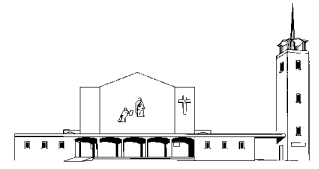




# The Announcer



## 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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

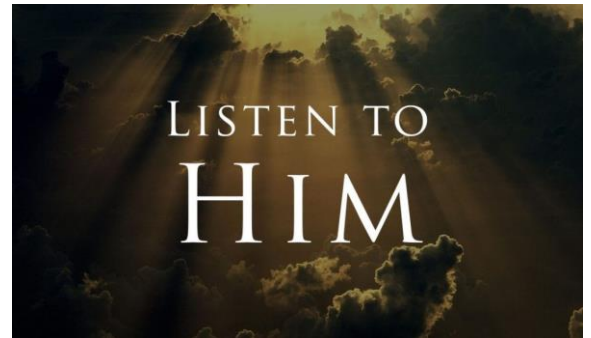
**25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 9: 2-10*

*This is my Son, the Beloved.*

As we journey through Lent, it is important not to lose sight of the glory that awaits us. Our gospel today, the story of the Transfiguration, is real food for the journey, not least because it takes place on the real-life journey that Jesus himself was making towards Jerusalem-his Exodus, as Luke describes it, likening it to the journey of the people of Israel towards freedom. Jesus had taken three of his disciples up a high mountain, believed to be Mount Tabor, where he was transfigured before them. As the disciples looked back, they must have been greatly strengthened by this amazing experience. St Peter in fact recounts it in one of his letters.

For them the transfiguration comes like a bolt out of the blue. It brought them face to face with the supernatural power of God. It opened to them an entirely different dimension to reality than what they had experienced before. Above all they saw Jesus in an entirely different light. They had witnessed miraculous healings and events but this was of a different order. The miracle this time happened in and through Jesus' own person. Jesus' body was shown to emit such a blinding light that his '*clothes became dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleach could make*'. The Transfiguration must have blown their concept of space and time. It was as if they momentarily glimpsed heaven whilst still on earth. They saw with their eyes Moses and Elijah, the representatives of the law and the prophets speaking to Jesus. Those whom they had presumed dead-many hundreds of years before- were actually alive, and, not as disembodied souls but identifiably their very persons. Moreover, this was even before the final resurrection of the dead, which most Jews expected at the end of time. If this were not enough, they heard audibly, that which had been presumed to be silent since the end of the days of prophecy-the very voice of God telling them to listen to God's beloved Son. Above all the Transfiguration revealed to them the divine and personal credentials of Jesus. At the time they understood nothing of this. It would only be after Jesus' Resurrection that they could begin to understand it, which is why Jesus told them not to share with anyone what they had seen until after he had risen from the dead. It would only make sense then, when it would help to explain his victory over death and why he was raised from the dead. In this time of inward and outward journeying, when we follow our own path of discipleship, the Transfiguration is a great encouragement to us also. It invites us to look beyond the circumstances of Jesus' death and resurrection, towards his ascension and eventual glorification. His glorious light intimates to us the glory which Jesus had before the beginning of the world, and which his obedient death would restore to him. We are inevitably drawn into worship, to fall down before Him, just as the disciples did. One of them, John, in his gospel would unwrap for us the theology behind it. Christ is the uncreated Light that enlightens everyone, whom the darkness cannot overcome, the eternal logos and Second Person of the Trinity. It invites us also to ponder our own destiny in Christ, that if we lead cross-shaped lives of repentance and share his suffering for a suffering world, we will ourselves be glorified with him. Our paramount duty is to listen. Pope Benedict wrote that while we are on earth, '*our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing...and so, this is the gift and duty for each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ.... To listen to him in his Word...in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence...to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and poor, for whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love*'. '*This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to him*'.



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT will be from 5-6pm on Monday, due to the Confirmation meeting.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm.

'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. **If you would like it emailed to you, please do email the presbytery to request a copy.**

**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 Anthony Donati and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Dot Cooper, Ellen McElligott, Denis James, Josephine Gibilaro, Joseph Phelan, Muriel Tear, Mario Vaccaro, Joseph Stephens, William Harte, Cecilia D'Abreu, William Maciel, Stanley Almeida, Tino Necchi and Carmelo Ventura. *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 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 **3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March.**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Cuthbert's Church**, at 11am which will be followed by coffee and lunch. There will also be at service at St Laurence Church, Church Lane, Wormley at 7.30pm, for 8pm.

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 was on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** The envelopes will be **collected this 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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> March** 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 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm** in 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.

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing War & Peace on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at The Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from Theresa Casbard 07742022223 or Anne Byrne 467097.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie & Angelo Lenguito and Alex Thomson.

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

**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>

**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 -----

<p align="center"><b>PILGRIMAGE DAY TO AYLESFORD PRIORY ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY.</b></p> <p>Name: .....</p> <p>Contact no: .....</p> <p>Email address.....</p> <p>Next-of-kin name &amp; contact number: .....</p> <p>Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £17.</p> <p align="center"><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>.</p>
--

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Thanksgiving</i>	<b>Page 151 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 <i>The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Tino Necchi RIP</i>	<b>Ps 115 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</b>
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Wilfred Maciel &amp; Stanley Almeida RIP</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 8: 31-34 <i>God did not spare his own Son.</i>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>5-6pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> February Saint Gregory of Narek</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Female study groups</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9: 2-10 <i>This is my Son, the Beloved.</i>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February St Oswald</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Casey &amp; Delaney Family intentions</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS          THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT          (YEAR B)</b>
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Ada Brown RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 20: 1-17 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25 <b>Gospel:</b> John 2: 13-25
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March SAINT DAVID</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament /11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Thanksgiving Nsonwah Family</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass <i>Vincenzo Giardina RIP</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March St Chad</b> 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Greta Griffin RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Denis O'Donovan &amp; William Phelan RIP</i>  <b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Vincenzo Lombardi RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<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.
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<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.
<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</b>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt <b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt <b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, crypt <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm Baptism course, church

**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 parrocciani 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