



The Announcer



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Year A

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD JULY 2023

Gospel: *Matthew 13: 24-43*

Let them both grow till the harvest.

The National Gallery is currently holding a free exhibition on St Francis of Assisi, which ends at the close of July. It offers some beautiful depictions of his life, as well as significant relics associated with him. Even in his lifetime he was known as a second Christ. Francis would have a real problem with that designation for there is only ever one Christ. Yet when people encountered Francis, they were animated in such a way as if Christ were before them. Effortlessly without striving, he took Jesus at his word, and merely submitted and cooperated with his will. It's what all of us have to do, or rather be...to live in such a way that



we draw others to the Saviour, in spite of ourselves. And it has to be in spite of ourselves, because it is only through ourselves, through our frail flesh and the everyday circumstances of our lives that the gospel is made manifest, and incarnated. St Teresa of Avila said that *'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours'*. Teresa is not denying the real presence of the Lord in the mass or tabernacle, but merely affirming the reality of the Church, that our bodies become sacraments of Jesus' presence. For Teresa the Lord's body that converts the world is none other than ourselves, gifted and animated by the Spirit of life. It is the Spirit living in us which enables us to model Christ rather than the world, the same Spirit which as St Paul reminds us today, helps us in our weakness, not least when we try to express what is on our hearts. The Spirit cannot act in and through our lives, if we seek to live by power or might. In order to be of greater service, Francis relinquished his hold on both (or their hold on him), and on all worldly possessions, graphically represented in his stripping himself of his expensive clothes and donning a poor man's garb. Freed by Jesus, he was free to live for Him and for others. Deeply enamoured by the Father's love, he recognised the same love sustained the whole of creation. This vision speaks so powerfully to us today as we seek to steward the earth by working with God's creative processes rather than against them. Francis did not live a life of silence, but was in tune not only with heaven but with the created world. One of the exhibition rooms has birdsong to remind us of this. Francis retained the wonder which so many lose as they grow older, the wonder of seeing everything afresh, transcended and transfused with God's presence. Childlike he was open to the Father's will and the prompting of the Spirit. How can we hear the voice of God if we allow ourselves to be deafened by the superficiality of what passes as significant and the artificiality of what passes for life? As the gospel acclamation reminds us today, the things of the kingdom are revealed to those with childlike open hearts. Wheat and darnel are virtually indistinguishable. Appearances are deceptive, but God always sees the heart and has the answer for its problems.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Alexandra Chytra who will be baptised this weekend.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Miles Cash and Kathleen Doran who will be married in church on Monday. May God bless them in their married life.

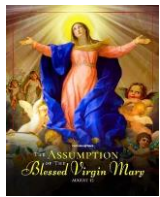


PROVEDANCA ACCOMANDO of Chadwick Care Home died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 2nd August at 12 noon.**

May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Edward Brien, Clare Broadbent, Provedanca Accomando, and Maria Cerasale and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antonina Schembri, Rosaria Giardina Papa, Antonino Gentile, Ida D'Onofrio, Leonarda Chiazza, Godwin Castaldi, Ellen Reid, Vincenzo DiMaggio, Silvestro Filocco, Susannah Fitzpatrick, Margaret Johns, Silvia Cracchiolo, Pius Ogbodu, Rosalia & Luciano Dilena. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN



MARY feast is on **Tuesday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be at 9.15am, 2pm and 8pm. If you are a reader/Eucharistic Minister/altar server and can assist at the Masses, please do contact the presbytery.

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 **30th July and 6th August.** 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.



YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, **please enquire by 31st July** by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 23rd September. We have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal



Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Mary, Mother of the Home.' The theme is not dissimilar to the one for the Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, focusing on Our Lady's call for a "Chapel to be built." In both senses, God is continually building up the People of God to journey with him on a pilgrimage of faith. The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. Please note there will be two collections during the day: one during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of the Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the cost of the day. We have a 49-seater coach, with a toilet. To book a place on the coach, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and give it in with the £29 (£24 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery.

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/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

'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 1st Aug at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on

Saturday 2nd Sept at 11.30am in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.



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 a Nursery class teacher. Please contact the Headteacher's PA on 01992 463549 for more info.

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



BROXBOURNE FOODBANK is in urgent need of tins of meat, fruit, vegetables, fish, rice pudding & custard, squash, UHT juice &

UHT milk. Please note they have plenty of bakes beans, dried pasta and feminine hygiene. Please leave your donation in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC: We are holding a Parish picnic on **Sunday 13th August at 12.30pm in the presbytery garden and the band will be playing.** Parishioners are asked to bring food to share with others, and it doesn't have to be finger food. Please do bring your own drink and glasses, but paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided. **There are now lists on the blue board at the back of church for you to fill out, so everyone can see what food is being brought to share, so we don't end up with too much of the same thing.** If you would like to attend, can you please fill out the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery. **Raffle prizes are needed for the raffle, so if you can donate something, please do hand it in at the presbytery - only new items please.** As we don't have many gazebos, if you would like to bring your own gazebo to put up on the day, please do so.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: We congratulate Brian and Viv Wingate who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday.

We also congratulate Leon & Geraldine who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 28th July.

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.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will finish on **Tuesday 25th July** and will resume again on Tuesday 5th September.

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

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

PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 23RD SEPTEMBER

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £29.

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Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

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PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

Name:

Contact no:

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Luigia Tozzi Magnavacca RIP	Page 105 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 <i>After sin you will grant repentance.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Pius Ogbodu RIP	Ps 85 — O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Sun 23rd July 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Rosalia & Luciano Dilena RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27 <i>The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.</i>
Mon 24th July St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Anthony & Chuchu Mbonu RIP 1pm Wedding Miles Cash & Kathleen Doran 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Tues 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Emma Barnes intentions 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 <i>Let them both grow till the harvest.</i>
Wed 26th July Ss Joachim & Anne, Grandparents of Jesus 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</p> 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52
Thurs 27th July 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Fr Julian's Ordination Anniversary 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 28th July (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Phill Powel RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 29th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Holy Souls	<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 For the Parish	<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.
Sun 30th July 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Larry O'Neill RIP anniv 11.15am Mass Isabella & Stanley Abrahams RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 25th 1pm lunch club, garden Tues 25th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	Wed 26th 4.30pm Support group, presb Wed 26th 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.*