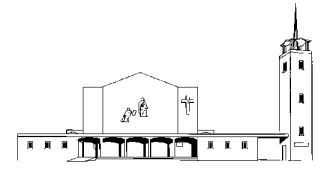




The Announcer



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YEAR B

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH JULY 2024

Gospel: *Mark 6: 7-13*

He began to send them out.

Institutions often have their mission statements emblazoned in their entrance lobbies and on their online portals, advertising their rationale to the world. Christian mission made such an impact on the world that even the secular bodies adopted its language. What better offer could there be than the good news of true freedom and access to eternity, a commodity which no business could promote? To bring eternal life to others is the mission of the Church, and the Church cannot but be missionary. At the very end of the latin mass, we have the phrase '*ite missa est*', which many believe is the source of the word '*missa*' or '*mass*'. It reminds us that the mass is always ordered towards mission. The phrase means, '*Go, it is sent*'. What is being sent? We are being sent. The body of Christ goes out into the world. We are not meant to be a self-contained, inward-looking enterprise, but one under marching orders. When we leave the mass, we take Jesus into our homes, into our families, into our workplaces, into our streets, our communities and nations. In our gospel reading today we find Jesus summoning the twelve disciples and sending them out on mission to preach repentance and to announce the good news of the kingdom of God. There are similarities between this early mission and the later missionary endeavours of the disciples after Pentecost. We see the same dependence on Jesus and on the goodwill of those who receive the word. There is the same emphasis on repentance and on the coming Kingdom of God, through delivering the bound from Satan and easing the diseased. One crucial difference however is the mission field. After Pentecost the mission field is the whole world rather not just the land of Israel. Jesus knew that during his short ministry he had to concentrate on what he termed '*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*'. It would be his followers who would reach the non-Jewish Gentile world. It would be the task of his followers to gather in the Gentiles so that they could share in the promises which had been the preserve solely of the children of Israel. Another crucial difference, in fact, the major difference, was that the apostles after Pentecost went out changed men....changed by the full knowledge of Jesus' glorification- his death and resurrection- and also of his empowering gift to them of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus sent the twelve out on their earlier missions, they went with His authority. Now, after Pentecost the Holy Spirit would lead them. In his saving death and resurrection, the King had conquered the very forces which sought to prevent God's Kingdom from breaking through. Whatever good news there had been before, now it was infinitely greater. Jesus had prepared them for this time, and none of their three years training would be wasted. In our epistle today from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we see how the cross now focuses the missionary message, for '*through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins*'. Before Calvary, freedom came through Jesus' word of authority, now it comes through the power of His sacrificial blood, his glorious resurrection and the pouring out of the Spirit, for '*you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised*'. The proclamation of the missionary Church is the crucified and risen Lord, and his blessings. On earlier missions, the disciples called people to welcome and believe the good news. Now that good news becomes channelled through the person of Jesus. St John puts it in his famous prologue, '*But as many as received him, he gave power to become the children of God, to them that believe in his name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*'. Those who welcome and believe in Him discover that they are chosen from eternity and blessed '*with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ*'. They discover also that the good news invites opposition. Think of the endurance of the saints and the blood of the martyrs throughout the ages and today. As if to underline this, our Old Testament reminds us of the hard time that Amos had, just like all who stand up for the interest of God. We should welcome opposition. While not going out of our way to find it, if we haven't encountered any opposition then we are probably not being true to the gospel and certainly not being the missionary Church of Jesus Christ.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY



POPE'S INTENTION for July is for the pastoral care of the sick. Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

MASS on Wednesday will be at 9.15am with St Augustine's School in church. There will also be Mass at 11am at St Cross School and all are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Filomena Monachello and Ernest Beades and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Vincenzo Loffredo, Ned Brien, Antonio Martucci, Patricia Grant, Pamela Newell, Nicola Barone, David Green, Maria DiMaggio, Luciano & Rosalia Dilena and Nicola & Margherita Barone. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

ERNEST BEADES of Old Highway died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon.** May he 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 **7th July, 11th, 18th and 25th August 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: **7th July.**

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.



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.

WORTH ABBEY: We are hoping to have a parish trip to Worth Abbey, an English Benedictine Monastery



on **Thursday 8th August.** The coach will leave the church at 9am and stop off somewhere where you will have time to have a walk and get lunch. We will then travel onto Worth Abbey where you will have the chance to visit the gardens and also the Abbey. We will stay for the Monastic Mass and then leave at 6.30pm. The price of the coach will be £27. If you would like to go, please fill in the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery, together with your money.

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) will resume in September. This is for those who want to learn more about the Catholic church, if you missed one of the Sacraments or if you simply want to renew your faith.



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.

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/>





ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S require a cleaner to start as soon as possible for 2 hours per week. For more info, please contact Lynn at staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call 01992.460614.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has a vacancy for a School Office Administrator. For info, please visit https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/school-office-administrator_95204.htm
The position is Full Time 32.5hours Monday-Friday.

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, or just send an email to confirm your numbers. Thank you.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 31st July** 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.



GOOD SHEPHERD COMPANY from the Holy land, Bethlehem, which is based in Nottingham will be visiting our parish **this weekend** to sell their produce. This will include crosses, rosaries, cribs, religious statues and much more. Their goal is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy land to stay at work as olive wood carvers as it is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale.



THANK YOU to everyone who attended Paolino Amico's funeral and for all the generous donations. Enza Amico & family.

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



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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WORTH ABBEY
ON THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST - £27**

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.

**PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 12.30-4pm**

Name:

Contact no:

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM
ON 21ST SEPTEMBER**

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 13th July Saint Henry 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Alberto Beschizza RIP	Page 106 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Amos 7: 12-15 <i>Go, prophesy to my people.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass For the Parish	Ps 84 — Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Sun 14th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Pamela Newell RIP 11.15am Mass Nicola & Margherita Barone RIP	2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14 <i>Before the world was made, God chose us.</i>
Mon 15th July Saint Bonaventure, Bishop 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Abigail Satwick RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Tues 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Filomena Monachello RIP 12 noon Funeral Ernest Beades RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13 <i>He began to send them out.</i>
Wed 17th July 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with St Augustine's School Seamus Galligan birthday intentions followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Mass at St Cross School 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
Thurs 18th July St Camillus de Lellis 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Jeorgio Azzopardi RIP NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18 Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34
Friday 19th July (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass David Green RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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.
Saturday 20th Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Maurice Cattini RIP	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass For the Parish	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.
Sun 21st July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass Breige O'Connor RIP 11.15am Mass Ned, Dolly & Ann Brien RIP	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
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 16th 1pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 16th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, 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