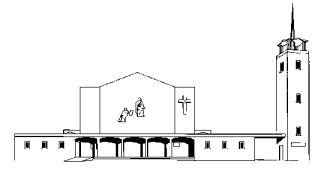




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YEAR B

MOST HOLY TRINITY

26TH MAY 2024

Gospel: *Matthew 28: 16-20*

Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Parish ministry has taught me that a perfect human family doesn't exist. The family which comes nearest to the ideal is a family where sacrificial love is nurtured and expressed, centred on the lordship of Christ. Such love fashions the family into the most basic building block for the faith, so that we call it a domestic church. Perhaps cell is a better term since there is only one Body, and a body is made up of many cells, and no local church can be self-sufficient on its own. This is what Catholic means, being part of the wider whole, with shared beliefs and practices. The unifying grace of the word and sacraments form the universal Church, not just by bringing families together but individuals who may not be members of any human family. Some churches can be so nuclear family focused that those outside that norm may feel unwelcome or deficient. The beauty of the gospel is that it brings together into the family of the Church, people in spite of their human family, which is not to downplay the God-given potential of every human family to be a basic building block for the faith and the godly transformation of community. Just as God didn't make a monochrome universe, so he doesn't wish to see a monochrome Church. Unity is fashioned out of diversity not uniformity, and our unity is expressed not by smothering our differences but by preventing them from becoming an obstacle to our coming together in communion. It is the Holy Spirit who brings unity out of disunity. At Pentecost, which we celebrated last week, the Holy Spirit united the disciples in common witness in spite of their apparent differences. And there was a still greater unity which the Holy Spirit sought and seeks. The disciples became united in order to overcome the disunity not just of themselves but of all future believers, and of the world itself. Thus, as the Church we present the sign of unity to a disunited world, and reveal God's loving purposes for humanity. Through the Holy Spirit, St Paul tells us today, we are brought together as members of this same family. *'The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God'*. The sacraments of the Holy Spirit foster our unity across time and space. The sacrament of baptism is the sacrament which unites all professed believers in Jesus Christ. Even if some of our brethren are separated, as we recognise in our prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham, they are still brethren and therefore members of the same family. Just as in a human family, so in the family of the Church there are differences and divisions. This is why before he went to the cross, Jesus prayed that his family should all be one. One of the most beautiful lines in the mass is when (in Eucharistic Prayer III) we pray the Father to *'gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world'* and (in Eucharistic Prayer II) that *'we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit'*. Family is at the heart of God's intention for the world, because we are made in God's image. While God is One He is also a family of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We call this the Trinity, or the tri (three) unity. One in three, and three in One. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. At the heart of the family of the Trinity is a dynamic relationship of love. God is love. We can never fathom the immensity of the Trinity because love is not for understanding but giving and receiving. True love is not inward looking but outwardly looking, seeking to draw others into its dynamic loving relationship. God creates as an act of divine love, and creation is the object of his love and we who are the summit of his creation only find our true meaning and purpose in loving Him. But there is a problem. Human love has turned in on itself, necessitating the greatest act of love of all. *'God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life'*. The gift of both the Son and the Spirit is the means of our being drawn into the Father's love. In responding freely to the self-offering of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, we are enabled to cry out *'Abba Father'* and so enter into the very family of the Trinity. They in us and we in them, as Jesus said. That truly is a family made in heaven!



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Adriana Challis, Alessia & Leonardo French who will be baptised this weekend.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on Tuesday morning and will be at **11.30am on Friday**, instead of 11am.

Please note there will be no evening Exposition on Monday, Tuesday or Friday next week.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Dario Minichiello, Luciana Gianfrancesco Maurice Cattini, Domenico Guarino and Lucy Wambui and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jan Dukta, Eileen Kelly, Pasqualina Hussein, David Lloyd-Jones, Donato Fonzo, Angelika Manguin, Mary and Gerald Kelly, Anne Smith, Pasquale Ricotta and Vincenzo Lombardi. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

DARIO MINICHELLO of Beech Walk, died recently. His Requiem will be on **Wednesday 5th June at 11am.**

MAURICE CATTINI of Granville Gardens, Hoddesdon died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 11th June at 2pm.** *May they rest in peace.*

CORPUS CHRISTI is on **Sunday 2nd June** and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the garden at 7pm, weather permitting, otherwise in the church.

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 16th & 30th June at the 9.15am Mass.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

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. Next dates: **9th & 23rd June.**

PRAYER GROUP will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Please note there will be no meeting in June.

DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony is this weekend at Westminster Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners attending: Mark and Emma Ramsey (5 years), Domenica & Giuseppe



Sanzeri (30 years), Peter & Rosa Cuffaro (40 years) and Caterina & Antonino Soldano (60 years).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

will be on **Saturday 21st September.** We

have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and



the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Be it done unto me according to thy word', echoing Our Lady's words at the Annunciation and the Pilgrimage takes place very close to the Feast of our Lady of Walsingham on Tuesday 24th September. The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for the 12 noon Mass. After lunch, we will walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction in the grounds of the Anglican Shrine. Please note there will be two collections during the day: one during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the costs of the day. We have a 35-seater coach. To book a place on the coach, please contact the presbytery. The cost of the day will be £35 (£30 coach and £5 pilgrims' levy fee. Payment is not required yet.

VOCATIONS 'COME AND SEE': Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to the Vocations Team's 'Come and See' Vocation morning on **Sat 1st June 10am-2pm** at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To register attendance, please contact Canon Roger Taylor at rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

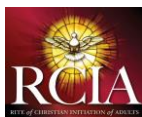
IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain. Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 19th June from 7-8pm** in the church. The

course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

RCIA: ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues on the **4th June at 7.30pm in the crypt.** This is for those seeking full communion with the Church and those who wish to renew their faith. Please do come along.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. The programme will begin in early October and more details will follow in due course.

SCHOOLS

GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Augustine's School are looking for a Foundation Governor. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. All skills are welcome, including HR, SEND and SAFEGUARDING. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Fr Julian or the school know. Please visit <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11th August.** More details to follow.

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 29th May** 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 6th June at 2pm** in the presbytery.



COOKED REFRESHMENTS will only be served after the 9.15am Mass next weekend in the crypt and **not after the 11.15am Mass.**

BROXBORNE COMMUNITY CHOIR will be "Starting the Summer with a song" and performing a concert on **Saturday 1st June at 3pm,** Christ Church Ware. Adults £10, children under 16 free. Tickets available from Gabby on 07875221543.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing Mass in Blue (Jazz Mass), Songs & Sonnets, on **Saturday 8th June 7.30pm** at the Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £20 and

can be purchased from Theresa Casbard 07742022223 or Anne Byrne 467097.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé and Antonia Di Piano. Thank you for your help.

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:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May is the month of Mary!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Most Glorious Virgin, chosen by the Eternal Counsel to be the Mother of the Eternal Word made flesh, thou who art the treasurer of Divine graces, and the advocate of sinners, I, thy most unworthy servant, have recourse to thee; be thou pleased to be my guide and counsellor in this vale of tears. Obtain for me through the Most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, the forgiveness of my sins, the salvation of my soul, and the means necessary to obtain it. In like manner, obtain for Holy Mother the Church victory over her enemies, and the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the whole earth. Amen



PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 21ST SEPTEMBER

Name:
Contact no.:
Email address.....
Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY
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 rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Saturday 25th May Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Lazaro Pedrotti RIP</i></p>	<p>Page 83 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 <i>The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.</i></p> <p>Ps 32 — Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17 <i>You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20 <i>Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	
<p>Sun 26th May MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15am Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Vincenzo Lombardi RIP</i></p>	
<p>Mon 27th May SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Bill Pollard RIP NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Tues 28th May Blessed Margaret Pole NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Healy RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	
<p>Wed 29th May Saint Paul VI, Pope 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Carlos Cubillos RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (YEAR B)</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15 Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26</p>
<p>Thurs 30th May St Joan of Arc 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Giuseppina Conti RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Friday 31st May THE VISITATION OF B VIRGIN MARY (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maurice Cattini RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday 1st June Saint Justin, Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Domenico Crolla RIP</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i></p>	
<p>Sun 2nd June BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 9.15am Mass <i>Valerie Smith RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 28th NO Lunch club, crypt	Tues 28th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt
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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