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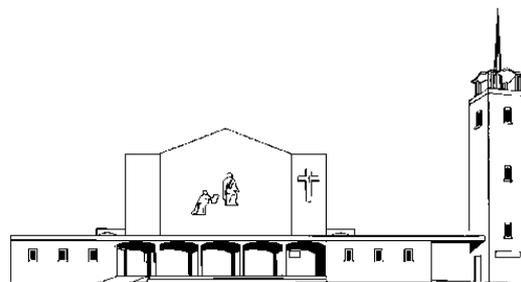
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Year A

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th AUGUST 2017

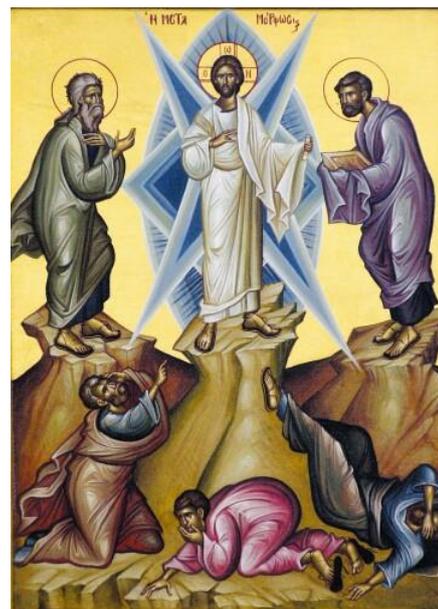
GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

His face shone like the sun.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

CERTAIN FEASTS OF THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR, such as today's feast of the Lord's Transfiguration, replace the 'ordinary' Sundays of the year. We celebrate, today, then, this awesome mystery of the revealing of a glimpse of Jesus's divinity. We hear of this event at other times of the year, too, such as the 2nd Sunday of Lent, but 6th August is its actual feast. Our Lord's Transfiguration took place in relative privacy, with only Saints Peter, James, and John present, and it strengthened their faith in Jesus before they went up to Jerusalem for His Passion. St Peter recalls this powerful occasion (as we hear in the 2nd Reading today):

For when He received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.



OUR PARISH HAS 3 FUNERALS THIS WEEK, and I urge you to support the bereaved families by your presence at these funerals (details inside Newsletter). The deceased are: **Peter Zwager**, lifelong parishioner of St Augustine's; **Michael Sherman**, for 2 years until his death our parish accountant and bookkeeper; and **Larry O'Neill**, father of our parish secretary, Dawn Bates. Even if you are unable to attend their funerals, please remember them, and their families, in your prayers. *May they rest in peace.*

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:



We are called to promote a *culture of mercy* based on the rediscovery of encounter with others, a culture in which no one looks at another with indifference or turns away from the suffering of our brothers and sisters. *The works of mercy are "handcrafted"*, in the sense that none of them is alike. Our hands can craft them in a thousand different ways, and even though the one God inspires them, and they are all fashioned from the same "material", mercy itself, each one takes on a different form.

The works of mercy affect a person's entire life. For this reason, we can set in motion a real cultural revolution, beginning with simple gestures capable of reaching body and spirit, people's very lives. This is a commitment that the Christian community should take up, in the knowledge that God's word constantly calls us to leave behind the temptation to hide behind indifference and individualism in order to lead a comfortable life free of problems. Jesus tells his disciples: "The poor will always be with you." There is no alibi to justify not engaging with the poor when Jesus has identified himself with each of them.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Salvatore Amico & Gabriella Castiglione married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

PETER ZWAGER RIP of Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be at Wollensbrook Crematorium on **Monday 7th August at 11am.**

MICHAEL SHERMAN RIP of Winterscroft Road, Hoddesdon – recently our parish bookkeeper and accountant – died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 8th August at 11am.**

LARRY O'NEILL RIP – father of our parish secretary, Dawn Bates – recently resident in Hertford, died recently. Our sympathies go out to Dawn & family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 9th August at 10.30am, replacing the usual morning Mass.**

May they rest in peace.

DAY OUT TO STONOR PARK: Our parish day trip to Stonor Park is **this Thursday 10th August.** The coach will depart from church at **8.30am** and there will be Mass at 11am in the Chapel followed by lunch in The Pantry. We will leave Stonor Park at 2.30pm to travel to Henley on Thames for a one hour river cruise at 3.45pm and then return to Hoddesdon. We now need you to pay the **£35/person** (lunch is **not** included in this price – this can be bought at Stonor House's café), so please post your money through the Presbytery door before Thursday.

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 and 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!

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Doreen Willis, 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 on **Wednesday afternoon** to Foxton Rd, Whitehands Close, Winterscroft Rd, & Norris Rise.

PARISH BOOK-KEEPER & ACCOUNTANT: The Parish Finance Committee would like to know if there is a parishioner with book-keeping/accounting experience to volunteer for a specific role on the committee. There are two elements to the work, which could be separated. The first involves essential book-keeping, mainly involving totalling and banking the moneys received, usually on a Monday morning. This would take 2 to 3 hours per week. If anyone would like to take on this

particular role the committee would be happy to discuss. The second element mainly involves 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 both elements. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Maria Manzo, Charmaine Collins, Elizabeth Nsonwah and Toni Iamarino. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

9th AUGUST

**ST TERESA
BENEDICTA OF THE
CROSS
(EDITH STEIN)**



Lord, God of our fathers,
You brought Saint Teresa Benedicta to the fullness of the science of the cross at the hour of her martyrdom. Fill us with that same knowledge; and, through her intercession, allow us always to seek after you, the supreme truth, and to remain faithful until death to the covenant of love ratified in the blood of your Son for the salvation of all men and women. Through Christ, our Lord.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 5th August 10am Mass <i>Bradley family intentions</i></p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Michael Sherman RIP</p> <p>Sun 6th Aug TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Carmel & Vito Graffato 25th Wedding</i> 11.15am <i>Larry O'Neill rec. dec. RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡</p>	<p>PAGE 173 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9–10, 13–14 <i>His robe was white as snow.</i></p> <p>Psalm 96 — The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16–19 <i>We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 17: 1–9 <i>His face shone like the sun.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Transfiguration (p. 70) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11–13 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1–5 Gospel: Matthew 14: 22–33</p>
<p>Mon 7th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ryan family intentions</i></p> <p>Tues 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased of the Sullivan family RIP</i> 11am Funeral Michael Sherman RIP</p> <p>Wed 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer NO 9.15am Mass 10.30am Funeral Larry O'Neill RIP</p> <p>Thurs 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr NO MASS — Parish visit to Stonor Park</p> <p>Fri 11th August ST CLARE, Virgin (<i>Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+</i>) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Eddie Ogbodu's Intentions</i></p> <p>Sat 12th August 10am Mass <i>Enzo Alio rec. dec. RIP</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 13th Aug 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Irene Willmer RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Jim Mitten RIP</i> ‡</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</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.*