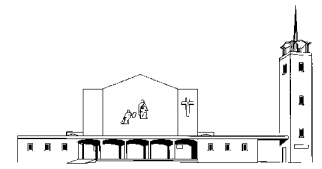




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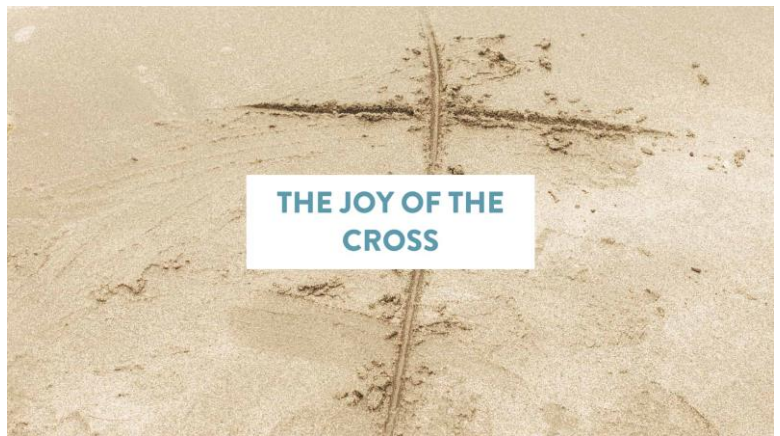
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YEAR B TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH SEPT 2024

Gospel: *Mark 8: 27-35*

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

On the third Sunday in September we celebrate *Evangelii Gaudium*, which means the Joy of the Gospel. It used to be known as Home Mission Sunday. *Evangelii Gaudium* takes up the theme of one of Pope Francis' encyclicals, calling to mind that at the heart of the gospel-its news and sharing- is joy. On the surface of it there doesn't seem to be a lot of joy in our readings, but read more deeply and we can see that joy is the outworking of all that is said. In the first reading Isaiah offers no resistance to those attacking and insulting him, but he is able to say that those attacks and insults did not touch him because he knows that he is on the side of truth and that God will come to help him and vindicate him. Similarly, the psalmist finds himself surrounded with the snares of death, but knows that by



acknowledging his helplessness and calling on the Lord's name, he will find help in time of need. *'The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me'*. In the epistle of James, the apostle reminds us that faith finds its expression in the transformative power of good works. Many will rejoice at the outworking of such authentic faith, because it is orientated towards the other and not the self, and ultimately to the source of all joy, God himself. In the gospel from Mark, we hear of the hard graft of discipleship before the joy of entering into life. Jesus speaks of his destiny to suffer as his own walk of obedient discipleship. It was difficult for the disciples to hear the news that Jesus was going to suffer grievously at the hands of the religious authorities, and they would have derived at this stage little consolation from his promise that he would rise again. In fact, Peter remonstrates with him, as if Jesus could make his pathway ahead a lot smoother. Jesus then reinforces the bluntness of his message by stressing that following him entails making decisive, life-changing choices. It means renouncing one's life...one's sense of worth, security, power, destiny, and control... and taking up one's cross...entering into the humility of becoming identified with Him. Trying to save one's life on one's own terms will cause one to certainly lose it, while giving up one's life will save it. In truth however, the key to life is more involved than that. Jesus doesn't say that we will save our life if we lose it. He says that we will save our life if we lose it, *'for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel'*. There are many people who have given up their lives, and in some of those cases, we have to ask, for what purpose? But to give up one's life for Jesus and for the sake of his gospel that is different. Joy comes through the way of the cross...through repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, salvation. If we proclaim a gospel of joy detached from the call to repentance, we will be offering cheap grace. It will be all froth and no substance, all about feelings and not about a transformed heart. That's not to say that feelings aren't important-they are part of our make up-but if we base our faith on our feelings we will be like weather vanes, changing from day to day. There is of course an honesty in not covering up how we feel, but the only thing that will keep us close to Jesus- as his followers rather than his accusers- is a cross-centred existence. Entering into a profound relationship with Jesus by living for him releases the wellsprings of joy. Living out the conversion of the cross in our personal lives, especially serving the most vulnerable, brings untold joy and enables the Lord to touch others with his missionary love. Our prayer after the communion reminds us of what is possible when we surrender ourselves into Jesus' hands. *'May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us, through Christ our Lord'*.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

PAOLO FERRARO of Paddick Close died recently. His Requiem will be on **Monday 16th September at 11am.**

MARINA MORRIS formerly of this parish died recently in Manchester. A Mass will be offered for Marina on **Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am.**

May they rest in peace.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER is for the cry of the earth. Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and

the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Marina Morris and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Starling, Antonio Cerrar, Alfonso Gibilaro, Pauline Callanan, Vincenzo Tuzzeo, John Fallon, Providenza Cicchirillo, Isabel Abrahams and Mary Beary. *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 **22nd September & 13th & 27th October at the 9.15am Mass.**

TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN SINGING: We are creating a supplement for our hymn book, with worship songs which we would like to introduce to the church. To get the ball rolling, we would like to hold a workshop session for anyone interested in singing. The emphasis will be teaching the melodies and to get everyone enjoying singing together. Our first session will be held on **Saturday 28th September in the crypt 1.30-3.30pm** with a break for tea and coffee. Gabby Hanley.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **15th and 29th September.** Helpers are still needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.**



PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on **Thursday 3rd October** at 7.30pm in the crypt and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

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 2 spaces left. The cost of the day will be £35 (£30 coach and £5 pilgrims' levy fee.



'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church, if you wish to complete one. Please hand the completed copy into the presbytery.

GOD OF COMPASSION: THE PSALMS IN CONVERSATION will be held on **Thursday 19th September** from 6-8pm at the London Jesuit Centre, W1K 3AH. The Psalms offer contrasting pictures of God's compassion – how can a Jewish perspective on this shared scripture enrich our understanding of God? Tickets are free, and the talk will be followed by a Q&A and a drinks reception. Please reserve your ticket here: <https://god-of-compassion-psalms-event.eventbrite.co.uk>

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 on **24th September at 7.30pm.** 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. The register can be found on the blue board at the back of the church.



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. The first meeting

will be on **Sunday 15th September.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026:

If your child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2026, please do contact the presbytery to register your interest.

SCHOOLS

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE will be holding their Open Evening on **Tuesday 17th September** from 6pm. For more information, please visit their website.

ST MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL are holding their Open Evening on **Wednesday 25th September** from 6-8.30pm. The Headteacher's speech will be at 6, 7 & 8pm.

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE & PREP SCHOOL are holding an Open Day on **Saturday 21st September.** For more info contact stedmundscollege.org.

JUSTICE & PEACE



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) is holding a one-day conference on **Saturday 28th September 2024**, at Holiday Inn Regent's Park, Carburton Street, London, W1W 5EE. Tickets are £40,

including lunch. Bookings can be made via the SPUC website at: www.spuc.org.uk/conference-2024. For further details contact katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

GOOD NEWS SATURDAY is on **Sat 12th Oct 11-2pm** at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park Jesuit Refugee Service discuss refugee issues.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you've

experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. We are not a counselling service, but can always point people in that direction, if it is necessary. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd October at 2pm** in the presbytery.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing

separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 25th September from 4.30-6pm** in the presbytery. **Participants should be attending Mass.**

MARY'S MEALS: Thank you to everyone who donated foreign coins recently in the envelopes provided. A total of £238.43 was raised.



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:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
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GIFT AID: Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they have made through envelopes or standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. You will need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a Gift-Aid form and you will find some forms at the back of the church beside the newsletters. **If your circumstances have changed and you pay insufficient or no tax, simply inform a.s.a.p. the Presbytery, and your Gift-Aid declaration will be cancelled.**

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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.



NEW PARISHIONERS: Please take a parish membership form and information leaflet from the box in the porch at the back of the church. Please return the completed form to the presbytery.
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Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 14th Sept EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Vincenzo Genuardi RIP	Page 132 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9 <i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Kathleen Robb's intentions	Ps 114 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Sun 15th Sept TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass Mary Beary RIP anniv 11.15am Mass For the Parish	2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18 <i>If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.</i>
Mon 16th Sept Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Tony Ogbodu's ints 11am Funeral Paolo Ferraro RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia! Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35 <i>You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>
Tues 17th September St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass John Lumley RIP anniv 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p>
Wed 18th September 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Sam Johnston RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18 Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35
Thurs 19th September St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Private intention NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 20th September St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Vittoria Schia RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 21st Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Rosalia Alfano RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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 Mark Wipperman RIP & Patrick Malone RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 22nd September TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass Isabella & Stanley Abrahams RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 17th 1pm Lunch Club, crypt Tues 17th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Wed 18th September 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

