



# The Announcer



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**YEAR B**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 6: 30-34*

*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

Few psalms are as well-known as Psalm 23, the Lord is my shepherd. In the Latin translation it starts *Dominus regit me, 'the Lord ruleth me'*. It reminds us that the Shepherd not only nurtures the sheep but oversees them as well. A shepherd not prepared to use his crook to keep the sheep in line will see them wander and fall into great danger. Who is this shepherd that rules? It is of course the Lord. God is likened to a loving shepherd who knows what is best for his sheep. A good shepherd will lead his sheep to good pasture, secure clean water for them and keep them from dangerous ravines and predatory animals. Likewise, when we trust God for our lives he



feeds us with his Word and Sacrament, and guides us away from harmful ways of living. We may enter into dark periods, like those dark valleys in the psalm, and even confront real evil, yet we can still know the security of his love. Awareness of God's perfect love casts out fear. However, submitting to God's rules doesn't sit easily with the human will. In a constitutional monarchy we are used to the notion that the monarch reigns but doesn't rule. This is misleading as far as the biblical understanding of God as king is concerned, because God wants to do much more than reign over us. Why, because his rule is for our benefit. It is total beneficence, pure goodness leading to our freedom, wellbeing and ultimate fulfilment in life. This is at the heart of the gospel proclamation. Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. For those who lay down the weapons of their warfare at the foot of the cross, and accept Jesus' peace terms, an inward revolution takes place. The world ceases to be enemy territory. Instead we see it as God's precious creation, and others as the objects of his love, regardless of whether those others know it for themselves. Once where our lives were turned in on ourselves, unaware of God's presence or the presence of others, we encountered scarcity and limitation. Now we experience the free flowing of God's grace, transforming everything about us. The psalmist expresses this turn around as God preparing a banquet for his beloved. The abundance of heavenly provision totally anaesthetises whatever opposition we face. It is in the sight of one's foes. The Douai-Rheims translation, instead of the rather tame '*my cup is overflowing*', translates it, '*my chalice which inebriateth me, how goodly it is*'. God makes us drunk, not with intoxicating liquor but with his real presence. The overflowing is far more personal than watching one's cup overflow! Again, it is '*my head you have anointed with oil*' and it is God who does the anointing. There are beautiful resonances of the anointings of baptism, confirmation, ordination and healing here. By reflecting upon this psalm, the set psalm of today, may we like the disciples, '*come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while*', and may we be refreshed by the comforting waters of God's grace. May our hearts respond wholeheartedly in worship and may we take the words of our entrance antiphon as our own: '*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good!*' Today, like the disciples, may we not be sheep without a shepherd. Jesus had compassion on the people because he saw them as shepherd less, wandering this way or that, not knowing where to find what they were really looking for and for what alone could bring them true fulfilment. It is a pertinent picture of the restless human heart today, with all its misplaced and disordered desires and affections. And how did Jesus show his compassion? Before he met any other needs, he simply taught them. Our society needs to listen to the divine teacher. May Jesus tame our hearts today and make them teachable, so that we can draw others into his universal school of life.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Eira Troake, Florence Siracusa and Elsa-Marie Baranoski who will be baptised this weekend.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Chris Reynolds and Margherita Ferraro who will be married in Sicily next week. May God bless them in their married life.



**FILOMENA MONACHELLO** of Penton Drive died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 12 noon.** May she rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Filomena Monachello and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Peter Zwager, Theresa Pomeroy, Antonina Schembri, Rosaria Giardina Papa, Antonino Gentile, Ida D'Onofrio, Leonarda Chiazza, Godwin Castaldi, Ellen Reid, Vincenzo DiMaggio, Silvestro Filocco, Breige O'Connor and Gaetano Alfieri. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God 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 **11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 complete the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery with the money.** The cost of the day will be £35 (£30 coach and £5 pilgrims' levy fee).

**WORTH ABBEY:** Our parish trip to Worth Abbey, an English Benedictine Monastery in West Sussex is on **MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - please note change of**

**date.** 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 grounds and 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. **There are now only 12 spaces left on the coach.**



### 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 you if you who want to learn more about the Catholic church, if you missed one of the Sacraments, if you have been away from the church 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.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 7.15 – 8.15pm** 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

**PARISH PICNIC** will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 12.30-4pm** in the presbytery garden and the band will be playing.



Parishioners are asked to bring food to share with others, and it doesn't have to be finger food. Please do bring your own drink and glasses, but paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided. **There are now lists on the blue board at the back of church for**

you to fill out, so everyone can see what food is being brought to share, so we don't end up with too much of the same thing. If you would like to attend, can you please fill out the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery, so that we have a rough idea of numbers - so far only 36 people have signed up. **Raffle prizes are needed for the raffle, so if you can donate something, please do hand it in at the presbytery - only new items please. Please do not bring the prizes on the day as the raffle does need to be organised before the day.** As we don't have many gazebos, if you would like to bring your own gazebo to put up on the day, please do so.

**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.



**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** finishes on the 23rd July and resume again on **Tuesday 10th September.**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** at the Delta Hotel need suitcases. When they are given leave to remain in this country, they need to pack their clothes to move out of the hotel. Knitting needles, crochet hooks and wool would also be valued, along with toys and stationery for the children. Please take the donations to St Catherine & St Paul's Church on a weekday morning.

**HARVESTERS NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held from **13th-15th September** at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. This is a great way to grow in Christian faith! Eucharist, sport (for the more able), relaxation and a bar are included. Relax, recharge & renew. For more information and to book see: [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk) and/or contact Tony Barrell 01992 442430.

**COOKED REFRESHMENTS** will not be served in the crypt on **Sunday 4th August.** However, there will still be tea and coffee served.

**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:

<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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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WORTH ABBEY  
ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

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

Name: .....

Contact no: .....

Email address.....

How many people attending.....

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM  
ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER - £35**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:  
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Maurice Cattini RIP</i>	<b>Page 109 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 23: 1-6 <i>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Ps 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</b>
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Breige O'Connor RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Ned, Dolly &amp; Ann Brien</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 2: 13-18 <i>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.</i>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July SAINT MARY MAGDALENE</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Gillian Napier's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6: 30-34 <i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Gaetano Alfieri RIP &amp; Costanza Teoli</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>(YEAR B)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Kings 4: 42-44 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 4: 1-6 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6: 1-15
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July SAINT JAMES, Apostle</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Luciano &amp; Rosalia Dilena RIP</i> <b>NO</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July Saints Joachim &amp; Anne (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</b> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Fergal Lawlor RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Vic Lowe RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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 Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Fr Julian's Ordination Anniversary</i>  <b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Isabella &amp; Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> 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>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 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