

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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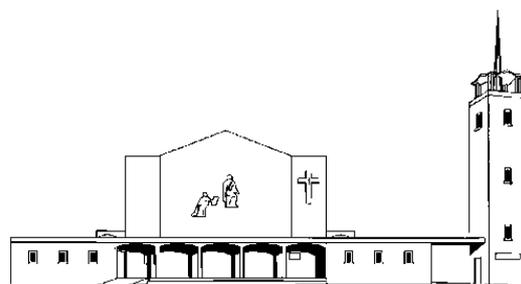
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40-45

*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SEASON OF LENT WILL BE UPON US THIS WEEK, for this Wednesday is 'Ash Wednesday,' when we will want to get to Mass to place before the Lord our solemn beginning of the Penitential season.

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be:

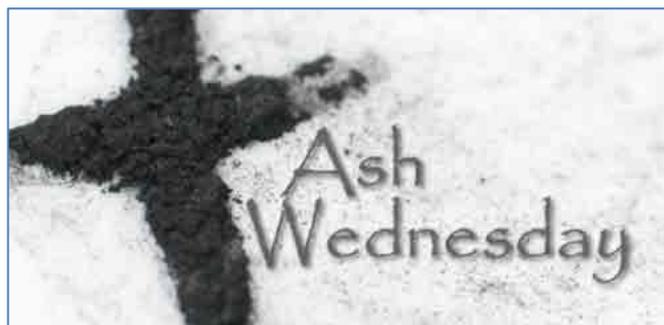
\*\*\*\*\* 9.30am – 12noon – 8pm \*\*\*\*\*

with distribution of ashes at every Mass, so I urge you all to be at Mass that day, and to make sure that your children also get to Mass that day, since it's half term. It's a very important day for us as Catholics, as we set out on our 40 days' fast, our season of preparation for Easter.

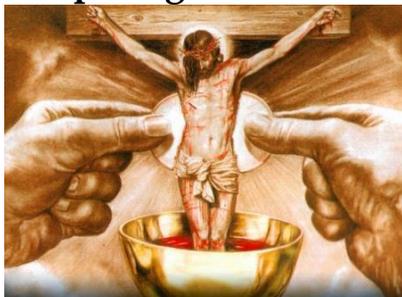
THE CARDINAL IN HIS PASTORAL LETTER TO US TODAY reminds us of the key elements of Lent – our Prayer, our Fasting, and our Almsgiving – all of which we should be thinking about putting into practice in the weeks ahead, in a new way.

THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN FAITH-SHARING LENT BOOKS are very beautifully prepared booklets about the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this September is providing a real focus for the Catholic Church this year, so these lovely meditation books are ideal to help us in that. You can use them at home during the weeks of Lent, or you can come along to the 6-week group that we'll be having after Wednesday coffee (starting Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb).

May Christ give us a blessed beginning to Lent this week as we receive the ashes! Fr Philip



### Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 16:



The saving efficacy of the sacrifice is fully realized when the Lord's body and blood are received in communion. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is intrinsically directed to the inward union of the faithful with Christ through communion; we receive the very One who offered himself for us, we receive his body which he gave up for us on the Cross and his blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We are reminded of his words: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me." Jesus himself reassures us that this union, which he compares to that of the life of

the Trinity, is truly realized. *The Eucharist is a true banquet*, in which Christ offers himself as our nourishment. When for the first time Jesus spoke of this food, his listeners were astonished and bewildered, which forced the Master to emphasize the objective truth of his words: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life within you." This is no metaphorical food: "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Rafael Ferraro and Marco Quartararo who will be baptised this weekend.

**NICK GIARDINA** RIP of Alamein Close, Broxbourne, has died. His funeral will be on **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** with Don Antonio.

**PHYLLIS DOLAN** RIP of Brickendon Court has died. Her funeral details will be made available when known.

*May they rest in peace.*

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.** 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 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS:** The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018 to Mass on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please communicate to the presbytery these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number by 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** More leaders and helpers are needed at the 9.15am Mass. Training will be given. For further info, please contact Claire Hay on 07971-063520.

## LENT

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **14<sup>th</sup> February** and Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the lists at the back of the church. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (for those aged 16–60) and abstinence (for those aged 14+).** This means that we consciously choose to eat less – one main meal only – and that (as on all Fridays) we eat no meat whatsoever.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** the "Way of the Cross" prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm, after Mass), & Saturday (9.30am, before Mass.) And in Italian at 5.00pm each Friday.

**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!

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT:** Fr Philip will be available to hear confessions on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7-8pm; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6-7pm; and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm.**

'LENT EXTRA' booklets with daily Lent meditations are now available to buy for £1.95. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

'**WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU**' is the diocesan booklet for Lent and focuses on our love of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the Mass, and our Mission. The booklet is available from the back of the church for £3 (money in the newspaper box). **Group based on this booklet – Wednesdays 10.15am (after coffee) beginning 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** The service will be held at 10.30am at St Cuthberts, Whitley Road, and 8pm at Elim Life Church, Rye Road. All are welcome. The services are prepared by the women of Suriname to celebrate how 'God's creation is Very Good.'

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.15pm** for candidates and parents. Candidates will need to have read chapter 11 & 12 of the Gospel of Mark. The Confirmation Mass will be on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next meeting for parents is on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 8-9pm** in the crypt. The fourth session for children will be on **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6-7.30pm**.

**FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION LEAD CATECHIST:** After many years, Vicky Lee-Lozone has now decided to finish in September. We are grateful to Vicky for her many years of hard work. A new head catechist is therefore needed. No experience is necessary as training will be given and you will be able to shadow Vicky until June. For further information, please contact Vicky on 07747-485023.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30-9pm**. 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 £27k 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.

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## 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 NURSERY** is holding an Open Day on the **20<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**. For further information, please contact the school on 463549. All new parents are welcome!

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** is now held weekly in the crypt. Please note that there will be **no lunch club on the 13<sup>th</sup> February**, due to work being carried out in the crypt. **On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, the lunch club will be held in the presbytery.** All are welcome!

**CRYPT-FOYER FLOOR:** Following on from last year's flood, we have now received the insurance money so will be having new flooring laid in the kitchen, hallway and toilets. The crypt will therefore be out of use from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** for the whole week. In the w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, the crypt will only be available for use during the evenings.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be resuming his house visits after half term.

**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: 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February & 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

| Masses this week  | Today's Liturgy   |
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| <b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb ST SCHOLASTICA, Virgin</b><br>9.30am Adoration<br>10am Mass <i>Tony &amp; Tina Clayton 60th Wedding anniv.</i>   | <p align="center"><b>PAGE 137 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Leviticus 13: 1–2, 44–46<br/> <i>The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 31 — You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 10: 31–11:1<br/> <i>Take me for your model, as I take Christ.</i></p>   |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass<br><b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b><br><br><b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T.</b><br>9.15am** <i>Margaret &amp; Peter White RIP Anniv</i><br>11.15am <i>Leo Lee-Lozone RIP †</i>   | <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 40–45<br/> <i>The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 32)<br/> <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p>  |
| <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15am Mass <i>Joan Grady RIP Anniv</i><br><br><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15am Mass <i>Rose Beeson RIP</i><br><br><b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+; fasting for those aged 16–60)<br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.30am Mass <i>Seamus Clancy RIP</i><br>12 noon Mass <i>June Ketteridge RIP</i><br>8pm Mass <i>James Wall RIP</i> | <p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b><br/>           FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 9: 8–15<br/> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Peter 3: 18–22<br/> <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 12–15</p>   |
| <b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> February</b><br>8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer<br>9.15am Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP Anniv</i><br><br><b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b><br>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)<br>11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction<br>12 noon Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP &amp; Joy Ighade Intentions</i><br>12.30pm Stations of the Cross<br><br><b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b><br>9.30am Stations of the Cross<br>10am Mass <i>Betty Mallinder RIP</i>                                 | <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm<br/>           Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am<br/>           or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p align="center">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p 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> |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass<br><b>6.30pm* For the Parish</b><br><br><b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Feb FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>9.15am** <i>Carmela De Luca RIP Anniv</i><br>11.15am <i>Maria &amp; Onofrio Panepinto RIP Anniv</i><br>5pm Holy Hour †  | <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p 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 align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b><br/> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>   |
| <p align="center">* Vigil Mass of Sunday<br/>           ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)<br/>           † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>   |   |
| <p align="center"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>   |   |
| <b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | 7.30pm Prayer group, church   |

**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 parroccchiani 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.*