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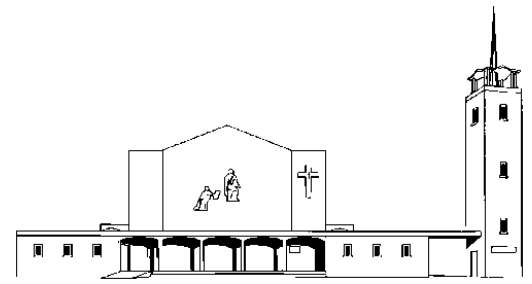
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Year B

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

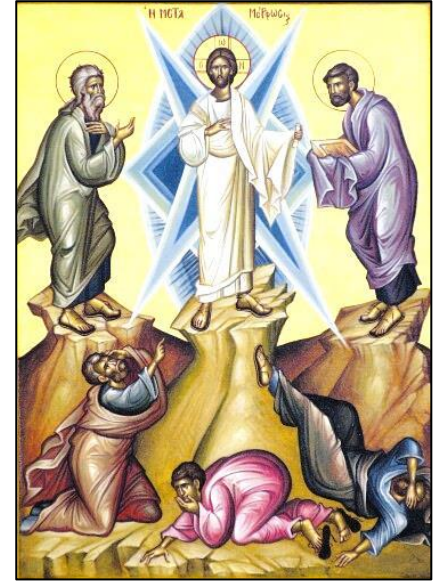
1ST MARCH 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2–10

This is my Son, the Beloved.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

JESUS'S TRANSFIGURATION ON THE MOUNTAIN is the Gospel passage that we hear today on the Second Sunday of Lent. As a preparation for the apostles for the horrors of His Passion, Jesus allows Peter, James and John to experience in a powerful way a glimpse of His divinity: He is 'transfigured,' He shines like the sun, and in a miraculous vision He is accompanied by two great figures of the Jewish tradition, Moses and Elijah (representing the 'Law' and the Prophets). This awesome moment in Jesus's earthly ministry also gives us the encouragement to keep Lent well. We see, as the apostles did, that there is 'light at the end of the tunnel' — the radiant light of Jesus's Resurrection. This light can guide us through the rigours of Lent, and allow us to see the spiritual value of this penitential season.



We have these five remaining weeks of Lenten preparation, and we must use them well. If you still didn't get a **purple sheet 'Ideas for Lent 2015'**, then please take one today from alongside the Newsletters. Remember that we are called upon, each and every one of us, to make sacrifices and devotions throughout Lent — prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please do not ignore the plea that the Church is making, to call you to a deeper adherence to Jesus Christ. We each need to make a good Lent, so we can truly celebrate Holy Week and Easter well, too, when it comes. How has *your* Lent begun? Reflect on the past ten days since Ash Wednesday — are there things I need to change, or adopt, so that this season can be better and more fruitful?

I shall be absent for one Mass this weekend — Sunday 11.15am — to allow me to go and celebrate Mass in St Albans for my parents' Golden Wedding. I am grateful to Mgr Peter Wilson for coming to supply for this Mass.

May God bless with joy our Lenten weeks of fasting, prayer and almsgiving!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 43:



The split between the faith which many profess and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age. Long since, the Prophets of the Old Testament fought vehemently against this scandal and even more so did Jesus Christ Himself in the New Testament threaten it with grave punishments. Therefore, let there be no false opposition between professional and social activities on the one part, and religious life on the other. The Christian who neglects his temporal duties, neglects his duties toward his neighbour and even God, and jeopardizes his eternal salvation. Christians should rather rejoice that, following the example of Christ Who worked as an artisan, they are free to give proper exercise to all their earthly activities and to their humane, domestic, professional, social and technical enterprises by gathering them into one vital synthesis with religious values, under whose supreme direction all things are harmonized unto God's glory.

PRAYER & LITURGY

JILL LOGSDAIL RIP formerly of Ditchfield Road, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 4th March** at 12.15pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow. **If anyone would like a lift to the Crematorium with Fr Philip, please contact the presbytery.** Mass will be offered for Jill in the parish at 9.15am that same day.

EILEEN McELLIGOTT RIP of Bourne Close, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 13th March at 10am.** *May they rest in peace.*

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held this **Sun 1st March** 5.00pm.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 6th March.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, the "Way of the Cross" is followed in church each Fri (12.30pm, after Mass) & Sat (9.30am, before Mass.) Also in Italian at 4.30pm each Friday.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15th March** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday (usually) of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting March 13th.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES: A Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th–18th March** at St Joseph's in Maidenhead. You are invited to send in your petitions. Please see notice board for more information.

LENT

PARISH "PENANCE" FOR LENT: in Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. **There will be a second**

collection in support of CAFOD's work after all Masses this weekend If you are a tax payer, please don't forget to gift-aid your donations.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER in on **Friday 6th March.** The services will be at St Augustine's, Broxbourne 11am and 7.30pm for 8pm at the Baptist Church, Essex Road. You are invited to go dresses in brightly coloured clothes and worship under Bahamian palm trees.

LENTEN ALMS are collected each year in support of charitable causes. The Archbishop has decided that this year's charity will be *Caritas*. *Caritas* has been created to help parishes set up and run projects designed to give practical help to the poor, the hungry, the lonely and the vulnerable in our diocese. But its work is only possible if it receives donations. To find out more about *Caritas*, please do take a leaflet which are beside the newsletters. **You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.**

'SAINTS HELPING US TODAY': Fr Philip will be showing a six-session DVD series exploring Saints **Benedict**, Francis, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola and Thérèse of Lisieux, during Lent. The talks will be on **Lent Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates are: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st April.

LENT LUNCHESES will be held every Tuesday during Lent at Barclay Hall (St Catherine & St Paul's Anglican church hall) at 12.15pm for £3.

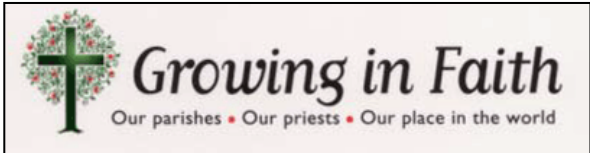
HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, John Lumley, Anne Smith and Sylvia Mullick.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. 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, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017



Fr Philip thanks those who have recently donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. With some very large new donations, **we have raised now pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.** An update on 'Growing in Faith' can be seen on the noticeboard above the newspapers, though it doesn't yet include the most recent pledges. Fr Philip continues exploratory discussions with various contacts about filling the post of a catechetical co-ordinator.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Mon 2nd March 7pm** for Candidates and parents. Chapter 13 of St Mark's Gospel is to be read in preparation for this session. Candidates also need to have filled in 'page 4' with their choice of Confirmation saint's name.

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The sixth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 11th March 8-9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 14th March 10-12 noon.**

"RCIA" – The 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation. **The course continues on 3rd March at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 18th and Friday 27th March** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol, please ring the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

EASTER EGGS: Maria Hunt is taking orders for milk chocolate Easter eggs that are £3.99 and tell the Easter story. Orders can only be taken up to the **2nd March**, so please contact Maria at maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com. **The Traidcraft stall will be at the back of the church this weekend.**

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY: Applications for September 2015 must be made via www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions, Herts

County Council. The school application form must also be filled in, and can be downloaded from www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/schoolinformation/admissions. **Closing date Friday 20th March.**

UNDER-5's: (i) **200 CLUB RENEWALS** take place after Masses on **28th Feb/1st March** and **7th/8th March**. If you would like join, you can speak to one of the St Augustine's Under 5's committee or contact Theresa Casbard on 01992-301551 or t.casbard@ntlworld.com.

(ii) **PAMPER NIGHT:** Playgroup is holding a fundraising Ladies' Pamper Night on **Thurs 12th March from 6.30pm**. Tickets £3 in advance/£3.50 on the door. Please call in at playgroup or call Irayna on 07805-542576.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will visit parishioners this week (Wed afternoon) in Gladstone Rd, River Ave, Cranborne Rd.

OVER 70s 'SAN GIUSEPPE' MEAL: Broxbourne & Sutura Town Twinning Association are offering a free meal to parishioners aged over 70. It will be on **Sunday 22nd March 12.30-4.30pm** at the Borough Offices, Broxbourne. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery soon.

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with computer accounting experience who would like to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. It involves keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, administering the parish finances and would require no more than an average of 3-4 hours each week. A short attendance at the presbytery on a Monday would be a requirement but a significant amount of the work could be carried out offsite to suit individual needs. Training and support is readily available. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the presbytery.

THE NADIA MIRAGLIOTTA BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND is holding a ball on **Saturday 20th June** at 7pm at Tewinbury Farm for £75.00. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a cheque or online via nadiabutterflyball@gmail.com. Please contact Steph Miragliotta on 07958951214 for info.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to meet parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free date: 12th April.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria & Carmelo Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy				
Sat 28th Feb 10am Mass <i>Jack, Margaret & Paddy Connors</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 151 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1–2, 9–13, 15–18 <i>The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.</i></p> <p>Psalms 115 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31–34 <i>God did not spare his own Son.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 9: 2–10 <i>This is my Son, the Beloved.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Jesus's Transfiguration (p. 58) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1–17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22–25 Gospel: John 2: 13–25</p>				
4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Mario & Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP</i> Sun 1st March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** <i>Lulu Pauline Ward</i> 11.15am <i>Gina Gullo RIP</i> ‡ 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p>				
Mon 2nd March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Richard McDermott's intentions</i> Tues 3rd March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i> Wed 4th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jill Logsdail RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 5th March NO Mass	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>				
Fri 6th March WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Larry & Maureen O'Neill Intentions</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass <i>Rosa Maria Giovenco RIP Anniv</i> Sat 7th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Francesco Cannatella RIP</i> 4.00pm Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Dennis O'Donovan & William Phelan RIP</i> Sun 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** <i>Carlo & Maria Silenti</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Mon 2nd 7pm Confirmation, crypt</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Tues 3rd 7pm RCIA, presbytery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 3rd 1.30pm Ascent, crypt</td> <td>Wed 4th 6pm Brownies, crypt</td> </tr> </table>	Mon 2nd 7pm Confirmation, crypt	Tues 3rd 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 3rd 1.30pm Ascent, crypt	Wed 4th 6pm Brownies, crypt
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<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>					

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 attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your 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.*