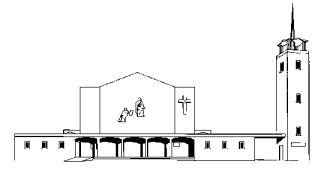




# The Announcer



## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**YEAR B THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2024**

Gospel: *Mark 13: 24-32*

*He will gather his chosen from the four winds.*

Today's readings look forward to the time when God's sovereignty will be fully acknowledged, but not without cosmic disturbance, struggle and resistance. In our first reading the prophet Daniel prophesies of a 'time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence'. Also looking forward, the letter to the Hebrews shows us Christ, who though victorious, nevertheless waits for his enemies to be made a footstool for him. Hebrews reminds us of the significance of Jesus' saving death, which reconciles us to the Father. The cross is the vital bridgehead opening the door to the accomplishment of total victory, in a similar way to DDay (the decisive event leading to VEDay) led to the liberation of the continent and the eventual winning of the war. Victory was assured but battles had to take place before hostilities could come to an end. Although the cross has disarmed the forces of evil, those opposed to Christ's rule still need to be brought into submission. The New Testament continually reminds us that we (the Church Militant if you like) are in spiritual battle. There is fierce opposition to the God's interest both within and without the human heart, which manifests itself in the affairs of humanity. In fact, the holy scriptures assure us that opposition against Christ will assuredly get worse before it gets better, and that disaffection will arise even from within the ranks of the Church. Among Jesus' enemies today (for whom incidentally he asks us to pray and bless), are those so opposed to the gospel that they persecute our brothers and sisters across the world. We ourselves may have encountered low level opposition whenever we place our faith on the line. This however is nothing compared to the ostracism, stigmatisation or persecution faced by our fellow Christians in different countries. Wednesday of this coming week is Red Wednesday when many churches will mark the present-day persecution of the faith. According to Aid to the Church In Need, among the countries of the world, 62 out of 196, violate religious freedom, and in 30 of these countries, many Christians have been killed due to persecution since 2018. While Christians are not the only religious group persecuted, they are the most numerous. Of course, there are local variations. One diocese of Burkina Faso has welcomed some 30,000 Christian displaced peoples, 80% of them of school age. How can we not identify with them in their need? Our brothers and sisters patiently await the fulfilment of God's plans. Our entrance antiphon today says that the Lord's thoughts are 'of peace and not of affliction'. Many remind us that we are in end-times, and with too much facility they draw the parallels between events today and the apocalyptic scenarios of the bible. Yet ever since the gospel was first proclaimed we have been in end times, and there has never been a century without its troubles. Times of distress there may be, but mercifully, we have not yet witnessed Our Lord's prophecy that 'the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken'. Such words remind us of the interconnectedness of all life and that the cosmic and natural world has a direct bearing upon the affairs of men and the purposes of God. The ecological crisis, occasioned by the greed of humanity and over-exploitation of resources, shows that judgement comes even today through our failure to respect the fine tuning of the created order. Tell the people of Valencia that climate change doesn't exist. Our gospel reading is from Jesus' end-time discourse, a kind of double prophecy, referring to not just what will happen before his return at the end of time (as we know it) but also what will happen to Jerusalem and the chosen people in the lifetime of the disciples. Such is the nature of prophecy-it works at different levels. We are only enlightened by it in the light of its fulfilment. The gospel writers went out of their way to show us how the coming, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus are the fulfilment of prophetic scripture. He is the fulfilment of the Torah, of the Law and the Prophets. Yet his own words remind us that much more than this is to be fulfilled by Him. His words, he reminds us, will never pass away unlike the transitory present heavenly and natural order. We await his return, and the assured appearance of the new heaven and new earth. In the meantime, taking to heart our gospel acclamation, may we 'Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man'



Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on **Monday from 6-6.45pm**, due to the Confirmation meeting. There will be no Exposition on Wednesday evening.

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

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

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

**LUIGI CALVINO** of Bevil Court died recently. His funeral will be on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am**.

**FRANCESCA COMPARETTO** of Beyers Prospect died recently. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am**. *May they rest in peace.*

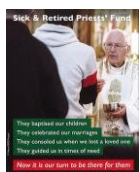
**POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER** is for those who have lost a child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Patricia Dunne, Francesca Comparetto, Desmond O'Sullivan, Luigi Calvino, Anna Amodeo and Giuseppe Cannatella for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Carlo Gaudiano, Margaret Higgins, Assunta Porto, Marie Laydon, Benedetto Cicchirillo, Bert Zwager, Owen Parsons and Pietro DiLeto. *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 **24<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at the 9.15am Mass.

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

**PRAYER GROUP** will be meeting on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the crypt and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.



**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION:** This 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. You can make your donation by scanning the QR code or donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RED WEDNESDAY** is on **20<sup>th</sup> November** in support of persecuted Christians will be held at the Oratory. The church will be lit up red. There will be a gathering at the church steps at 6.30pm. At 7.00pm, Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and concelebrated by Archbishop Linus Neli of Imphal, India..All welcome. Register at [www.acnuk.org/events](http://www.acnuk.org/events). For more information, see <https://acnuk.org/event/redwednesday-2024/>.



**ADVENT EXTRA** magazines are available to buy from the table at the back of church for £2.95. Please pay you money into the newspaper box.



**PARISH TRIP TO ST ALBANS ABBEY** will be on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Can you please drop your money into the presbytery to confirm your place.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November** from 7-8pm in the crypt.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The next meeting will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.



**BROXBOURNE FOODBANK** If you wish to donate Christmas food items, please do so by early December as there is a four-week turnaround for food donations, otherwise they will be given out in January. At the moment, the Foodbank need: tins of meat, fruit, vegetables and fish, tins of rice pudding and custard, squash, UHT juice and UHT milk. You can leave your donation in the foodbank box at the back of church.



**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** Inside the newsletter is a copy of a letter from Lord David Alton. Please read the letter and sign the card at the back of church and send it to the House of Commons to vote against the upcoming Assisted Suicide Bill on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.



### SCHOOLS

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. To book a viewing, please contact the school office on 01192.463549.

**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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**THE BROXBOURNE CATENIANS** are holding their annual Christmas meal on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at Brickendon Grange Golf Club. Cost is £35, 6pm for 7pm. Dress code something festive! Contact Alfie Gattuso 0779 1011972.

**WARE CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing English Carols on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm** at The Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £15 from Theresa Casbard 07742022223 or Anne Byrne 467097.

**CAROL SINGERS** are needed for **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** from 2.15-3pm on stage in Hoddesdon High Street for the Hoddesdon Loves Christmas event. Please wear some Christmas attire if possible.

**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.



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



**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & Sophie & 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

**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.





<b>Liturgy this week</b>		<b>Today's Liturgy</b>	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>Page 157 in the Mass books</b>	
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Daniel 12: 1-13 <i>When that time comes, your own people will be spared.</i>	
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T.</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Bert &amp; Molly Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>Ps 15 — Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.</b>	
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>6-6.45pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 <i>By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.</i>	
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!	
<b>Red Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November St Edmund, Martyr</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass followed by coffee in the crypt <i>Persecuted church</i> <b>12 Noon Funeral Anna Amodeo RIP</b> <b>NO</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 13: 24-32 <i>He will gather his chosen from the four winds.</i>	
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> November Presentation of B Virgin Mary</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (YEAR B)</b>	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</b> 11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Daniel 7: 13-14 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 1: 5-8 <b>Gospel:</b> John 18: 33-37	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov St Clement, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.	
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>		<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.	
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Deceased brothers of Catenian Association</i>		<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday		<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</b>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7pm Confirmation, crypt	<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm Come & See, crypt
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	1pm Lunch Club, crypt	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6pm Brownies, presb
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30pm Warm Spaces, 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