

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

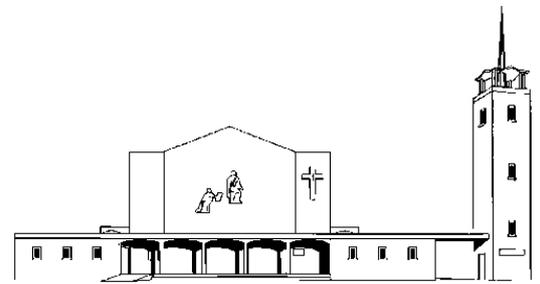
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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

21st JANUARY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THESE EARLY SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR we dedicate to a reading of the 1st chapter of St Mark, and we hear today of Jesus's call to Simon & Andrew, James & John, at the Sea of Galilee. Their immediate reaction to leave the fishing nets and follow Him does not necessarily mean that they hadn't seen/heard/met Him previously – in fact, we heard last Sunday of an initial meeting of Simon and Andrew with Jesus. Even so, it is quite clear that they quickly made a definitive choice to join Him, and to leave their fishing trade behind. Our Lord's presence – that loving, attentive 'gaze' that we heard of last week – obviously had an extraordinary fascination, and brought a conviction to these first 4 apostles that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and worthy of following. Their discipleship, their immediacy, gives us all the hope and encouragement we need to limit everything that hinders our Christian life, and to devote ourselves to a fervent following of Christ. We should love Him above all things, as they did.

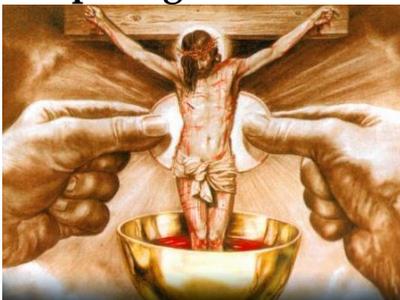


PLEASE COME AT 6PM THIS SUNDAY to the annual Christian Unity Service which this year is being held at the Methodist church on Middlefield Road (Stanstead Road end). Christians of all the local denominations will be there to sing pray together, and we owe it to Christ to demonstrate our deep desire for unity amongst His followers.

May Christ bless us this week as we adore Him as our only Saviour and Lord!

Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 13:



The Mass makes present the sacrifice of the Cross; it does not add to that sacrifice nor does it multiply it. What is repeated is its *memorial* celebration, its "commemorative representation," which makes Christ's one, definitive redemptive sacrifice always present in time. The sacrificial nature of the Eucharistic mystery cannot therefore be understood as something separate, independent of the Cross or only indirectly referring to the sacrifice of Calvary.

By virtue of its close relationship to the sacrifice of Golgotha, the Eucharist is *a sacrifice in the strict sense*, and not only in a general way, as if it were simply a matter of Christ's offering himself to the faithful as their spiritual food. The gift of his love and obedience to the point of giving his life is in the first place a gift to his Father. Certainly it is a gift given for our sake, and indeed that of all humanity, yet it is *first and foremost a gift to the Father*: "a sacrifice that the Father accepted, giving, in return for this total self-giving by his Son, who 'became obedient unto death,' his own paternal gift, that is to say the grant of new immortal life in the resurrection."

PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSE BEESON RIP of The Hollies, St Catherine's Road, has died. Her funeral will be on **Monday 29th January at 12.30pm.**

May she rest in peace.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place on Wednesday this week, but there will be Mass as usual.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 21st January at 5pm** (to 5.45pm only, because of the Christian Unity service at 6pm) with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: This year's service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place on **Sunday 21st Jan at 6pm** at the Methodist Church, Middlefield Road.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting 16th Feb.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

ROTA FOR READERS/MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for the period February - May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh tel: 449282 or by e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wed 31st Jan** at the latest of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that there are currently plenty of spaces to have Masses said on weekdays. Please complete a brown envelope and hand it into the presbytery to request a Mass to be offered for an intention.

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 on **Tuesday 23rd January 7.15pm** for candidates and parents. Candidates will need to have read chapter 10 of the Gospel of Mark. The Confirmation Mass will be on **Sunday 22nd April at 1.30pm.**

"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 22nd January 2018.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:
First Confessions: come on the day and at the time indicated on Tues 23rd / Wed 24th January, 5-6pm. Next meeting for parents is on **Wed 21st Feb 8-9pm** in the crypt. The fourth session for children will be on **Mon 26th Feb 6-7.30pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Wednesday 24th January 7.30-9pm** in the church.



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 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

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 2019, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2019, then you will need to apply **immediately** to go on the list for requesting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' towards the end of 2018. An information pack is **available now** from the presbytery. Once you have completed the form and returned it to the presbytery, your name will be added to the weekly sign-in-sheet which will be available in the church porch on the noticeboard (by the fire-exit door) for signing after the Saturday evening vigil Mass and the Masses of Sunday. On this basis Fr Philip will be able to judge whether he can issue the Certificate you ask for.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant: As we are having progression within school amongst our support staff, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a KS2 and a EYFS trained Learning Support Assistant/Nursery Nurse to join our hardworking and dedicated staff. Applicants are required to have a Level-2 or above qualification or relevant experience, or a Level-3 and full PFA certificate if applying for EYFS. Please contact Mrs Gillian Napier, Headteacher, via her PA, Carol Branch on 463549 for further info application form.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The amount collected was £261.38. Thank you! Why you need to hear the pro-life message: Every week 4,000 babies are killed by abortion; the equivalent of 20 passenger jets crashing. Countless women and families have been wounded by abortion. 50 years of legalised abortion has spawned a huge commercial abortion industry which makes money from killing babies.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will now be held weekly from the **16th January at 12.30pm** in the crypt. Please note that there will be no lunch club on the 13th & 20th February, due to work being carried out in the crypt. All are welcome!

PARISH MAGAZINE still available to buy for £4 after all weekend Masses or from the presbytery during the week.

QUIZ NIGHT will be held on **Friday 26th Jan at 7.30pm** in the crypt. This is in aid of Tommy's, a charity that support families through difficulties during pregnancies. They fund research into miscarriages, still births and premature births. It's a charity close to my heart as within my family we have experienced two babies being born prematurely and the most recent being born at 25 weeks. Please join us for a night of fun.£5 per head - payable on the night - bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table!

CRIB APPEAL: This year the amount collected was £560.84 for the Catholic Children's Society, Westminster. Thank you!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making house visits on Monday afternoon in: Old Highway (high nos.), St Cuthbert's Road, Walton Road, Whittingstall Road.

SAFEGUARDING: free online modules are available for every member of the Catholic community until summer 2018. Would you like to help contribute in making the Parish community safer for all? Please register your interest at safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk. All the information needed about how to access and complete the modules of the *Educare* course will then be sent to you.

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: 28th January and 4th & 18th February.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER FOR WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed that we may be one in Him. Your Son, Jesus, compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of Your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy						
Sat 20th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Joseph Penheiro RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 129 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jonah 3: 1–5, 10 <i>The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.</i></p> <p>Psalm 24 — Lord, make me know your ways.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29–31 <i>The world as we know it is passing away.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1: 14–20 <i>Repent and believe the Good News.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 32) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15–20 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 7: 32–35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21–28</p>						
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* John & Johanna Doyle RIP Anniv Sun 21st January THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** Eric & Mollie Field RIP Anniv 11.15am For the Parish 5pm 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> <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>						
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<p style="text-align: center;">* 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)</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.*