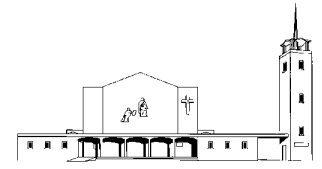




# The Announcer



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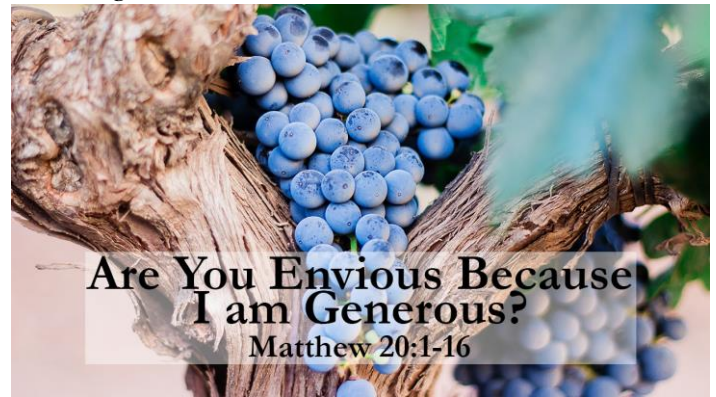
**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

Gospel: *Matthew 20: 1-16*

*Why be envious because I am generous?*

This weekend about thirty parishioners will be heading off to Walsingham for the annual diocesan pilgrimage. We have a special connection with Walsingham. Our south chapel is dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham, and we have roundel highlighting the number of miles between Hoddesdon and Walsingham. Hoddesdon was the first staging post on the journey to Walsingham from London, and one of the many reasons why there were so many inns in Hoddesdon was to provide accommodation for the many pilgrims passing through. It's no credit to a recent book on the pilgrimage route that it doesn't mention the



town, nor the fact that one of its most famous pilgrims, Thomas More spent part of his life in neighbouring Roydon. The book is called the Camino to Walsingham but it didn't need to be titled that, as if Walsingham had to lean on the famous route to Santiago de Compostela. In the Middle Ages so many flocked to Walsingham that they were said to be as illuminous as the Milky Way. It was at Walsingham that Richeldis de Faverches had a vision of the Virgin who asked her to build a replica of the holy house Nazareth. England's Nazareth speaks of the incarnation-not only that in the ordinary human womb of Mary, Jesus was conceived, born and nurtured, as one of us, but that here in our landscape, in England's dowry those who come on pilgrimage will 'not go away empty handed'. That was Mary's promise to Richeldis in the eleventh century, and countless pilgrims throughout the succeeding generations have found it to be true. As Jesus' spiritual brothers and sisters, we are Mary's children, which is how the last book of the bible, the Apocalypse describes us. Just as she transcends any idea of earthly motherhood, so in her magnificat, she reminds us that we cannot carry into the kingdom of God the presuppositions of worldly distinctions. True equality is born of God the Father. Today's parable reminds us of the universal call to work in the vineyard of the Lord. All the citizens of the kingdom of God receive the same benefits, regardless of when they responded to the call. This is the impartial generous grace of our Father, who never runs out of pocket providing for his own. The parable talks of a daily wage, a minimum wage if you like, given indiscriminately to all the workers. And if this is just for one day, what generosity awaits those who work many days. The parable of course is not in the first place about work, pay or rewards, and it certainly wouldn't do much for industrial relations. It reminds us of the sheer privilege of being God's co-workers, and not to look at what we can get out of God but of what we can put in. Is there an equality in how we perceive our brothers and sisters in the faith? Last week I drew attention to the fact that generally it is a small percentage of the church congregations who carry the financial burden of the running costs. It may be the same here. What's equal about that? I know that some may not be in a comfortable position financially at present, but many are. What if we established an equality in our giving, so that some of our brothers and sisters are not unduly weighed down by the failure of the rest of us to give what is a proportionate for God's work and glory. Might we say the same of the giving of our time and talents as well. Some may not be in a position to volunteer their assistance but others are. There is much work to do in the vineyard. God wants to hire you!

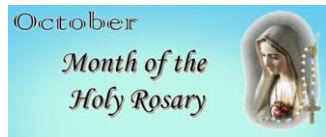
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## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Clara Ball who will be baptised this weekend.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held from **5-6pm on Monday evening**.

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



**VINCENZO GIARDINA** of Fairfield Road died recently. His Requiem will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**.

**MICHAEL KENNY** of Willowthorpe Nursing Home died recently. His Requiem will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**. *May they rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Vincenzo Giardina and Michael Kenny and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Eileen Linford, John Lumley, Neville Yarwood, Rose Alles, Giovanni Cicchirillo, Ann Jenkins, Felice Comparetto, Pasquala Orlandi, Bill Anthony, Nicholas Stevenson and Margaret and Derek Staines. *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.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** will take place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am** for all servers and anyone who is in year 3 and above who would like to become a server. If you are interested, please 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 on the **24<sup>th</sup> September**.



**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 **17<sup>th</sup> September and 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 the **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>
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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.*

**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 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:

The first meeting will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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 you child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2025, please contact the presbytery to register your interest.

**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



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the Fast-Day envelopes will be attached to next weekend's newsletter and then collected on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October.

**CAFOD:** You may remember, back in mid-July, asking parishioners to sign a giant letter to CAFOD, regarding Fix the Food System campaign. This week, I received exciting news from CAFOD saying - "the response to this action was incredible and whilst we don't have exact figures yet, we had over 650 churches take part, over 57,000 parishioners signed a letter and 18 of our Bishops signed a letter in their diocese". These letters will be delivered to the World Bank London offices on the morning of Wednesday, 11th October. Anne Byrne.

## 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.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** are holding their AGM on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. Come and meet staff and trustees over a glass of wine and nibbles. All are welcome!

**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).

**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.

**ST MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL** are holding their Open Evening on **27<sup>th</sup> September**. Booking is essential. Please visit their website to book.

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

### SEPARATION SUPPORT

**GROUP:** The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 4.30pm** in the presbytery.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, Archangels**  
**29<sup>th</sup> September**



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael ("Who is like God") was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Archangel Gabriel ("Strength of God") announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Archangel Raphael ("Medicine of God") is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b>            9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            10am Mass <i>Hilda Antonia Boning's intentions</i></p>	<p><b>Page 131 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 55: 6-9  <i>My thoughts are not your thoughts</i></p> <p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass <i>Benefactors of the Church</i></p>	<p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p><b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> September 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Bill Anthony RIP</i>            11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p><b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass <i>Felice Comparetto RIP</i>  <b>11am Funeral Vincenzo Giardina RIP</b>  <b>5-6pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p><b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> September Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass <i>Madeline Rucco &amp; Anna Scognamillo RIP</i>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p><b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September St Vincent de Paul, Priest</b>            8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            9.15am Mass <i>Elka Adam RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>11am Funeral Michael Kenny RIP</b>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>Ps 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 1: 20-24, 27  <i>Life to me is Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 20: 1-6  <i>Why be envious because I am generous.</i></p>
<p><b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September St Wenceslaus, Martyr</b>            7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            8am Mass <i>Vincenzo Guddemi RIP</i>            NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>(YEAR A)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 18: 25-28  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 2: 1-11  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21: 28-32</p>
<p><b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL, Archangels</b>            (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)            11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction            12 noon Mass <i>Neville Yarwood RIP</i>            6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p><b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September St Jerome, Priest &amp; Dr</b>            9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament            10am Mass <i>Gino Leccacorvi RIP</i></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
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<p><b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP</i>            11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
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<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<p><b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7-8pm Confirmation, crypt  <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt  <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt</p>	<p><b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, crypt  <b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt  <b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b> 11.30am Altar servers training</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*