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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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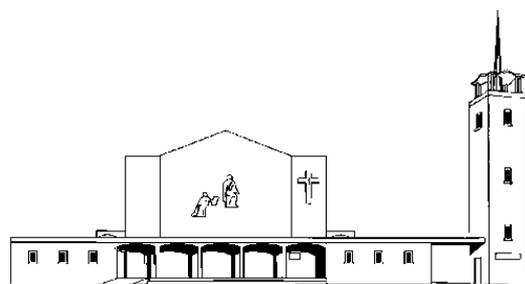
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18th FEBRUARY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT HAS STARTED, and we have these coming 6 weeks to make special efforts in our spiritual lives through penance and in preparation for Easter. We hear in the Gospel today of Our Blessed Lord's 40-day fast in the wilderness, and we imitate that in our Lenten days. May we too be 'looked after by the angels' in these weeks ahead, and guided into practices that will help focus our lives on our worship and service of the Lord.



The enclosed 'Ideas for Lent' sheet details some thoughts about our Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving – and also has many dates for Lent – so please keep that sheet safely available throughout the season.

I PARTICULARLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN FAITH-SHARING LENT BOOKS: they are beautifully prepared booklets about the Holy Eucharist, connected with the National Eucharistic Congress coming up in Liverpool this September. 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 together after Wednesday coffee (**starting this Wednesday 21st February – 10.15am ... all welcome!**). Buy it (£3) from the church porch.

THE CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is this Friday, and towards the end of Mass today we will hear from parishioners something of the work of CaFOD that our twice-yearly 'fast day' appeal goes to help in. You can inform yourselves more on CaFOD's work at: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

May Christ give us a blessed beginning to our Lenten devotions and penance! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 17:



Through our communion in his body and blood, Christ also grants us his Spirit. Saint Ephrem writes: "He called the bread his living body and he filled it with himself and his Spirit ... He who eats it with faith, eats Fire and Spirit ... Take and eat this, all of you, and eat with it the Holy Spirit. For it is truly my body and whoever eats it will have eternal life." And in the *Roman Missal* the celebrant prays: "grant that we who are nourished by his body and blood may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ." Thus by the gift of his body and blood, Christ increases within us the gift of his Spirit, already poured out in Baptism and bestowed as a "seal" in the sacrament of Confirmation.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

PHYLLIS DOLAN RIP of Brickendon Court has died. Her funeral will be on **Friday 2nd March at 12 noon.** *May they rest in peace.*

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting 9th March.** 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 this **Sunday 18th February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on **Friday 2nd 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.'

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS: The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018 to Mass on **Sat 19th 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 19th 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

'**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 21st Feb.**

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 **Fri 23rd Feb 7-8pm; Tues 27th Feb 7-8pm; Fri 2nd March 6-7pm; and Wed 7th 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.

LENTEN ALMS are collected each year in support of charitable causes: this year for the *Cardinal's Lenten Appeal* which was set up in 2015 to fund innovative work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities working within the Diocese. It contributes to 3 fundamental mission areas of the Church: Marriage & Family Life, Evangelisation and the Church's Social Outreach. **You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is on **Friday 23rd Feb.** The envelopes will be attached to next week's newsletter and will be collected after Mass **next weekend.** In light of recent news reports, you may wish to know that CaFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on www.cafod.org.uk, and a copy is also on our parish noticeboard.

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 20th February 7.15pm** for candidates and parents. Candidates need to have read chs. 11 & 12 of the Gospel of Mark.

"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 19th February.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: 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.**

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 13th and Friday 23rd 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.

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CRYPT-FOYER FLOOR: Following on from last year's flood, we have now received insurance money to re-lay flooring kitchen, hallway and toilets. In the w/c Monday 19th February, the crypt will only be available for use during the evenings.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB is now held weekly in the crypt. **On the 20th February, the lunch club will be held in the presbytery.** All are welcome!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip continues his house visits on Wednesday afternoon in: Rye Rd (low nos.), Village Close.

200 CLUB RENEWALS will take place on **3rd/4th & 10th/11th March** after all Masses. Members are asked to read the letter as there has been a slight amendment to the terms & conditions.

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: 18th & 25th February & 4th March.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 17th Feb 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Betty Mallinder RIP</p> <hr/> <p>4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish</p> <p>Sun 18th Feb FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** Carmela De Luca RIP Anniv 11.15am Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP anniv. 5pm Holy Hour †</p>	<p>PAGE 148 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 9: 8–15 <i>God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.</i></p> <p>Psalm 24 — Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18–22 <i>That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1: 12–15 <i>Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Temptation (p. 57) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1–2, 9–13, 15–18 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31–34 Gospel: Mark 9: 2–10</p>
<p>Mon 19th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Terry McIntyre RIP</p> <p>Tues 20th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Private Intention</p> <p>Wed 21st Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Michael Arathoon RIP</p> <p>Thurs 22nd Feb THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Theresa Delaney's intentions</p> <p>Fri 23rd Feb (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Justina Ogbodu RIP & Anthony & Eddie Ogbodu's intentions 12.30pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Sat 24th Feb 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Patrick Walsh RIP</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>Sun 25th Feb SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Enrico & Maria Rega RIP †</p>	
<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>	
<p>REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
<p>Mon 19th 7.00pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 20th 12 noon lunch club, presbytery Tues 20th 7.15pm Confirmation, crypt</p>	<p>Wed 21st 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 21st 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting</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.