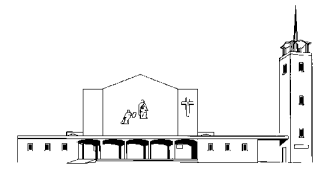




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YEAR B THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH NOV 2024

Gospel: *Mark 12: 38-44*

This poor widow has put in more than all.

Remembrance Sunday falls this weekend, when we remember all those who gave up their lives sacrificially for us in the two world wars. The many conflicts since, not least those currently being waged now, remind us of the fragile nature of peace. Our Christian faith draws us to look further, to remember also the dead of other countries, both allies and enemies. We are to love our enemies, even when they are fighting against us. Again, Remembrance Sunday is not just about remembering those in the military who gave up their lives. So many civilians, involved



directly and indirectly, in the war effort, also died. Then there are the many casualties of war, the innocent by-standers, not least the vulnerable and the children. We are reminded of this daily as we see the tragedies of the Middle East unfold. The vision of the kingdom of God is one of restored peace, where there is no conflict and everything is ordered in divine harmony. The focus of all our remembrance should be the Saviour who made the ultimate sacrifice for all of humanity- '*do this in remembrance of me*', who died to end all hostility and to reconcile conflicted human nature. While Jesus cannot easily be labelled a pacifist (he never told any soldier to leave the army), his saving sacrifice is the source of true peace. Through the cross he has disarmed the forces of evil, and shown up the futility of aggression. Wars impoverish nations and communities. In fact, conflict is the second main cause of poverty in our world. Poverty has its own battles, the struggle for survival, as we see in the story of the widow of Sidon from our Old Testament reading. Similarly, in today's gospel, we encounter a lady who is one of the *anawim*, the poor of the land. Jesus is drawn to her because of the sacrificial nature of her love. He contrasts her gift to God's work, to what the wealthy give. They gave out of their abundant riches, and only after what they had spent on themselves. She did not serve her own interests first, but rather gave to God all that she had to live on. '*I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on*'. It is humbling to encounter such sacrificial giving, and yet it is generally the case that poorer people tend to be more generous than those who are better off. My experience in ministry is that it is the least who can afford it, who give the most towards the work of the Church's maintenance and mission. Compared to most places, we in this country are relatively wealthy, when you consider that 1.2 billion people in our world live on less than 74p a day. If you have ever travelled in places of poverty, you will know of the generosity and hospitality of the genuinely poor. We receive far more from them than what we can give in such contexts. This transforms us, and highlights what Pope Francis means when he says that we need to be evangelised by the poor. An encounter with such simplicity and open handedness questions the complacency of our lifestyle and existence. Their dependence upon God puts us to shame, and causes us to examine our faith. If our mission is to bring good news to the poor, even become good news for the poor, then mission must lead to true engagement. There is no room for being patronising or imperious. As Pope Francis reminds us, '*we may think of the poor simply as beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work or impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor that becomes a way of life*'. Only in solidarity with the poor, can we encounter them not as strangers, but our brother and sister. Our discipleship draws us to accompany Jesus into his own poverty, so that in identifying with him, we can identify with them. It goes without saying therefore, that, in words of Pope Francis, '*poverty is an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life and the condition for our happiness*'. This inner poverty of the spirit is wonderfully liberating and allows us to be transformed by the richness of the generosity of the poor. Wars occur because we can't get what we greedily desire, according to St James. True poverty of spirit brings to end the hostilities of the human heart, and is therefore ordered to the peace of the world.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Leonardo Hurshid and Edwin and Elsie Storey who will be baptised this weekend.

ANNA AMODEO of Highbury Avenue died recently. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 20th November at 12 noon.**

DESMOND O'SULLIVAN formerly of our parish died recently. His funeral will be on **Monday 25th November at 10.30am.**

GIUSEPPE CANNATELLA of Glenester Close died recently. His funeral will be on **Monday 25th November at 1.15pm.**

LUIGI CALVINO of Bevil Court died recently. His funeral will be on **Monday 2nd December at 11am.**
May they rest in peace.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER is for those who have lost a child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Desmond O'Sullivan, Luigi Calvino, Anna Amodeo and Giuseppe Cannatella for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Benedetto Provenzano, Anne Perkins, Vera Brown, Vincenzo Imbrogino, Peter Fitch, Maud Divers, Cono Miragliotta, Carmela Santaniello and Mathilde Krajewski. *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 **10th & 24th November at the 9.15am Mass.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **17th November, 1st & 15th December.**

PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on **Thursday 5th December** 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.



SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION: Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the diocese provided care to



72 retired priests at a cost of £976,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected next weekend.** Please note there aren't enough envelopes, so you can also make your donation by scanning the QR code or donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.



NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are beside the newsletters. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering.

MENS BREAKFAST will be held on **Saturday 30th November** 8:30am in crypt, short talk at 9:00, Mass at 10:00. An opportunity for men to share and get together. Do join us at any time, when and if you can.



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. There are now only a few spaces left.

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 12th November 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 18th November from 7-8pm** in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on **Sunday 17th November.**



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 27th November 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 for a visit. . During your visit you will be able to talk to the Executive Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. If you would like to book a tour, please call the school office (01992) 467309.



ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding Open Days for prospective parents for children applying for a place in nursery or reception for September 2025. The dates are: **Monday 18th November at 10am**, Wednesday 20th November at 2pm, Monday 2nd December at 10am and Wednesday 4th December at 2pm. To book a viewing, please contact the school office on 01192.463549.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S 200 club winner for November is no 58, Sharon Baldwin. Congratulations!

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are looking for enthusiastic early years practitioners. Applicants need to be qualified to level 3 in Early Years Childcare and Education or equivalent. For further information please email staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01992 460614. Apply with covering letter and CV to St Augustine's Under 5s Charlton Close Hoddesdon EN11 8DR. **CLOSING DATE Friday 13th December 2024**

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

Brownies 5TH HODDESODN BROWNIES will be celebrating their 50th Birthday Party on **Wednesday 13th November**. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 7pm in church, followed by tea and cake in the crypt. Everyone is welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: The total amount raised was £ 612.68. Thank you to all who donated.



DEFIBRILLATOR: There is now a defibrillator fitted outside the entrance to the Under 5's. If you need to use it, please call 999 and you will be instructed as to how to use it. You can also view a training video online at <https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

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 held in the New Year in the presbytery.

IS THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL ABOUT COMPASSION, GIVING CHOICE AND DIGNITY? Come and hear from experts in the field who have serious concerns about a possible change in the law on **Sunday 24th Nov 3-5pm** at Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. For more info contact info@catholicunion.org.uk. Booking is essential. Livestreaming available by visiting www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream.

BROXBORNE COMMUNITY CHOIR & ST AUGUSTINE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be presenting "Christmas Around the World on **Sat 7th December at 3pm** at Christ Church Ware. Adults £10 and children under 16 free. Tickets from Gabby 07875221543.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé & 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
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.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 9th Nov DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Page 154 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16 <i>The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Ps 145 — My soul, gives praise to the Lord.
Sun 10th Nov 32ND SUNDAY/REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Requiem Mass <i>For all who died in wars</i>	2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28 <i>Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i>
Mon 11th November St Martin of Tours, Bishop 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!
Tues 12th November St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44 <i>This poor widow has put in more than all.</i>
Wed 13th November 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 THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1-13 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32
Thurs 14th November 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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 15th November St Albert the Great (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</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 16th Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>For the Parish</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 17th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am Mass <i>Bert & Molly Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 12th 1pm Lunch Club, crypt Tues 12th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt Tues 12th 7.30pm Come & See, crypt	Wed 13th 6pm Brownies, presb

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