

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

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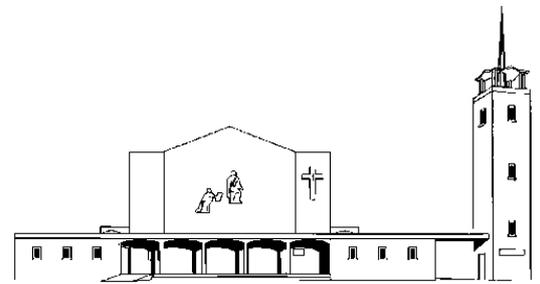
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Year A

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

26th NOVEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A BLESSED AND HAPPY FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING! The last Sunday of the Church's year is dedicated to the honour of Our Lord Jesus as the King of all Creation. The Gospel passage for today follows on from the previous weeks' parables from Mt 25, and is the famous 'Last Judgment' account of the King separating the 'sheep' from the 'goats'. It is, as we all know, on how we live our lives on earth that we shall be judged after death. The King of Kings is merciful and just, but He still expects of us that we have lived faithfully and charitably. Jesus reminds us that "what you did to the least of these My brethren, you did to Me." The 'corporal works of mercy' that are listed in the parable are a challenging agenda for us as Christians.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THIS WEEK IS THE PARISH MISSION WITH JOHN PRIDMORE! John will be with us to explain briefly after this weekend's Masses the importance of coming to the Mission. The Mission days are **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week (7.30pm start)**: the first evening will be his life's testimony; the second evening will be a

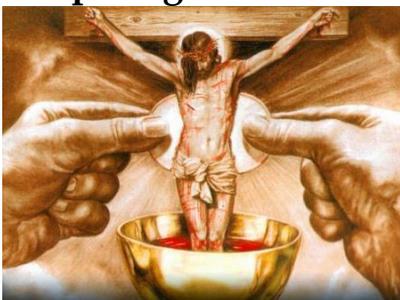


'healing service' with Confessions available; and the third evening will be a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. John will speak each evening to us, and he is a very powerful and authentic speaker about the power of God to transform lives.

As I said last weekend, PLEASE INVITE SOMEONE to come with you to the Mission, whether or not they are a Catholic or even a Christian. There are a few Mission flyers still left, alongside the Newsletters, so please take some and invite personally others to join you when you come for the three evenings. This is your chance to bring someone to encounter Christ our Lord.

May the Lord bless us to open our hearts anew as we hear our Mission speaker! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 9:



The Eucharist, as Christ's saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history. This explains the *lively concern* which she has always shown for the Eucharistic mystery, a concern which finds authoritative expression in the work of Councils and Popes. ... [The] doctrinal expositions of the decrees on the Most Holy Eucharist and on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass promulgated by the Council of Trent ... are still a dogmatic reference-point for the continual renewal and growth of God's People in faith and in love for the Eucharist.

PRAYER & LITURGY

***** PARISH MISSION *** is from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm.** This will be led by the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land." **3 evenings as follows:**
MONDAY – John's Testimony
TUESDAY – Healing Service + Confessions
WEDNESDAY – Mass of the Sacred Heart

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on Friday 1st December. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5pm next **Sunday 3rd December.**

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day is offered for the Holy Souls.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting 15th Dec.** 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 be replaced next month by the **Parish Carol Service, 5pm on Sunday 17th December.** Volunteers are needed to help make refreshments afterwards. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Siobhan Fiorentini, 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 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION 2018: The next session will be the Mission with John Pridmore on **MONDAY 27th Nov at 7.30pm** for candidates and parents. 8 families still haven't paid the **£10 for materials and pamphlets:** please arrange to hand this in soon at 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 continues on Mon 27th Nov with the Mission.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next meeting for parents is on **Wed 6th Dec 8-9pm** in the crypt. The third session for children will be on **Mon 11th Dec 6-7.30pm.**

'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for the First-Holy-Communion children. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing on this year's programme. Please print your name on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 24th January 2018 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and **we have pledges 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 working with the diocese and seeking advice from other diocesan priests to draw up a job description to find the right person for this role.

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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding an open day for prospective nursery and Reception class parents for 2018/19 academic year on **Thursday 30th November at 1.30pm**. Please contact school office on 463549.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's holds a toddler and baby group on Tuesday mornings 9.15am-11.30am in the crypt; Wednesdays and Fridays 1.30-3pm in the playgroup. All welcome!

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: 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. **Secondary-school register now finished for Year 6s.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL requires a Finance Officer to work closely with the Finance Manager to ensure the smooth operation of all finance matters. Application form can be found at www.stmarys.net. Closing date **28th Nov**.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: Please note that St Mary's is consulting on its admissions arrangements for September 2019. All consulting schools are legally required to publish their proposed policies and paperwork. Please refer to www.stmarys.net clicking on the tab Admissions/Consultation September 2019. Any responses to these proposals should be e-mailed to admissionsconsultation@stmarys.net by **23rd December 2017**.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK needs volunteers on **Thurs 30th Nov, Fri 1st and Sat 2nd Dec** at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond), Tesco Brookfield Centre and Tesco Waltham Abbey. Volunteers are needed at each store to hand out shopping lists, talk to shoppers and collect donations. If you can help, even 1 hr will make a difference. Please contact Elaine or Jeremy on 07943-986261 volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com. **The foodbank is currently low on tinned meat, fruit juice, and they are especially in need of long life milk.**

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE! URGENTLY NEEDED 2-bedroom property/flat in the parish for a family of 4, (£900 pcm max). This is for a parish family that needs rehousing by the new year. If you have an empty property to let, or know of anyone who does, then please contact the presbytery immediately.

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held on the **2nd/3rd December** in the crypt. There will be Christmas cards on sale and many other stalls together with Santa's grotto, a raffle and refreshments. **If you can donate a prize for the raffle, please hand it in at the presbytery.**

BEFRIENDING TRAINING COURSE will be held on **Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm** in the crypt. All are welcome to attend, particularly those who wish to visit the elderly and housebound. For more information, please contact Janet Lampard on 01992-428490.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2018 are now available to buy from the back of the church for £4.50. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits after the Mission.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: The total raised was £1,021.81. Thank you for all the donations.

ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Collectors needed for **Wed 6th & Thurs 7th Dec** 10-4pm at Brookfield and **Sat 9th Dec** 11-12 noon at Sainsbury's. Please contact Ellen on 464677.

WARE CHORAL SOCIETY is hosting "A Miscellany of Music for Christmas" on **Saturday 9th December 7.30pm** at The Drill Hall, Ware. Tickets £15 Please contact Anne Byrne on 467097.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 3rd and 10th December.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 25th November 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 158 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11–12, 15–17 <i>As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.</i></p> <p>Psalm 22 — <i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 28 <i>He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 25: 31–46 <i>He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Christ the King (p. 68) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p.18)</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	
Sun 26th Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING 9.15am <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡	
Mon 27th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.30pm Mission Evening: John's Testimony	
Tues 28th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.30pm Mission Evening: Healing Service	
Wed 29th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.30pm Mission Evening: Mass of the Sacred Heart	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16–17, 64:1, 3–8 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3–9 Gospel: Mark 13: 33–37</p>
Thurs 30th November ST ANDREW, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Fri 1st December <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Murphy family</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	<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 any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
Sat 2nd December 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Graffato RIP</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
Sun 3rd Dec FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15am <i>Sue Porto RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Nicola Barone RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	
* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** 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)	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Wed 29th Nov 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 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.*