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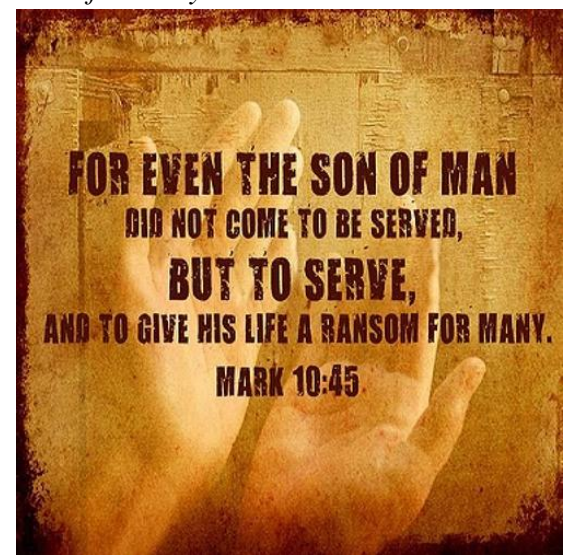
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YEAR B TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH OCT 2024

Gospel: *Mark 10: 35-45*

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

In today's gospel, James and John are place seeking. 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at the left in your glory'. We are told that the other disciples were indignant with them. Were James and John merely voicing what was private desire of all the disciples? Here were James and John forcing the issue and putting self-first, to the disadvantage of the rest. What was especially tasteless was that their request came shortly after Jesus told them that he would go to the cross. Jesus, we know, had promised much to his faithful twelve. He had promised that they would occupy privileged 'thrones', judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The two brothers will not be the first nor the last in religious circles to put self-interest first. We least expect it in the Church but alas it has been all too evident throughout history. The tendency is likely to get worse, if the import of managerial styles from the world is not curtailed, which is not to say that we should tolerate unprofessional behaviour. Yet place seeking is not just a clerical problem, and it is not just an issue of careerism. It has been a particular scourge of the more affluent laity. Take



for example the established Church. Not long after catholic churches were taken over by the state they were soon filled with proprietorial pews. People paid for their seating, so that the wealthier families were able to commandeer a good part of the seating space. You can still see this in some churches with their box pews equipped with household name tags. The poor were left to stand or left without room, yielding a rich harvest field for nonconformity and later Methodism. Even after death the wealthier sort tried to claim privileged space in God's house. The worst offenders were the Georgian gentry with their vulgar self-demonstrative statues, proclaiming the unquestioned benefits of colonialism, the glory of man and the memory of God! How preferable are the statues of the saints and their votive candle stands. Only with the catholic revival of the Oxford movement, orchestrated by the eventual St John Henry Newman and others, did seating in the established Church become less exclusive and more socially embracing. Their ideal was to restore traditional liturgical space, and that included the social inclusivity of the early Catholic Church. After the end of penal persecution, when new Catholic churches were erected, their seats were free. If the proprietorial pew has gone, alas sometimes the territorial pew survives. This is my seat-you can't sit there! I sometimes wonder whether we are fitted with personal magnets that attract us to sit habitually in the same seats. We are to look out for others, to make room for them, welcome them, especially if they are new, and be understanding when they are not acquainted with routines which for us has become traditional. What we do when we come together should be reflected also in the public expression of our faith, and vice-versa. Jesus told the disciples that if they wanted to become great, then they must be a servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. That is why the greatest title of the pope is servant of the servants of God. It's a title in which all in ordained ministry participate and one which all the baptised in their priesthood share. We are all called to serve others. I am conscious that I have a special seat in the church but it is not mine by right but only by concession from authority as I serve you. Jesus reminds the disciples, as he reminds all called into apostolic ministry that service must be the keynote of our life. This is countercultural and counterintuitive to the ways of the world, which glorifies self. Our eyes should not be on our own positioning but upon the throne of grace. The letter to the Hebrews encourages us to be 'confident in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him, and find grace in time of need'. May our eyes be not for our own seat but for that throne, and for its glorious occupant.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ariella Di Cesare who will be baptised this weekend.

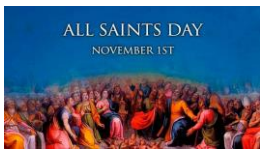
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held from 6-6.45pm on Monday, due to the Confirmation meeting.



MISSION RED BOX APPEAL: Next weekend we welcome Fr Philip Amek MHM to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

JOANNA DESILVA of New Road died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Friday 25th October at 1.30pm.**

ANNA AMODEO of Highbury Avenue died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*



ALL SAINTS' DAY is on **Friday 1st November** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am, 2pm and 8pm. There is no Friday abstinence on the 1st November. If you are a minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please contact the presbytery.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER is for a shared mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Joanna Desilva and Anna Amodeo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Danuta Patterson, Francisco Hernandez, Baby Brooklyn Moore, Francesca Marino, Patrick Walsh, Angela Oranye, John Shanley, Guerino Santaniello, Carlo Di Maria and Robert Cullen. *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 **27th October, 10th & 24th November at the 9.15am Mass.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **20th October, 3rd & 17th November.**

PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on **Thursday 7th November** 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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS: The next rotas for the period November 2024 - February 2025 will be drawn up shortly. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **24th October AT THE LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 am Mass (telephone 07485 284007 or 01992 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) and Dawn Bates for 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses (tel 440986 or email hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk). Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Once drawn up, all rotas will be dispatched by email unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are inside the newsletter. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR **Saturday 2nd November 6.30pm** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY: Fr Julian will lead the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Saturday 2nd November at 11.30am. Please meet inside the main gate.** Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 9th November at 11.30am.**



PARISH TRIP TO ST ALBANS ABBEY will be on **Friday 13th December.** The coach will leave the church at 9am and leave St Albans at 3pm. We will have Mass at the Abbey at 12 noon. The price of the coach is £13 per

person. If you would like to come, please contact the presbytery.



WALSINGHAM RETREAT: On Friday 25th October at 7pm, there will be a film about Walsingham shown in the crypt. This is open to all parishioners, and not just those going on the retreat.

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

COME AND SEE will continue on **Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm** for all who want to learn more about becoming a Catholic, or if you missed one of the Sacraments or if you simply want to renew your faith.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: The next meeting will be on **Monday 21st October from 7-8pm** in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on **Sunday 20th October.**

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.



BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 23rd October 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.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL - RECEPTION INTAKE 2025/26 ADMISSIONS: If your child reaches five years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, you should apply for a place within 2025-2026 Primary Admissions. Prospective parents are invited to come and join a small group of other parents for a tour and insight into the life of our school. During your visit you will be made welcome and be able talk to the Executive Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. If you would like to book a tour, please call the school office (01992) 467309.



JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE
CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY was on Friday 4th October and the total collected was £805.07.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Copies of the Cardinal's letter are still available from the table at the back of church.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

THE CATENIANS will be giving a short presentation after all Masses this weekend.

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 7th November at 2pm** in the presbytery.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 6th November from 4.30-6pm** in the presbytery. Participants should be attending Mass.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be held on **Saturday 26th October** at 8.30am in the crypt. There will be a short talk at 9.00am (Bishop Robert Baron), Mass at 10:00. An opportunity for men to share and get together. Do join us at any time, when and if you can.



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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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 19th October St John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh RIP</i>	Page 146 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11 <i>If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Robert Cullen RIP</i>	Ps 32 — May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
Sun 20th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving Nsonwah Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16 <i>Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.</i>
Mon 21st October St Ursula 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Sr Giacomina Pedrini's intentions</i> 6-6.45pm 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!
Tues 22nd October St John Paul II, Pope 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Marie Fry & Maureen's intentions</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45 <i>The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.</i>
Wed 23rd October St John Capistrano, Priest 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Alice Carubba RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52
Thurs 24th October St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Pauline Whelehan's intentions</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 25th Oct Martyrs of Wales (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Vincenzo Graffato RIP anniv</i> 1.30pm Funeral Johanna Desilva 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 26th October Sts Chad & Cedd, Bishops 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Vincent & Michael Byrne 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>Pietro Perzia RIP anniv</i> Sun 27th Oct THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>John Brown 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 21st 7pm Confirmation, crypt Tues 22nd 1pm Lunch Club, crypt Tues 22nd 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt Tues 22nd 7.30pm Come & See, crypt	Wed 23rd 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 23rd 7.15pm Baptism course Sat 26th 8.30am Men's group, 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 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