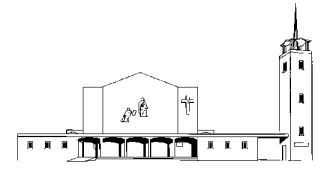




The Announcer



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Year A

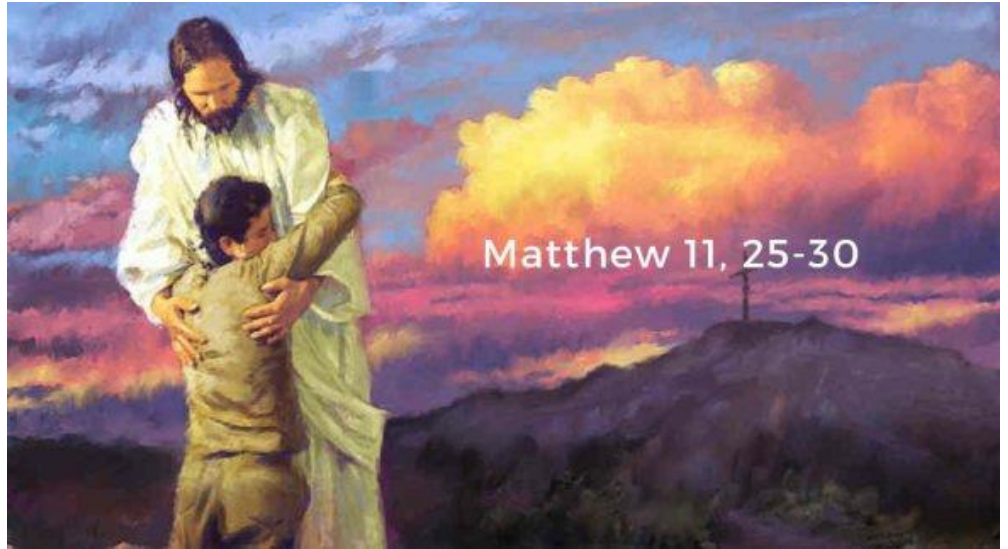
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH JULY 2023

Gospel: *Matthew 11: 25-30*

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus prays. He turns to his Father. His prayer is an action of thanks. He praises his Father more through what he does than what he says. He is amazed to see the spontaneity of children and the positive response of the less-than sophisticated people to his preaching. In equal measure, Jesus seems sorry to see those who had every possibility of recognizing him turn away from him (Jn 9:40-41). Our Lord's joy at the response of the children and the childlike explodes. They don't fret with merely interrogating his message. They refrain from putting it through the scrutiny of pedantic criticism. They simply welcome it, spontaneously intuiting that it is not a question of understanding everything, but of accepting to be loved.



It is truly necessary to resemble those children whom Jesus loves (Mk 10:16), and who are happy to be loved, because they are not questioned. It is truly necessary to let down one's guard in His presence, for fear of missing the most beautiful encounter any human can have without even realising it. For the one who welcomes him in this way, Jesus keeps the greatest revelations, those that no one can know (Mt 11:27) and which deal with the mystery of God himself. There is more. Those who pray experience it. God speaks to us when we confide in him.

Our understanding grows when we are not defensive in God's presence. We truly love when we accept to be loved, since God always loves us first (1Jn 4:10). Sadly, however, we tend to defend ourselves, we don't want to be vulnerable, and we find it hard to let go. We complicate the spiritual life. We look for the difficult where things are simple. The Lord's yoke is light, for he bears it for us. Let us therefore, in simplicity and spontaneity, take up our Lord's yoke upon ourselves and we shall find true meaning and fulfilment in our lives.

Fr Michael Quaioco

PRAYER & LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS: There are currently some spare weekday dates for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. An intention can also be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

'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.

CLARE BROADBENT of Beane River View, Hertford died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 19th July** at 11.30am.

THOMAS DUNNE of Lord Street, died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 21st July** at 12 noon.

May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Thomas Dunne and Clare Broadbent and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Geoff Warde, Carlo Ciaravella, Gaetano Amodeo, Erlinda Cabrera-Velasco, Angelo Cacciatore, Angelo Pullara, Lisa O'Sullivan, Karl Glavey, Antonio Bossis, Michael Weaver, Rose McCafferty, Denis Lynch and Vincenzo Loffredo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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 **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.



NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH is a Catholic conference being held from the **31st July - 4th August** at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is an outstanding programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship and teaching.

New Dawn does not charge an attendance fee, but relies solely on donations. The website <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/> provides more detailed information as well as links to available accommodation in the Walsingham area. There is also information about the availability of seats on a coach from Euston Station to take pilgrims from London to Walsingham on Monday, 31st July, returning on Friday, 4th August - <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/travel/>

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



'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 18th July 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 a Nursery class teacher. 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.

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



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 agribusinesses. 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 companies. Read the full report at cafod.org.uk/sowingtheseeds. **Next weekend**, parishioners are being asked to sign a giant letter from Salina, an organic farmer and seed saver in Bangladesh.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC: We are holding a Parish picnic on **Sunday 13th August 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.** 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. **Raffle prizes are needed for the raffle, so if you can donate something, please do hand it in at the presbytery.** So far, only 22 people have confirmed they would like to attend. If you would like to come, please do let us know so that we can start planning the event.



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.

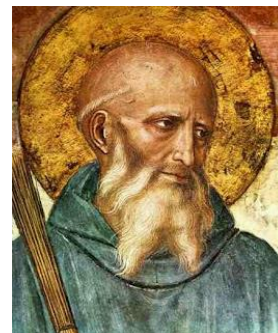


DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BENEDICT
Patron of Europe
11th July



St Benedict of Nursia is the patron saint of Europe and students. Benedict founded 12 communities for monks in Italy, starting at Subiaco. He spent his life realising the ideal of monasticism which he had drawn out in his rule. He died at Monte Cassino, Italy, while standing in prayer to God. According to tradition, this occurred on March 21st 547. He was named patron protector of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964. In 1980 Pope John Paul II declared him a co-patron of Europe, together with Saints Cyril and Methodius.

WELCOMING ALL NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete the New Parishioner Registration Form if you have not already registered as a new parishioner. We can then add you to our database and welcome you to our parish community. You will find the forms in the porch in church. Thank you to all those who have registered as new parishioners.

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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 8th July Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Breno & Angelo Venturini RIP anniv</p>	<p>Page 99 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10 <i>See now, your king comes humbly to you.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Geoff Warde RIP</p>	<p>Ps 144 — I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</p>
<p>Sun 9th July 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Deceased members of McGrath Family 11.15am Mass For the Parish</p>	<p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 <i>If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.</i></p>
<p>Mon 10th July 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Mary O'Connor's intentions 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</p>
<p>Tues 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Lisa O'Sullivan RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30 <i>I am gentle and humble of heart.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)</p>
<p>Wed 12th July 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Vincenzo Loffredo RIP anniv followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23</p>
<p>Thurs 13th July St Henry 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Pamela Newell 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 14th July St Camillus de Lellis, Priest (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Kathlee Callanan 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 15th July St Bonaventure, Bishop & Dr 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Sidoli, Beschizza, Venturini, Schia, Conti & Corsini Families</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 Justin Ighade's intentions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
<p>Sun 16th July 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Nicola & Margherita Barone RIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
<p>Tues 11th 1pm lunch club, crypt Tues 11th 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p>	<p>Wed 12th 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.*