that exists between Father, Son and Spirit, *'neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance'*. We say that Father, Son and Spirit are separate 'persons' but they all share the same nature or substance, so that there is a Tri-unity. There is no perfect analogy for this. How can there be, when it seeks to reflect the perfection and uniqueness of God? Even the popular analogy of natural water existing as solid, gas and liquid takes us only so far. In the end we accept the Trinity on faith, on the basis of revealed truth, inspired scripture and catholic tradition. St Augustine of Hippo, after whom our church was named, wrote a famous work on the Trinity which not surprisingly, he never finished. As he wrestled with his thoughts, walking along the beach one day, he encountered a little boy trying to fill a hole in the sand with water from the sea. He asked the boy what he was doing, when it was manifestly impossible to fill a small hole with such a vast object. The little boy laughed at him, pointing out that neither could Augustine's mind grasp the immensity of the Holy Trinity. St Augustine concluded that understanding the Trinity had more to do with the understanding of the heart than the mind. The Trinity is all about divine relationship-the dynamic relationship of divine love between Father, Son and Spirit. Yet love is never self-contained, not least divine love. God the lover seeks our loving union with and through his beloved. Divine love necessarily creates, redeems and renews. God the Trinity reveals his truth to us through his mission of love. St John reminds us that *'In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins'*. St Paul tells us that, *'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us'*. The same Spirit leads us into the truth of the Trinity, for the Spirit *'will lead you into all truth'*. The truth of the Trinity is the revelation of divine love. Only those who have welcomed or seeking divine love, are drawn into its meaning. It is revealed only to lovers. God is love and accepting the Trinity is about falling in love and seeking union with the one for whom we were made in love, by love and with love.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

MASS: On **Tuesday** there will be no 9.15am Mass due to the funeral at 10am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 9am-9.30am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place from 5-6pm on **Tuesday evening**, due to the Confirmation meeting.

WENDY PYPER formerly of Bourne Close died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 6th June** at 10am. *May she rest in peace.*

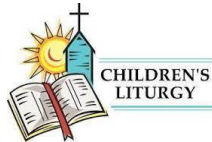


WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Salvatore Alio & Lucia Gulisano who will be married in church next week. May God bless them in their married life.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Wendy Pyper, Bernie Meaney and Elizabeth Linane and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Anthony Rayner, Gwen Phelan, Raffaella Bagan, Joseph Onyenakala, Bernadette Munday, Calogero Nicastro, Patricia Castaldi, Mary Fernandez and Andrew Kelly. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CORPUS CHRISTI is on **Sunday 11th June** and there will be Adoration in the presbytery garden from 8-10pm, or in the church if wet.

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 **this Sunday & 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.

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.

'**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 13th June** at **7.30pm** in the crypt.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023: The last session will be on **Tuesday 6th June at 7pm in the crypt.** 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.

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL are looking to employ a Mid-day supervisor. Would you enjoy spending a few hours a day helping children during their lunchtime?" If so, this is the right job for you! Please contact the Headteacher 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.

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.

ASYLUM SEEKERS: There are still over 300 asylum seekers living in temporary accommodation locally. Volunteers are needed to help sort clothes at the Cheshunt Marriott on a Wednesday and Friday between 10am-2pm. If you are able to help, even for one hour, please contact Rubbina on 07944 887103. All visitors must have some authorisation, such as a recent DBS check (within 3 yrs) or at least a letter from your Parish Priest.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Hard copies of the newspaper have now been made available to purchase. However, we will only purchase a few if there is a need for them. If you are interested in buying a weekly copy, please contact the presbytery.



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

PRAYER OF ST BONIFACE

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord



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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 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Alberto Beschizza RIP</p>	<p>Page 81 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 <i>Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Mary Fernandez RIP</p>	<p>Ps 3 — To you glory and praise for evermore.</p>
<p>Sun 4th June MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass Calogero Nicastro RIP anniv</p>	<p>2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 <i>The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.</i></p>
<p>Mon 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Miles Connors intentions 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Tues 6th June St Norbert, Bishop 9-9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Funeral Wendy Pyper RIP 5-6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel: John 3: 16-18 <i>God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.</i></p>
<p>Wed 7th June 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Suzie Valeobouse RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS CORPUS CHRISTI (YEAR A)</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 Gospel: John 6: 51-58</p>
<p>Thurs 8th June 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Rosa Russo RIP anniv 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 9th June St Ephrem, Deacon & Dr (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Joseph Hayward RIP anniv 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 10th June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Giuseppe Cognata RIP</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>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 <i>For the Parish</i> 1.15pm Confirmation Mass</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>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 6th 1 pm lunch club, crypt Tues 6th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p>	<p>Tues 6th 7pm Confirmation, crypt Wed 7th 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.*