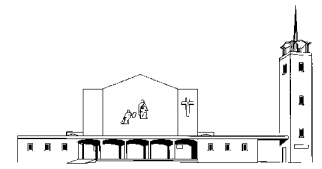




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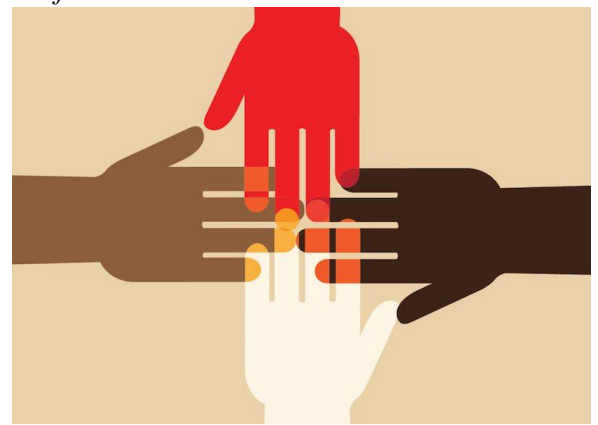
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH AUGUST 2024

Gospel: *John 6: 41-51*

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Our collect today asks the Father to bring to 'perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters'. We are adopted into God's family. We cannot inherit the Christian faith, as if it is some kind of family heirloom. Yes, it can be, and should be, handed on from one generation to the next but in order to enter into the family of the Church we each need to go through the process of adoption by God. This means that we cannot claim any merit of ourselves which enables us, as if we could, to force the hand of God. We have no right of access into the heaven of ourselves. We cannot claim any national or racial ties which give us priority over others. There is no such thing as a national or racial Church. It is contrary to the Catholic faith. This means that the true Church is not bound territorially or racially but drawn from all the different tribes, languages and nations of the world. The mission of the Church is to take the gospel of Christ to



all the nations and to baptise regardless of skin colour, ethnicity or cultural identity. While the Church inevitably immerses itself wherever it is planted, it rises above whatever is merely local so that it is truly one, holy, catholic and apostolic. Regrettably, on occasions the Church in different parts of the world has taken on too much of the local hue, which has inhibited it from exercising its mission in the way that it should. It has become culturally comfortable, insular, seeking security rather than reaching out across the cultural, linguistic and ethnic divides. We are called to be leaven to the world, so that through God's kingdom values, society is fashioned more into the likeness of God wants to see. The Church therefore stands in contradiction to society at large. It certainly stands in contradiction to the violent disorder seen recently in many cities across this land, perpetrated by hatred. St Paul, reminds us today that we should 'never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgives you in God'. These recent disturbances have shown how desperately sick our society is, as it moves away from God. Defenceless, innocent, vulnerable people have become targeted. On-line misinformation has whipped up prejudice and anger against those unjustly scapegoated, such as the Muslim community, on this occasion, or on other occasions, the Jewish community. We have been here before. We only need to think of the anti-Catholic riots fuelled by deliberate misinformation in the Titus Oates Conspiracy of the late seventeenth century, or the burning down of Catholic places of worship in the Gordon riots of the late eighteenth century. When the Catholic Church speaks peace into these situations it never speaks with ignorance or detachment but of itself having been at the receiving end of bigotry, and even worse, as it was before emancipation, of state sponsored persecution. Yet it speaks peace in the knowledge of Jesus who calls us to love 'by loving as he loved (us), giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God'. Through sacrificial living, and a passionate concern for the other, the Christian's world view does not revolve around him or herself. We are called to love our neighbour which includes those who are most unlike ourselves. It means that we will be particularly empathetic to those who are casualties in life. This includes welcoming the stranger who arrives on our shores, especially with a well-founded fear of persecution. Christians are, in St Peter's words, people with no abiding home in this life. We are refugees seeking an eternal city. Therefore, we are disposed to reach out to help those who are seeking asylum. Elijah in today's reading sought sanctuary far from his home because of persecution. Conscious that his journey was arduous, he found rest and sustenance from heaven. While the human heart is often closed to need, Heaven's door is always open. 'This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress', the psalmist notes today. It is the same Lord that comes to us as 'the true bread', who gives 'his flesh for the life of the world', regardless of our ethnic, national or religious background. He comes even for those insular, nationalistic white-faced supremacists who believe that their only homeland is one that looks and acts like themselves. God's coming kingdom is wonderfully polychromatic, so let's embrace spiritual colour-blindness.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

MASS on Monday morning will be at 8am preceded by Exposition at 7.30am and there will be no evening Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, due to the trip to Worth Abbey.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST is for political leaders. Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

COLUMBAN FATHERS: Fr Tom Ryan will be making a Mission Appeal **next weekend**. The Columbans are international and their missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local Churches.



CIRIACO FORGIONE of Carnaby Road died recently. His Requiem will be on **Monday 19th August at 12 noon** with Fr Antonio.

May he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Ciriaco Forgione and Francis Kimani and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Kathy Rourke, Giuseppina Vaccaro, Connie King, Antonino Cicchirillo, Lindsey Redshaw, Giuseppe Re, Margaret O'Sullivan, John Kelly, Franco Martorana, Francesco Ferraro, Joanne Perkins, Patricia Gudgin and Eva Mariotti. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY feast is on **Thursday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at 9.15am, 12 noon and 6pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 5pm. Altar servers are needed for the Masses. If you can assist, please contact the presbytery.



THIRTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in church on **Monday 26th-Tuesday 27th August from 7am-10pm**. The sign-up sheets to offer to pray for some of the 30 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are now available on the blue board at the back of the church. Please do fill in your name for the half hour slots.

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 **11th, 18th and 25th August at the 9.15am Mass**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume again at the 9.15am Mass on 1st September. Helpers are still needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately.**



'**CALLING PEOPLE OF GOODWILL**' is the Diocesan faith sharing book for the autumn, which contains 6 short Bible passages with reflections, questions and prayers to prompt discussion and action. **The cost of the book is £4.** If you would like to order one or be part of a discussion group, please contact the presbytery by the end of August.

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 complete the tear off slip and return it to the presbytery with the money.** There are now 18 spaces left. 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 12th 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.



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;

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: A letter has now been emailed to parents regarding the 2024/2025 course. If you have not received the email, please contact the presbytery.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 11th 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

SPUC ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PETITION DAY will be held **this weekend**. This



year's petition focuses on the two-child benefit cap, which you might have heard about in the news. Sadly, one of the biggest drivers of abortion in the UK is poverty, and one particular policy which penalises families and contributes to poverty is the current government policy on Universal Benefits. The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. This weekend, there will be an opportunity to sign petition cards to help mothers to choose life.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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



Please do bring your own drink and glasses, but paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided. 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. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

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 and/or contact Tony Barrell : 01992 442430.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to get involved with helping in the parish garden. **If you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

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 WALSINGHAM ON 21ST SEPTEMBER - £35

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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).

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Saturday 10th August SAINT LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Eddie Ogbodu's intentions</i></p>	<p align="center">Page 117 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 <i>Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Decd members of Batara, Balmaceda & Clucas Families</i></p>	<p>Ps 33 — Taste and see that the Lord is good.</p>
<p>Sun 11th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>Kathy Rourke RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 <i>Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.</i></p>
<p>Mon 12th August Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Tony Ogbodu's intentions</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel Accl. 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>Tues 13th August Saint Pontian and Hippolytus, Martyrs 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Ilya & Harry's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Gospel: John 6: 41-51 <i>I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.</i></p>
<p>Wed 14th August Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Luke Brady RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p>
<p>Thurs 15th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Bridget Mongan RIP</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Thanksgiving Ed Smith & Sadie Owens intentions</i> 5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm Mass <i>Vincenzo Giardina RIP</i></p>	<p>1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Gospel: John 6: 51-58</p>
<p>Friday 16th August Saint Stephen of Hungary (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Bernarda Beaujon RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p align="center">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>Saturday 17th August Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Anna Beschizza RIP</i></p>	<p align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Ian Witham RIP</i></p>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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>Sun 18th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP</i></p>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</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="right">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	<p align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p>	

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