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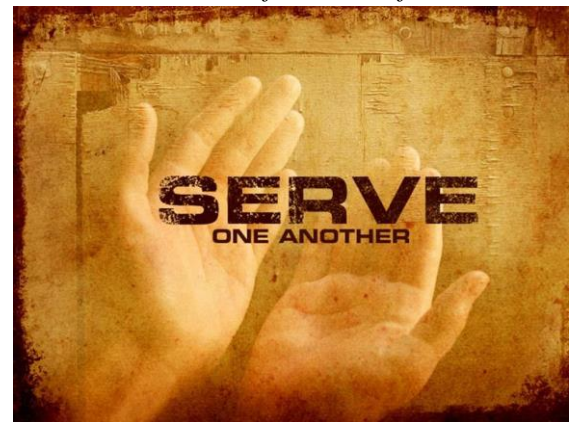
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YEAR B TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND SEPT 2024

Gospel: *Mark 9: 30-37*

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

'Stat crux dum volvitur orbis' : 'The world turns but the cross remains constant'. This motto of the Carthusians is axiomatic or should be axiomatic for all Christians. In a world of constant change and flux, the reference point for our lives- past, present and future- is the cross. The cross of Christ alone gives meaning to our lives in the face of the contradictions of our existence. It is the centripetal and centrifugal force of human history. When I am lifted up Jesus said I shall draw all mankind to myself. At the same time, the cross drives us outwards in empowerment to witness to the grace of God, that whatever befalls us, the cross leads to the victory of new life and resurrection. The crucifixion was not some accident of history but God's divine plan, foreordained before the creation of the world, to draw us back to him and to enable us to become the people that he always destined us to be, sharers in the life of heaven and of his divine nature. Jesus is the Lamb slain from the creation of the world, as the Apocalypse proclaims. Several times in the gospels we see Jesus informing his disciples that his rejection, death and resurrection were foreordained. He knew that he would die at a particular place and time. He knew also how he would die and what would happen to him after death. *'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men...they will put him to death... and he will rise again'*. Jesus taught his followers about the cross as a future event. Through his example and words, he taught them also about the cross as a present reality, lived out in a cross- shaped life of humble service, in the here and now. At the heart of the cross is what we call *kenosis*, Jesus' self-emptying. Jesus' self-emptied himself of any inclination to put self-interest first, and instead embraced what His Father had foreordained for the salvation of the world. His divine credentials were fully revealed in his perfect act of sacrificial love. By willingly embracing the cross, in the face of agony and temptation, he rejected the words of the enemy to save himself. By being born as one of us, St Paul says that Jesus, though God, became our servant, and humbled himself even lower to death on a cross. It is not accidental that in our gospel today, shortly after Jesus speaks to his disciples about his death, Mark relates the story of the disciples arguing among themselves as to which one of them was the greatest. It was all very tasteless but very human. How often do we consciously and unconsciously compare ourselves with others? How often do we think that we cut greater ground than someone else? How often are we dismissive of others, thinking that their world revolves around us and paying little attention to their concerns. How short-sighted are we, assuming that the way we see, is God's way? *'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts'*. This is where the Carthusian motto should be emblazoned on our minds. The world doesn't revolve around us but around the cross of Christ. St Mark tells us that Jesus called his disciples together and asked them what they had been conversing on their journey. They didn't reply, doubtless too ashamed. Jesus' response turned the world's values upside down, and foreshadowed his eventual sacrifice upon the cross. Service is not to be measured by self-glorification but self-emptying. *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'*. As if to drive the point home further he brought a child before the disciples to show them that true discipleship involved welcoming those whom the world considered least worthy of significance, those who had no weight of reputation, riches or significance.....precisely those who in their unaffected dependence and simplicity are always close to the Father's heart and considered blessed. Have we belittled anyone in our lives by aggrandising ourselves? Their true stature and ours appears only in relation to the towering height of the cross....and the degree to which we call out for divine mercy from our blood-stained Saviour.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

ALICE CARRUBBA of Tregelles Road died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Tuesday 24th September at 9.15am.**

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

ESTHER LYNCH of Cedar Green died recently. Her Requiem will be held on **Friday 11th October at 12 noon.**
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.

ROSARY: As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, there will be a decade of the rosary recited before each Sunday Mass.



PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Luigia Mariconda, Esther Lynch, Marina Morris and Alice Carrubba for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pat Cookson, Genoveffa Milazzo, Serena Barone, Ryan Walsh, Eileen Linford, John Lumley, Neville Yarwood, Rose Alles, Giovanni Cicchirillo, Ann Jenkins, Felice Comparetto, Mark Wipperman, Aede Taponni and Patrick Malone. *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 **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.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will take place on **Saturday 16th November at 11.30am** for all servers and anyone who is in year 3 and above who would like to become a server. You must be attending Mass on a regular basis to qualify. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery.



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 next meeting will be on **Sunday 29th 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 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. To book tickets, please visit www.stmarys.net.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE
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 information and details, please contact katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is on **Friday 4th October** and the Fast-Day envelopes will be attached to next weekend's newsletter and then collected on the 5th/6th October.

SEASON OF CREATION is from 1st Sept. - 4th Oct and during this time, thousands of Christians on six Continents get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth. In the UK, this Season coincides with traditional harvest-tide celebrations - but expanded to include the rest of the world!

THE FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION celebrates 30 years of this global movement, led by farmers and workers, working to make all trade fair! Choosing to buy Fairtrade products means farmers are better able to care for their families, communities and local environment. Look for the Fairtrade mark on many products!

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.



Separated & Divorced Support Group
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.**

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be on **Friday 11th October** 7.00pm in the crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Welcome to bring your own refreshments,

nibbles and brains. Please contact Luisa on 07968 332274 to reserve a table. It would be great to see many of you there to support a local charity.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter & Rosa Cuffaro who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on the 23rd September. Congratulations also to Antonino & Caterina Soldano who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 24th September.



CARE FOR CALAIS CHARITY have asked if anyone can donate any spare umbrellas for the asylum seekers at the Delta Hotel, Cheshunt? If you can help, please drop off the umbrellas to the presbytery. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna and Sophie and Angelo Lenguito. 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

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.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 21st Sept SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Rosalia Alfano RIP</i>	Page 135 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 <i>Let us condemn him to a shameful death.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Mark Wipperman RIP & Patrick Malone RIP</i>	Ps 53 — The Lord upholds my life.
Sun 22nd Sept TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>Isabella & Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	2nd Reading: James 3: 16-4:3 <i>Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.</i>
Mon 23rd Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Benefactors of the Church</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
Tues 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Funeral Alice Carrubba RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37 <i>The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.</i>
Wed 25th September 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29 2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
Thurs 26th September Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Felicity Allan RIP</i> 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 27th September St Vincent de Paul, Priest (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maurice Cattini RIP</i> 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 28th Sept St Wenceslaus, Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Lucio Miragliotta RIP</i>	<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 <i>Vincenzo Guddemi RIP</i>	<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 29th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Anthony RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 24th 1pm Lunch Club, crypt	Wed 25th September 6pm Brownies, crypt
Tues 24th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Wed 25th September 4pm Separation group

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 parroccchiani 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