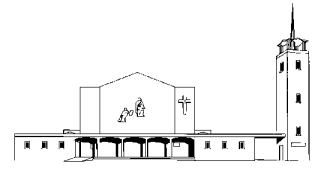




# The Announcer



## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**YEAR B**

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 3: 20-35*

*It is the end of Satan.*

In our collect today we pray, 'O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it'. How do we discern what is right? How do we discern what is God's will? The collect helps us by reminding us, that discernment comes at God's prompting. Recognising our need of God and seeking his help, prepares us to be open to the impressions of the Holy Spirit. Holy scripture teaches us that discernment is a heavenly gift, in fact one of the spiritual gifts. This gift is known also as the gift of discerning spirits, enabling the believer to distinguish between God's influence as against the influence of the world, flesh and devil. Without discernment we are adrift, wandering



aimlessly this way or that. The gift is given to help ourselves and help others. Without it, our life cannot produce those spiritual fruits which bring glory to God. John Damascene described it as the 'queen and crown of all virtues', the greatest of all the virtues, so being discerning and having discernment is foundational to the virtuous life. We are called to be spiritual creatures, and because of this we will be open to a whole range of spiritual influences. In the market place of spiritualities, it is important for us to discern which spiritual influences are good and which are bad. The great teacher of discernment is St Ignatius Loyola who in his Spiritual Exercises suggests how we can distinguish between the various spiritual influences under which we come. These good and evil impulses (impulses which Ignatius called 'spirits') often cause in us feelings of 'consolation' or 'desolation'. Consolations are of God, desolations are from the evil one. Ignatius teaches us how to evaluate our feelings, where are they coming from and where they are leading us to. Are they coming from God, and leading me closer towards him, or are they coming from the enemy, and leading me away from God? If we are seeking to do God's will, then we are starting from a good position. If not then we are fair game for enemy activity. If we are seeking God's will, then the good spirit, will seek to confirm me in my direction. On the contrary, when we are on course for good, an evil spirit will cause me to doubt and question my line of travel, and seek to derail me by leading me to be obsessed about myself rather than about God or others. If we have turned away from God, then the evil spirit will seek to confirm us in our moving away from God, lead us to justify our behaviour, numb our conscience from questioning our actions, so convincing us that our relationship with God is secure, when it is anything but. In contrast the good spirit will plant questions in our conscience, invite us to reflect upon our behaviour and show us how far we have moved away from God, prompting remedial actions. God loves us so he wants to be in relationship with us. He wants to draw us back if we have wandered. He will inform our conscience of where we have gone wrong. He wants us to know that state of consolation (as Ignatius calls it) of enjoying the peace, joy and contentment of the Holy Spirit. In contrast, evil impulses seek to deprive us of peace, make us feel anxious, unhappy, and listless with an overwhelming experience of desolation. Clearly our free will is all important in this process. We need not be the victims of our circumstances, nor must we be captivated by our feelings. We need to trust in God's word, in the saving works of Christ. We need to recognise how much God loves us. May that love draw us and embolden us, so that we are not deflected by the struggles of life. It is those very struggles, which St Paul reminds us today, '*train us for ..carrying.. a weight of eternal glory*'. Our struggles need to be distinguished from the evil influences of life. Today's readings from Genesis and the Gospel of Mark remind us that we are in a spiritual battle. Let us discern the spiritual landscape, confess Jesus who has conquered evil and welcome the deep consolation that He wishes to work within us and about us.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Quinn Munroe who will be baptised this weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Luciana Gianfrancesco and Maurice Cattini, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Patricia Castaldi, Andrew Kelly, Rosa Russo, Joseph Haward, Roy Clucas, Assunta & Giuseppe Defeo, Antonio & Franco Martorana and Giuseppe Cognata and Assunta & Giuseppe Defeo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**MAURICE CATTINI** of Granville Gardens, Hoddesdon died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.**

**LUCIANA GIANFRANCESCO** of Rustle Court died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.** *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 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 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 dates: **9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**DAY FOR LIFE:** On **Sunday 16 June** we celebrate the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The day provides an opportunity for catechesis on the precious gift of life which opens out into the hope of eternal life at our earthly death. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>. **There will be a retiring collection next week to support this.**

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS:** The next rotas for the period July – October will be drawn up shortly. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **23rd June AT THE**



**LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 am Mass (telephone 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joan Martin who was received into full communion with the Catholic church and also Confirmed last weekend.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **18<sup>th</sup> 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. More details will follow in due course.

**JUSTICE & PEACE**

**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.

**BROXBORNE 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 26<sup>th</sup> June.



**FOODBANK:** On 14th March Churches Together were delighted to receive the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

This is the equivalent of an MBE for organisations. Demand continues at around 3-400 referrals a month equating to around 800 individuals helped. This amounts to approximately 7 tonnes of food a month. Thank you to everyone who helps with and donates to the Foodbank.

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** at the Delta Hotel, Cheshunt are in need of toys and colouring books for 2-8 year olds. Any contributions can be taken to the church office at St Catherine and St Pauls Church (upstairs in the Hunt Room) on a weekday morning.

**SCHOOLS**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S 200 CLUB** winner for June is no 136 Nina Traina. Congratulations!

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**PARISH PICNIC** will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** in the presbytery.

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

**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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Contact no: .....
Email address.....
How many people attending.....
<b>PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY</b> Your personal details will be held on file until the picnic & will then be 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> .

<b>PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM</b> <b>ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>
Name: .....
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Next-of-kin name & contact number: .....
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy				
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Maurice Cattini RIP</i>	<p align="center"><b>Page 92 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 3: 9-15  <i>I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 129 — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1  <i>We believe, and therefore we speak.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 3: 20-35  <i>It is the end of Satan.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS            ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME            (YEAR B)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 17: 22-24  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4: 26-34</p>				
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Assunta &amp; Giuseppe Defeo RIP</i> <b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Antonio &amp; Franco Martorana RIP anniv</i>	<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> <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> <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>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Thornton RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<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> <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 11<sup>th</sup> June Saint Barnabas, Apostle</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Mary White RIP</i> <b>2pm Funeral Maurice Cattini RIP</b> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p align="center"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="44 1809 833 1845"><b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt</td> <td data-bbox="833 1809 1544 1845"><b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="44 1845 833 1879"><b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt	<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	
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<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest &amp; Dr</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Thanksgiving from Nsonwah Family</i> <b>NO</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p align="center"><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO.</b></p> <p>— <b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> 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</p>				
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>(abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</b> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Margery Davies RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p align="center"><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO.</b></p> <p>— <b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> 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</p>				
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