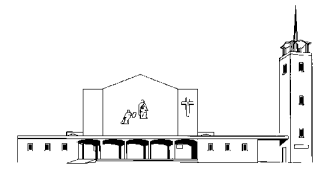




# The Announcer



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**YEAR A**

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 28-32*

*He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*

When we go on a journey we are usually accompanied by others. Christians are known as the people of the Way, not only because we travel together but because we travel with Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Travelling together is what the word 'synod' means, and this week Pope Francis opens his long awaited synod on 4<sup>th</sup> October, which will run until 29<sup>th</sup> October. The synod of course is much more than reminding ourselves that we are on the move. Pope Francis has called representatives from across the whole Church



together to take stock of where we are and to discern the signs of the times. Even if we are absent, we can be present by praying that the Holy Spirit will touch our hearts and minds to discern how Christ may be more glorified in our communion, participation and mission together. As we keep the synod in our prayers, why not sign up for half an hour in our twenty-six hours of adoration in the church, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, before the synod starts on Wednesday. Let us seek the Holy Spirit's will for Pope Francis and the synod, for our Church and whatever issues are laid on our hearts. Wednesday is St Francis of Assisi's Day, a saint who challenged the Church of his day to live differently and radically by choosing to take Jesus at his word. His divine commission was to rebuild what was in danger of collapse. Initially he thought that God wanted him to rebuild an actual building, but then he realised that it was the Church Catholic that he was being asked to renew. St Francis of Assisi is very much our saint for today. Not only do we need his freshness of vision, but we need also to share his great love for the created world, our common home, as Pope Francis calls it in *Laudato Si*, which is threatened by our greed and selfishness. We are facing unprecedented pollution, climate change, lack of clean water, loss of biodiversity and an overall decline in the quality of human life and a daily breakdown of society. Our apathy, reckless pursuit of profits, excessive faith in technology and political myopia is destroying the very ground on which we stand on...literally where floods or fires occur. Changes in the climate are largely man made with grave implications for the environment, the wellbeing of society, political and economic stability and the distribution of goods. The heart of the problem is that humans no longer see God as the Creator means that we see other creatures, and the environment generally, as mere objects of human domination, relentless exploitation and wilful destruction. We fail to realize that the ultimate purpose of other creatures is not in ourselves. Not only do we treat the created world as a casual means to our ends, we use our fellow beings in the same way. St John Paul II reminded us that the human person is 'a good' towards which the only proper and adequate response is love. This Friday we are invited to show something of that love in supporting the work of Cafod on our fast day. Benedict XVI reminded us that it is not by isolating ourselves from the needs of others that we reveal our humanity but by loving them as God loves them. This solidarity with others has to be first worked out in the Church. St Paul today reminds us that we should have a common mind and a common purpose, and we 'should always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interest first but everybody thinks of other's interests first'. In the Church or outside it, if we do not see others as made in the image of God, or having an innate dignity in themselves, we make them into objects of our use and exploitation. In contrast, when Jesus treated people with infinite worth and respect, they responded to his invitation to accept God's grace and forgiveness. Who then becomes the prostitute or tax-collector? If we are to share Jesus' love with others, we cannot demand payment or taxation in return. It is freely given.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

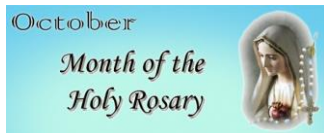
WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Leo Drake who will be baptised this weekend.

**MARK WIPPERMAN** of The Knowle, died recently. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

**MASS** on Wednesday at 9.15am will be with St Augustine's School. All are welcome to attend.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.**

**ROSARY:** As October is the month of the holy rosary, there will be a decade of the rosary recited before each Sunday Mass.



**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Mark Wipperman and Maurizio Leccacorvi and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nora Campkin, Lilian O'Sullivan, Desiree Ponambalum, Kathleen Jones, Carmela Scaffidi, Bill Askew, Adua Nolan and James Dignan. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



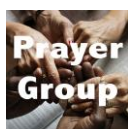
**26 HOURS OF ADORATION:** For the last two days of the Novena for St Francis of Assisi – **8am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 9pm,** we are holding 26

hours of adoration. Please take a half hour slot by signing your name on the blue board in the porch. We might use this time to pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, the synodical journey and for the state of our world.

**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 on the **12<sup>th</sup> November.**



**HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 9.15am Mass are needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately.** The next children's liturgy will take place on the **1<sup>st</sup> October.** Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue.



**PRAYER GROUP** will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, starting on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.** All are welcome!

**FATIMA:** There will be a film showing about Fatima in the crypt



after the 7pm Mass on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

'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.



## FINANCE

**FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2022** are now available to view on the notice board on the back of the church, by the newspapers. During 2022, we did not cover our daily running costs and had an average deficit of £663 per week. Even though our total offertory has gone up by 24.4% over the last 3 years, the average weekly donation per person was £3.67. If you are in a position to give more, it would make a real difference. Just 32% of our total offertory and donations were gift aided. If everyone had gift-aided their donations, we would have received an extra £26,036 this year! If you pay tax, please do sign up for Gift Aid so that we can add 25% to everything that you give, at no cost to yourself. You will find gift aid forms by the newsletters. 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

## 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.*

**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

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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 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

**2024:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 7-8pm** in the crypt. An email has now been sent to all parents who have applied. If you have not received the email, please contact the presbytery.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/2024:** The next meetings for children in year 3 will be on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October**.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** If your child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2025, please contact the presbytery to register your interest. The register starts this weekend and can be found on the blue board at the back of church.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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.



### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE



**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the Fast-Day envelopes are attached to this weekend's newsletter and will be collected on the **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October**. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Please donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelopes provided, give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk), or scan the QR code.



### SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S QUIZ NIGHT** will be held in the crypt on Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm** for 8pm start. £5 per head. Please contact the Under 5's on 460614 to book your table. Please bring your own drink and nibbles with you.



**NURSERY PLACES - ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** are welcoming applications to their Nursery starting September 2023. This process is for children who were born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020**. Interested Parents & Carers are welcome to visit the school. For further info, please contact [admin@staugustines@herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines@herts.sch.uk).

**GOVERNOR VACANCY:** St Augustine's School are looking for a Foundation Governor. The roll is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 3 meetings per term plus occasional visits to school to meet with classes and subject teachers. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving

something back to your local Catholic school, please let Fr Julian know. More information can be found at [www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-as-a-governor](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-as-a-governor).

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** have dates to view the school for prospective parents for Reception Intake 2024. Please call the office on 01992 467309 to book your preferred date.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOLY FAMILY SISTERS OF THE NEEDY** appeal: The total raised from the appeal came to £651.11. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm** in the presbytery.



**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a weekend to help you to heal in on **13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October** at the Sion Community, Brentwood. Please ring Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).



**FIRE WARDENS** are needed for each weekend Mass. Training will be given. If you are interested in volunteering, please do contact the presbytery.

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

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

### PRAYER: SEEDS OF HOPE



Harvest Appeal

Generous God, we thank you, for the gifts you have



**no one beyond reach**

given for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all. Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all.

Amen.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept St Jerome, Priest</b> 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <b>Gino &amp; Maurizio Leccacorvi RIP</b>	<b>Page 134 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 18: 25-28 <i>When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <b>Ann McInness intentions</b>	<b>Ps 24 — Remember your mercy, Lord.</b>
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Margaret Whelehan RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 2: 1-11 <i>In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.</i>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October The Holy Guardian Angels</b> 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <b>Tony Clayton RIP</b> <b>After Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9pm</b>	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <b>Richard Pyper RIP anniv</b> <b>After Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9pm</b>	<b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 28-32 <i>He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.</i>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October St Francis of Assisi</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with St Augustine's School <b>Steven Davies RIP</b> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>(YEAR A)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 5: 1-7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 4: 6-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 33-43
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <b>In thanksgiving</b> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October St Bruno, Priest (Harvest Fast Day)</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Mark Wipperman RIP</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass <b>Thomas Murphy RIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <b>Bernadette Field RIP anniv</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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 <b>For the Parish</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Enrico &amp; Maria Rega RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>Francesco &amp; Francesca Pizzo RIP</b>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 2nd</b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt <b>Tues 2nd</b> 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt	<b>Wed 3rd</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Prayer group, 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*