



# The Announcer



## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS Tel: 01992-440986

**Parish Priest: Fr Julian Davies**

E-mail: [hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk) Web-site: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon>  
FaceBook: "CatholicHoddesdon" Secretary: Dawn Bates (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am-4pm)  
Also in residence: Fr Mathews Valiyaputhenpura Joy (Chaplain to Knanaya community)  
Safeguarding parish rep: Kathryn Hall – [hoddesdong@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hoddesdong@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)  
Italian safeguarding rep: Rossetta Tona – [italianmissionsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:italianmissionsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**YEAR B**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 1: 12-15*

*Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

Following his baptism, Jesus underwent what we know as the temptation in the wilderness. It became the training ground for his future ministry and mission. We will never understand the three temptations unless we see them in the light of the history of the chosen people. Here, as in other cases, our faith is informed by the experience and landscape of the Jewish past. After the Jews escaped from Egypt, they entered into the wilderness. Their journey revealed three things in particular. They did not trust God's word. They put God to the test. They worshiped an idol instead of the living God. Israel was God's favoured offspring, yet in the wilderness they spurned their Father's love. Now we can see the relevance of Jesus' temptations. In his first temptation, he is hungry, like Israel.



However, unlike them, he trusts God's word for his provision, citing the scripture: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'. In the second temptation, when Satan tempts him to throw himself off the high point of the Temple, he refuses to test God: 'You must not put God to the test'. In contrast, Israel had shown their disloyalty by putting God to the test at the waters of Meribah. The climax of Israel's rebellion was their worship of the golden calf, crafted by their own hands. They rejected the worship of the God who loved them and who had freed them from slavery. This explains why Jesus' third temptation was one of idolatry, to worship, not a golden calf, but Satan himself. Satan had taken Jesus to a high mountain, from where he could see all the kingdoms of the world. 'I will give you all these' Satan said 'if you fall at my feet and worship me', to which Jesus replied, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone'. In his three temptations, Jesus succeeded where Israel failed. Consequently, the place of rebellion-the wilderness- becomes the place of victory. Though Jesus' temptations parallel those of Israel, in scale and magnitude they were so much more. In them Jesus not only redresses the failure of Israel by his obedience to the Father's will, but also undergoes temptation for all peoples. We all have an interest in the wilderness. His refusal to succumb opened the way towards the life-giving cross. There would be skirmishes with Satan throughout Jesus' ministry, and Satan would return with force to try to tempt Jesus from going to Calvary. Through Jesus' supreme act of obedience by sacrificing his life for our salvation, he would finally defeat Satan. While Jesus underwent the temptations for us, this does not mean that we will not be tempted. While we will not undergo what Jesus underwent, we will be tempted along similar lines...not to trust God's word, to put God to the test and to worship anything and everything except the living God who made them. We rejoice in Jesus' victory but also in showing us how best to protect ourselves...through trusting God's word, through knowing His presence (so that we don't need to put Him to the test), and by rejecting any idolatry. In our spiritual combat, let us know also the protection of the armoury of the Spirit, the sacraments of grace, and our disciplines of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In communion as well, we have Our Lady and the whole host of Heaven ministering and interceding for us. And don't forget, Satan is a liar and deceiver. Why have we fallen for his lie that the world belongs to him? It doesn't, not do we...unless of course we are not true to our baptism promises... to reject Satan, and all his works and all his empty show. If we are not, then we are fair game. We have been warned.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

ON TUESDAY Mass will be at 8am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30am.

**GIOVANNI SIRACUSA** of Lord Street died recently. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11.30am** with Don Antonio.

**MAUREEN CROTTY** of Shakespeare Court died recently. Her funeral will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.**  
*May they rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Maureen Crotty and Giovanni Siracusa and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pietro Gaiteri, Bridget Tyrell, Francis Cassar, Luigi Lanza, Angelo Licasta, Terry McIntyre, Moyra O'Neill, Maria Rega, Salvatore Gambrone, Assunta Fonzo, Maria & Onofrio Panepinto and Pietro Morreale. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil: Rosa Muller Moreno, Gail Hunsworth Fox, Jenna Upson, Janet Cornelius, Angel Jaquez de Jesus, Maria Caruso & Chiara Caruso.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March at the 9.15am Mass.**



**HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 9.15am Mass are needed. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately. Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue. Children's Liturgy will take place at the 9.15am Mass on **18<sup>th</sup> February.**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service will be held on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at St Cuthbert's Church, at 11am and also at St Laurence Church, Wormley at 7.30pm.

**MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS:** The Cardinal will be celebrating the annual Mass for Matrimony at the Cathedral on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.** All couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024 are invited. If you would like to attend, please contact the presbytery with the husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



**AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY** will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and the coach will leave at 9am. The price of the coach is £17 and you can either bring a packed lunch or buy lunch there. If you would like to go, please complete the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery with the £17.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS:** The next rotas for the period March - June will be drawn up shortly. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **26<sup>th</sup> February AT THE LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 am Mass (tel 07485 284007 or 01992 449282 or email [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com)) and Dawn Bates for 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses (tel 440986 or email [hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk)). Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Once drawn up, all rotas will be dispatched by email unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

**PRAYER GROUP** will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Next date will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** All are welcome!

### LENT

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm after Mass) and Saturday (9.30am before Mass.) Exposition of the blessed Sacrament will take place at 9am on Saturday mornings in Lent.

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT:** Fr Julian will be available to hear confessions on Fridays in Lent during Exposition 6-7pm.



**LENTEN ALMS: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.

**CAFOD's LENT FAST DAY is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** The envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be **collected next weekend.** Your donations will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can **donate using the envelope, or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or by scanning the QR code.**



**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 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in the crypt.



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 7-8pm** in the crypt.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS** are needed for all the candidates on the programme. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name on the sheet on the blue board at the back of the church.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024:** The next meeting for children in year 3 will be on the **25<sup>th</sup> February**.



**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** If you've experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm** in the presbytery.



**JIGSAW MATS & JIGSAWS** are needed for Warm Spaces on Tuesday afternoons. If you can donate any, please drop them into the crypt on Tuesdays between 2.30-5pm, or drop them into the presbytery.

**URGENT APPEAL FOR CLOTHING:** Asylum seekers who are staying at the Delta Hotel, Cheshunt need women's leggings, tracksuit trousers for men

and children, practical shoes (in good condition) for all ages, NEW underwear and socks for men and women and bikes for all ages. These can be taken direct to the hotel (was previously the Marriott) or dropped off at St Catherine & St Paul's Church on a weekday morning.

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

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

**FINANCE**

**FINANCE:** Matt Morrissey, the Chair of the Finance Committee recently gave a talk on the finances of the church. A copy of his talk is available in the newsletter and on our website.

**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>WRCDD Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

**NO CASH?** You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



----- cut ✂ here -----

<b>PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY.</b>
Name: .....
Contact no: .....
Email address.....
Next-of-kin name & contact number: .....
Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £17.
<b>PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY</b> 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 <a href="http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy">rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy</a> .



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <b>John Griffin RIP</b>	<p align="center"><b>Page 148 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 9: 8-15  <i>God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 24 — Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 3: 18-22  <i>That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 12-15  <i>Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS            SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT            (YEAR B)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 31-34  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9: 2-10</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <b>Terry McIntyre RIP anniv</b>	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">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>
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am <b>Maria &amp; Onofrio Panepinto RIP anniv</b>	<p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <b>Fr Terry Murray RIP</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></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 align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered            Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> February Sts Jacina &amp; Francisco Marto</b> <b>7.30am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>8am</b> Mass <b>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p align="center"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February St Peter Damian</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <b>Greta Griffin RIP</b> followed by coffee in the crypt 11.30am <b>Funeral Giovanni Siracusa RIP</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p><b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> 2pm-5pm Lunch club &amp;  <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> Warm Spaces, crypt</p>
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> February THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <b>Angela Doherty's intentions</b> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p><b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b> 4.30pm Separation Support Group, presb  <b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 2pm Bereavement Group, presb</p>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb St Polycarp CAFOD LENT FAST DAY</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament /11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Bill Pollard RIP</b> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <b>Thanksgiving</b>	
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <b>Tino Necchi RIP</b>	
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am Mass <b>Wilfred Maciel &amp; Stanley Almeida RIP</b>	
<p align="center">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</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