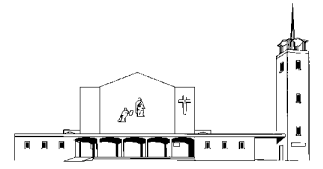




# The Announcer



## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**YEAR A**

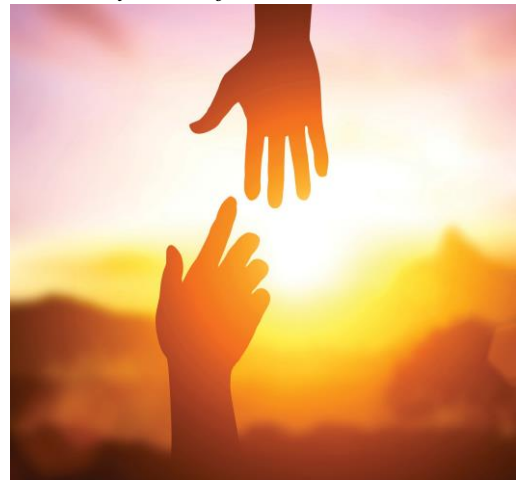
**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 34-40*

*You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

Our collect today is a prayer that God would 'make us love what you command'. If God makes us love, is that truly love? Can love be genuine, if forced? Doesn't love have to be freely given? Isn't this the principle at the heart of our relationship with God, where love is freely entered into? We see this in the covenant of Christian marriage. Couples enter into it with free consent and without constraint. So, what does the collect mean? The collect talks of a love already established within covenantal relationship, not those entering upon it, such as approaching holy matrimony or becoming baptised. As members of the Church we renew our covenantal relationship each time we freely participate in holy communion. As we are so often people of little faith, hope and charity, it is only fitting that we ask God for more of them. Through them, it is God, not us, who 'makes' us love his commands. Just like water (which we didn't create) saturates the ground and produces growth (which we cannot determine) so God's grace activates these gifts. God's activity is not contrary to our freedom, for the Church teaches us that we express our greatest freedom in willing what God wants and bringing ourselves into alignment with his commands. And what does God command? In the gospel today, Jesus answers that very question, posed by his opponents, 'what is the greatest commandment of the law'? Jesus says that we must first, 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind' and second, we 'must love your neighbour as yourself'. In fact, Jesus said that the second commandment resembles the first. How is this? If we love God then it will mean that we love what God loves, and will what he wills, which is the good of the other. To love our neighbour as ourselves therefore is to will for them the same love that God has for us. But divine love goes further than willing for others what we will for ourselves. If our love for our neighbour resembles our love for God, and his love for us, then that love has to involve the gift of our very selves as well. God wants us to freely give ourselves to Him and to the other. This is at the heart of what the communion of the mass is all about. Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, and therefore we ought to give up ourselves for one another. Those who absent themselves from receiving holy communion show that they have not entered into love. If we truly love our brothers and sisters in the faith, then we will want to share the free gift of ourselves with them and Our Lord. The same truth undergirds the sacrament of marriage, which is why it is likened to the relationship between Christ and his Church. Where one of the couples has not given themselves to the other, then their marriage is insecure for true love has to go beyond simply willing the good of the other. We discover ourselves through love, for as *Gaudium et Spes* said, 'Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself'. Or to explain God's intention, as Julian of Norwich put it: 'Know it well, love was his meaning. Who reveals it to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why does he reveal it to you? For love. Remain in this, and you will know more of the same. But you will never know different, without end. So, I was taught that love is our Lord's meaning. And I saw very certainly in this and in everything that before God made us he loved us, which love was never abated and never will be. And in this love, he has done all his works, and in this love, he has made all things profitable to us, and in this love our life is everlasting. In our creation we had beginning, but the love in which he created us was in him from without beginning. In this love we have our beginning, and all this shall we see in God without end. Thanks be to God'.



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**HIS EXCELLENCY** Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Papal Nuncio will be present at the Italian mass next weekend.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on **Monday from 5-6pm**. On **Wednesday and Friday**, it will take place from 7-8pm

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** and will be **8pm** instead of 7pm.

**RONALD ELLIOTT** of Richardson Crescent died recently. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon**.

**MARIA CALVINO** of Bevil Court died recently. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 1pm.  
*May they rest in peace.*

**missio**  
Today. Tomorrow. Together.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** was last Sunday and supports missionaries who work alongside

communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

**The envelopes will be collected this weekend.** You can also give online at [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) or scan the QR code.

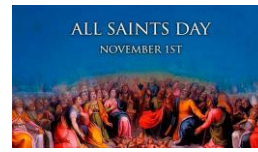


**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Maria Calvino and Ronald Elliott and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pietro Perzia, Maria Mustoe, Carmine Ruggiero, John McNaughton, James Higgins and Filippo Adamo. *May their souls and the souls of all the 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 on the **12<sup>th</sup> November**. The children will be signing at the Carol Service on the **17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** and also on **Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm**. They will also be performing at a Charity Carol Concert on the 2nd Dec 3pm at Christ Church, Ware. There will therefore be rehearsal dates for the children on: Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2-4pm in the crypt, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2-4pm in the crypt, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11-12 noon in the crypt, Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 5pm in church, Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov after 9.15am Mass, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 6pm Christ Church Ware, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2pm, Christ Church Ware. If you have any queries, please do contact Gabby on 07875 221543.

**Children's  
Choir**

**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 **29<sup>th</sup> October**. Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue.



**ALL SAINTS' DAY** is on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am with St Cross School, 2pm with St Augustine's School and 8pm.

**NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED:** Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are beside the newsletters. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR** **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8pm (not 7pm)** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all are welcome to attend.

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY:** Fr Julian will lead the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am**. Please meet inside the **main gate**. Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am**.



**PRAYER GROUP** will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, starting on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. All are welcome!



**UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME-** Aged 18-22 years old? Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Join us, and experience inspiring places and talks across several locations in the Diocese, build relationships with others in small groups, access unique resources to learn and grow in practical skills for leadership and mission, and discover your unique calling to build up the Church. Applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> to apply or email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) for enquiries.

## FINANCE

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you to all who continue

to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. 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:

<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

**'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 31st October at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 30th October from 7-8pm** in the crypt.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/2024:** The next meeting for children in year 3 will be on the **5th November**.

**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.



#### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**JUSTICE & PEACE** representative is needed for our parish. If you are interested, please do speak to Fr Julian.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)



write to say that Abortion providers are again ramping up their attempts to decriminalise abortion ... The Abortion providers, '... are using the case of women who are being prosecuted for illegal late-term abortions to make their case. There are now several other cases before the courts ... what all these cases have in common is

that they have happened since abortion giants like BPAS started sending women abortion drugs in the post, without proper checks! SPUC have produced a postcard that makes it easy for people to send a message - campaign calling on the Health Secretary to end this deadly policy. At the back of church are the postcards for you to sign, together with a box to post them in. All these will be collected up and sent off - return of postcards by **30th November 2023**.

#### SCHOOLS/UNDER 5'S

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** has prospective Open Day Tours for New Reception and Nursery Parents on **Monday 6th November @9.15am**, Wednesday 15th November @2pm Wednesday 22nd November @9.15am Monday 27th November @9:15am Please use this link to book a visit or call 463549. <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/sign-upform>

**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

**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE WARE** has invited us to visit on **Monday 13th November** in the afternoon (time to be confirmed.) If you would like to come, please let the presbytery know.

**URGENT APPEAL FOR WINTER CLOTHING:** Herts Welcomes Refugees Charity, who support local refugees & asylum seekers urgently need clean winter clothes in good condition. For men and women and children aged 3-14 years old; coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers and long sleeved tops. Please bring the clothes to the Delta Hotel (was the Marriott, Cheshunt) and leave them at reception.



**BACON/SAUSAGE ROLLS** will be served in the crypt after the Sunday Masses **next weekend**.

**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wed 22nd November 4.30pm** in the presbytery.

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing A Starry Night on **Sat 2nd Dec 7.30pm** at The Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Theresa Casbard 07742022223 or Anne Byrne 467097.

**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.

## Liturgy this week

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles**

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass *Pietro Perzia RIP anniv*

4.00pm Italian Mass\*

6.30pm Mass *For the Parish*

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.15am Mass *Holy Souls*

11.15am Mass *Filippo Adamo RIP*

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.15am Mass *Bill Pollard RIP*

**5-6pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October**

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.15am Mass *Malcolm Aiken RIP*

6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November ALL SAINTS**

8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.15am Mass with St Cross School *Vincent & Michael Byrne*

*RIP* followed by coffee in the crypt

2pm Mass with St Augustine's School *Holy Souls*

**7pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8pm Mass *Stefano & Margherita Diesi RIP*

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November ALL SOULS' DAY**

7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8am Mass *Holy Souls*

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November St Martin de Porres, Religious**

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Holy Souls*

7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8pm Mass *Deceased of the past year*

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass *Holy Souls*

4.00pm Italian Mass\*

6.30pm Mass *For the Parish*

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.15am Mass *Vincent Byrne RIP*

11.15am Mass *Holy Souls*

\* Vigil Mass of Sunday

## Today's Liturgy

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 22: 20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.*

**Ps 17 — I love you, Lord, my strength.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

**Gospel Accl.** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22: 34-40

*You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR A)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

**Gospel:** Matthew 22: 1-12

### 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.

### ROSARY

The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.

### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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### REGULAR EVENTS

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Confirmation, crypt

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>** 1pm Lunch club, crypt

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>** 2.30pm Tuesday club, crypt

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>** 7.30pm RCIA, crypt

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 parroccchiani 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*