

The Announcer

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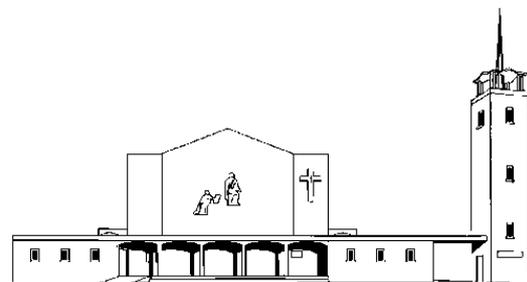
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Year A

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13th AUGUST 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to You across the water!

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO WILL RETURN THIS MONDAY TO THE PARISH from Hertford, and will supply for me during the next two weeks whilst I am on holiday visiting a series of friends on the continent. I am grateful to him for his presence here once more, and I ask you please to make him welcome and to look after him!

THE GREAT AUGUST FEAST OF OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN is this Tuesday, and is a Holyday of Obligation (when all Catholics are expected to attend Mass). It's such a beautiful feast, celebrating as it does the entry into heaven – body & soul – of Our Blessed Mother, untouched as she was by any stain of sin, and therefore quite ready for heaven already at the moment of the completion of her earthly life. When we reflect on this event, we see with what great glory God is honouring humanity. He is not favouring Our Lady over the rest of us, as if she were the only one chosen, and exalted on a pedestal, but He is showing us that holiness of life leads to the perfection of heaven, and Our Lady has been taken there ahead of us to give us hope and a great example. Holy Mass for this great feastday are as usual for Holydays, i.e.

***** ASSUMPTION DAY MASSES – 15th AUGUST: 9.30am, 12 noon, 8pm *****

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE PARISH BARBECUE DATE – 10th SEPTEMBER – and be ready to get your ticket requests in before the 4th September. The board with the various volunteering for food and practical help will go up this week in the church porch.

May these summer weeks bring us rest and recreation in the Lord's goodness. Fr Philip



Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 20:



The culture of mercy is shaped in assiduous prayer, in docility to the working of the Holy Spirit, in knowledge of the lives of the saints and in being close to the poor. It urges us not to overlook situations that call for our involvement. The temptation to theorize "about" mercy can be overcome to the extent that our daily life becomes one of participation and sharing. Nor should we ever forget what the Apostle tells us about his meeting with Peter, James and John after his conversion. His words highlight an essential aspect of his own mission and of the Christian life as a whole: "They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I

was eager to do." We cannot forget the poor: this is an injunction as relevant today as ever, and one that compels by its evangelical warrant.

PRAYER & LITURGY

DOREEN WILLIS of Old Essex Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 15th August at 2pm**. For those attending this funeral, this will also fulfil the obligation of attending Mass on the feast of the Assumption.

ENZO ALIO of Saffron Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 22nd August at 1.30pm**.
May they rest in peace.

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST: St Augustine's Day (28th August) will be celebrated on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of August, with 10am Mass. Assuming the weather is fine, we will then have coffee & cakes in the parish garden.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting 15th Sept**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday, 17th Sept** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

'**LOVE IN ACTION**' is a program being run in our parish starting in late September. We will hear about how to respond to the needs of society in relation to our faith. Over a period of 6 weeks, there will be a focus in the Mass on the following themes: Dignity, Creation, Solidarity and Peace, Dignity of the Worker, Community and the Preferential Option for the Poor. After the 6 weeks, workshops will be led to look more closely at these themes and an opportunity for you all to gather and put together your own parish action plan, relating to how you all want to respond to the needs around you.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Tallulah Scott & Marina Morris.

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

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

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, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: applications have now closed for next year's Confirmation group. We need to receive the yellow forms back in from those who have applied. We look forward to welcoming you to the next session on the **5th September at 7.15pm** in the crypt.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tues 12th & Fri 22nd Sept 7.30-9.00pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To book onto the course, please contact the presbytery.

"**RCIA**" - '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 (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course will begin on 11th September at 7pm**. If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip as soon as possible. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and **we have pledged of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k**. So far we already have £24k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization. Fr Philip is meeting a possible candidate for

this role, who has been recommended to us by the diocesan youth-ministry team. Let's pray that this will come to fruition!

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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5s HOLIDAY TIMES: free play and themed activity days on **Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am.** Donation of £3 per child and £1 per sibling; under-1s free. This includes a drink and snack. Parents must be responsible for their children and must supervise them at all times.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: If your child is presently in year 5 and would wish to go to St Mary's or another Catholic secondary school in 2018, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2018, then you need to continue signing the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard. **Please note that the system for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now closed.**

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits in two weeks' time after his holidays.

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: the Parish Finance Committee is delighted to have appointed a new parish bookkeeper, but would still like to know if there is a parishioner with *accounting* experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. This would mainly involve keeping the parish financial records on a web-based system, carrying out monthly bank reconciliations and producing annual accounts. This would take up to 3 or 4 hours per month, and there would be some flexibility on where and when it was carried out. Training and support is available. For a job description and to receive more information, please contact the Presbytery.

PARISH BARBECUE will be held on Sunday 10th Sept at 1pm. The forms to request your tickets are now available at the back of church. We do need final numbers by **Monday 4th September, 12 noon** so that we can order the food. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. Please hand your completed form and money into the

presbytery. The lists for volunteers will be available soon.

UNDER 5s '200 CLUB': the winner for August is, no. 174 Mr V. Cognata. Well done!

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Laura Harwood, Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer for the
Feast of the Assumption
August 15th

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O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of God and
Mother of humanity,
we believe with all the fervor
of our faith in your triumphal
Assumption, both body and
soul, into heaven, where you
are acclaimed as Queen by all
the choirs of angels and all the
legions of the saints. And we
unite with them to praise and
bless the Lord who has exalted
you above all other pure
creatures, and to offer you the
tribute of our devotion and
our love. -Pope Pius XII



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 12th August 10am Mass <i>Enzo Alio rec. dec. RIP</i>	PAGE 114 in the Mass books
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 13th Aug 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Irene Willmer RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Jim Mitten RIP</i> ‡	1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11–13 <i>Stand on the mountain before the Lord.</i> Psalm 96 — Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help. 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1–5 <i>I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.</i>
Mon 14th August ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> Tues 15th August ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>Bridget Daly & Kathleen Lee-Lozone</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Siobhan McGuckin & family intentions.</i> 2pm Funeral Doreen Willis RIP 8pm Mass <i>Mary Moriarty RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew 14: 22–33 <i>Tell me to come to You across the water!</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Wed 16th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Terry Cahill RIP anniv.</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 20 th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13–15, 29–32 Gospel: Matthew 15: 21–28
Thurs 17th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Luisa Sartini Baldwin (sick)</i>	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Fri 18th August <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>O'Connor family intentions</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 19th August 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i>	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the parish Sun 20th Aug 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>John Fallon RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Gaetana Conti RIP</i> ‡	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 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
<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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*