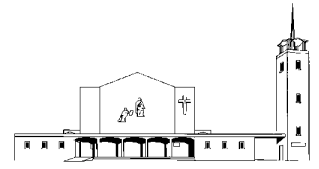




# The Announcer



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YEAR C

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH FEB 2025

Gospel: *Luke 5: 1-11*

*They left everything and followed him.*

The thread running through our three readings today is our response to God's call. In the first reading Isaiah has a vision of 'the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up'. He hears the voice of the Lord asking, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?', and volunteers himself. In the second reading, St Paul recounts the circumstances of his calling as an apostle, emphasising that from first to last it was an act of God's grace, not his own doing, since he had wanted to destroy the followers of Christ. The third reading, from Luke's gospel, is an account of how the disciples, who had already been called by Jesus, began to understand more of what he was calling them to do. In each of the passages the similarity is the element of surprise in God's choice. In the first reading, Isaiah does not present himself before God asking for any recognition on his part. Instead he has a vision of God's awesome majesty which brings him to his knees in repentance, craving for forgiveness. With



his sin atoned, he is able to give his full consent to God's request for someone to be sent: 'Here I am! Send me.' This is not dissimilar from what happens to the disciples on the shores of Galilee, except that rather than encountering a vision of heaven, they come face to face with Jesus' authority on earth. When Jesus tells them to put down their nets, Simon Peter protests that they had been fishing all night and to no avail. Nevertheless, he obeys, and is totally dumbfounded at the enormity of their catch. The turn-around breaks Simon Peter's confidence. 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord'. Peter, like Isaiah, encounters his inadequacy before God's presence, and desires forgiveness and restitution. Jesus tells Peter and his companions that henceforth they would become fishers of men rather than fish. In reflecting upon his own calling, in our second reading, St Paul highlights his total unworthiness. 'For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.' His commissioning was fully a work of divine grace, 'but by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain'. Surprise encounters with God's lavish grace, recognising God's authority and awesome presence cause us to reassess our own beliefs and values, and make us more pliable to hearing the divine call. The greater the impact, the greater the recognition of our inadequacy for the tasks at hand. Who is equal to this task, St Paul asks elsewhere? Our inadequacy is God's opportunity to mould and fashion us after his desire. Be the person you were meant to be, St Catherine of Siena wrote, and you will set the world on fire. We discover who we were meant to be when we lose sight of the person we think we are. Our security does not depend upon making an impression upon this world, but allowing God to impress his ways among us. If we are self-centred, the more exposed and isolated we will become. If we are centred on heavenly grace then we are insured against the storms of life and the assault of the enemy. Our collect prays today, 'Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection'. When we turn away from the worship of man and glorify God instead, we align ourselves with heaven's agenda for the world. Our entrance antiphon says, 'O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God'. Are we prepared for God to surprise us? We are never able to fathom God's ways, and He will not be conditioned by our conventions and conditions. This is why true worship is not about what we like or feel but what is centred on Father, Son and Spirit. That worship takes place within the holy place of the gathered assembly or in the everyday happenings of life. The Church calls us to holiness and the sanctification of our lives. Consequently, whether in the walls of the church or outside, we should not be surprised if God calls us unexpectedly to do something which previously we may have thought impossible or which may not even have crossed our radar. God is the God who sends. God is the God who commissions, and God is the God who surprises.

Fr Julian

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Alfie and Ava Reynolds who will be baptised this weekend.

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

**FRANCES BARRON** of Town Farm Crescent died recently. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** at Woollensbrook Crematorium.

**MARGRET FRYDRYCH** of Hoe Lane died recently. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**.

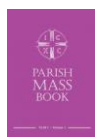
**JOAN MARTIN** of Monks Close, Broxbourne died recently. Her funeral will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm**.  
*May they rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Margret Frydrych, Frances Barron and Joan Martin and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Mary Davies, Filomena Tona, Mary Syed, Irene Willmer, Salvatore DiMaria, Maureen Crotty, Freda Porter, Barbara Hoffman, Christopher Reid, Giuseppe Galione, Maria & Onofrio Panepinto and Frances Kearney. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*



**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY** is for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**MASS BOOKS:** There are now some Mass books which you can buy from the repository, the price is £5.95 each.



**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS** are also available to buy from the repository for £19.95.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will continue on the **16th February**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **9<sup>th</sup> February**.



**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY** at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm** The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th

and any year over 60 wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please contact the presbytery with these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email) by **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April**.



**PRAYER GROUP** will meet again on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the crypt and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS:** The next rotas for the period March - June will be drawn up shortly. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **26<sup>th</sup> February AT THE LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 am Mass (tel 07485 284007 or 01992 449282 or email [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com)) and Dawn Bates for 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses (tel 440986 or email [hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 held in the crypt on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS** are needed for all the candidates on the programme. A prayer partner



prays for a candidate at least twice a day, whilst they are preparing to make their Confirmation. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name on the sheet on the blue board at the back of the church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The next meeting will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 5pm in the crypt. If you have not yet paid the £8 for the book for the children, can you please drop it off to the presbytery.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Application forms for children currently in year 2 who wish to make their First Holy Communion in **May 2026** are still available to collect from the presbytery, or you can email the presbytery to request the form. Details of the course will be given with the form. You will need to commit to attending weekly Mass. If you are unable to commit, please defer applying for the course until next year. **Please note the deadline to return the forms is on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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/UNDER 5'S

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S 200 CLUB** winner for February is Michele De Luca, no 172. Congratulations!

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS



**PARISH MAGAZINE** in full colour, 60 pages is now available to buy from the presbytery during the week. The magazine is also available to buy from the repository after Mass at the weekend. The price is £5 to cover the cost of printing.

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the appeal last weekend. A total of £442.50 was raised.

**CRIB APPEAL:** This year the amount collected was £676.56 for the Catholic Children's Society, Westminster. Thank you to all who donated.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Two more cleaners are needed to join the Wednesday group for one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

### **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 presbytery on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna and Pat Callanan. Thank you for your help.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

### FINANCE

**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



**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:

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## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February St Josephine Bakhita</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Matthew Swindell's intentions</i>	<b>Page 983 in Sunday Missals</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8 <i>Here I am! Send me.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Ps 138 — <i>In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.</i></b>
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Albert &amp; Irene Willmer RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Maria &amp; Onofrio Panepinto RIP anniv</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Corinthians 15: 1-11 <i>So we preach and so you believed.</i>
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> February St Scholastica, Virgin</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Teresa Delaney's intentions</i> <b>6-6.45pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Confirmation, crypt	<b>Gospel Accl.</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 5: 1-11 <i>They left everything and followed him.</i>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Linroy Campbell</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</b></p>
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February St Julian</b> 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15 Mass <i>Vicky Forni RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 17: 5-8 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 6: 17, 20-26
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> February St Catherine de Ricci</b> 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.45 – 9am &amp; 10.45 – 11am            or ask Fr Julian at any other time.</p>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February SAINTS CYRIL &amp; METHODIUS (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</b> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February St Claude La Colombiere</b> 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>John Griffin RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Bert &amp; Molly Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Briege Gromley</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt <b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 1pm Lunch club <b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Come and See, crypt <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b> 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 parrochiani 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