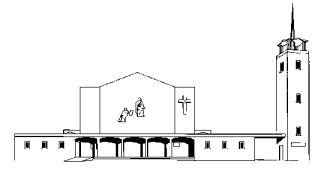




# The Announcer



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**YEAR B**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 4: 35-41*

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

The sea held a special place in the faith of the chosen people. In order to escape from slavery and death the people of Israel had to cross the Red Sea. The sea came to represent spiritual separation, and thus the separation of God's holiness from sinful humanity. This was true also of the large font of water situated within the inner Temple at Jerusalem. This holy water has its prototype in the 'glassy sea' before the throne of God which John sees in his vision of the heavenly throne room in the book of Apocalypse. With the revelation of the new heaven and new earth, with the universalising of God's holiness, the natural sea disappears. 'And there is no more sea', John writes in chapter 21 of the Apocalypse. The chaos and turmoil of the deep has no place in the new world to come. But we race ahead of ourselves. For the time being sudden storms are a frequent occurrence on the Sea of Galilee, and the disciples, as accomplished fishermen, would have been used to them. They must have often thought that their lives were imperilled and that they were going down, so what was different about this storm? This particular storm, the subject of today's gospel, seems to have been off the kilter in terms of its turbulence. Was it orchestrated by God? Is Psalm 106 (today's psalm) prophetic? It says, that God 'summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea'. The sailors cry 'to the Lord in their distress'. This is exactly what the disciples do, crying out to Jesus, who is asleep in the stern, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' Jesus rebukes the wind and quiets the storm. Similarly, in the psalm, the Lord stills 'the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed'. But why would God wish to cause such distress to the disciples? The clue is given in Jesus' response, which on the surface might appear to be unsympathetic, yet is anything but. He asks them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' The disciples had probably assumed that because Jesus was with them that they would never have to face perils. In the eye of this storm, the faith of the disciples had been brought into question. Only through such trials could they grow and be strengthened. Moreover, they needed to see more of Jesus' divine credentials. Now they had seen for themselves Jesus stilling the storms, and bringing into subjection the forces of nature. They were astonished. 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him?' They had misjudged Jesus. They had expected him to conform to their image of him. Clearly, they had little idea of whose company they were keeping. As on other occasions, Jesus was sharpening their faith. He was teaching them to think outside the box. Was he even showing them that, like Elijah, the forces of nature could be subject to the true faith? Through Jesus' divine activity, through the kingdom of God breaking through, the cosmos was being healed of its disorder and disease. Crucially, the disciples learned that, regardless of the turmoil around them or within, Jesus would still the chaos. There was no reason to fear or despair. If they recalled psalm 106, it would remind them that the God who loved them, would never leave them, even in the face of the greatest torment. 'Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men'. And what of us? Our Heavenly Father allows us to go through difficult, sometimes crushing circumstances, which severely test our faith and courage. Yet God promises never to leave us or desert us. As Christians we are not to expect a danger-free and distress-free existence. The struggles we go through-just like St Paul said last week, are the very means by which our faith grows. Trusting in Jesus' saving work for us, we will weather the storms of life, including death itself, whether that death be on land or sea. We can know even now the comfort of having harboured on heaven's shore. This is the central message of the Christian life lived through the cross and resurrection of Christ. Having gone through the waters of baptism, we are overwhelmed by the 'love of Christ', as St Paul reminds us today. Living in Christ, and rising out of the waters of chaos, we become a new creation: 'the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here'.



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Sophia McKenna who will be baptised this weekend.

**MASS on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** will be at 8am instead of 10am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 7.30am.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Ian Witham, Luciana Gianfrancesco, Antonio Albanese, Edward Perkins, Paolino Amico, Maria Nugara and Giuseppe Morreale and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ian Hunter, Yvonne Dignan, Michael Whyton, Arthur Carini, Angela McIntyre, Maria Gaiteri, Clare Broadbent, Bill Coffey, Brian Moore, Maria Santaniello, Barbara Murphy, Thomas Dunne and Gaetano Ciruolo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**LUCIANA GIANFRANCESCO** of Rustle Court died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.**

**PAOLINO AMICO** of Stanstead Road died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am with Don Antonio.**

**ANTONIO ALBANESE** of Whittingstall Road died recently. His Requiem will be on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.**  
*May they rest in peace.*

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June & 7<sup>th</sup> July at the 9.15am Mass.** Adults also welcome.

### 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 date: **23<sup>rd</sup> June.**



**ST ANTHONY'S PROCESSION** will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 3.45pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



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. 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.

## 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



**RCIA:** ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues on the **2<sup>nd</sup> July 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. More details will follow in due course.

## JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**GENERAL ELECTION:** With the UK general election due on Thursday, 4 July, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility to use our vote to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty, injustice and human dignity. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offer a guide to issues for the election [www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/) as do CAFOD together with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) [www.cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://www.cafod.org.uk/encounter) These sites provide information on a range of topics from a Catholic Christian perspective to help us ask key questions of local candidates and parties who need our votes. Please ensure you are registered to vote by 18 June and have suitable Photo ID, which you will need this year for the first time.



**Broxbourne  
Hustings**

**BROXBOURNE HUSTINGS:** Churches Together will once again host Hustings for the forthcoming election. All major parties are being invited, and local secondary school students asked to contribute questions for the candidates to give their views on. The Hustings will be held at Wormley Community Centre on **Sunday 30th June**. Doors open 7pm and the Hustings will start at 7.30 and end at 9pm. Questions for the candidates should be sent to [hustings@cthbw.org.uk](mailto:hustings@cthbw.org.uk) by 26th June.

**SPUC (SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN):** The threat of abortion being decriminalised was averted when this election was called, but these extreme proposals are sure to return. The next Parliament will also likely see a big push to legalise assisted suicide. It is therefore vital that we elect MPs who will oppose the treats to life. To contact your candidates, and to check on their voting intentions at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/General - Election 2024>.

**ROSARY:** CAFOD pray the Rosary every Thursday at 9am via zoom. If you would like to join, please visit [cafod.org.uk/rosary](http://cafod.org.uk/rosary).

**SCHOOLS**

**GOVERNOR VACANCY:** St Augustine’s School are looking for a Foundation Governor (Immediate start). 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. For more information, please visit <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**PARISH PICNIC** will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11th August 12.30-4pm**. In order to get an idea of numbers, if you would like to attend, please fill out the slip and return it to the presbytery.



**SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 26th June** 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 5th September at 2pm** in the presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & 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:

<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.



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**PARISH PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 12.30-4pm**

Name: .....

Contact no: .....

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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Your personal details will be held on file until the picnic & will then be destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM**  
**ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:  
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June SAINTS JOHN FISHER, Bishop &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyr</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP</i>	<b>Page 98 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Job 38: 1, 8-11 <i>Here your proud waves shall break.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Michael Whyton RIP</i>	<b>Ps 106 — O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.</b>
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 <i>Now the new creation is here.</i>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Bartley &amp; Peter Gallighan RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Michael &amp; Helen Sherman</i> <b>12 noon Funeral Luciana Gianfrancesco RIP</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4: 35-41 <i>Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.</i>  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> <b>(YEAR B)</b>
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June Saint Josemaria Escriva</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 12:1-11 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June Saint John Southworth, Priest &amp; Martyr</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Jimmy Taylor</i> <b>NO</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<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>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Saint Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</b> <b>10am Funeral Paolino Amico RIP</b> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Margaret &amp; Patrick Delaney RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> <b>7.30am</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament <b>8am</b> Mass <i>Vocations to the priesthood</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.
4.00pm St Anthony's Procession with Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<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>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL, Apostles</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Christopher Whelehan RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Ned &amp; Alice Brien</i>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b> 4.30pm Separation Group
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, 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 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