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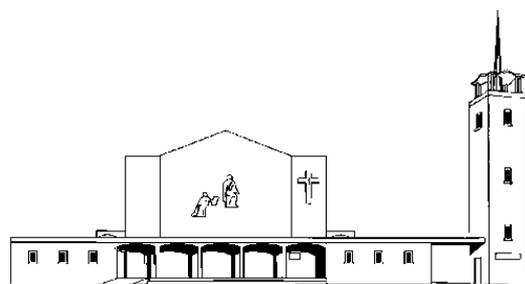
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Year B

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th FEBRUARY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT we hear the account in St Mark's Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus, a profound event witnessed by three of the Apostles on the mountain. Our Lord's brief revelation of His divine glory to them would have strengthened them to face the horrors of His Passion and Death. And for us in Lent it reminds us that there is 'light at the end of the tunnel': Lent is a passage towards the glory of Easter, and all that we do by way of penance and deeper reflection on the mystery of Christ is a preparation for appreciating the great spiritual joy of His Resurrection.



Let's appreciate the glory of Jesus today, as He reveals Himself to us, and be encouraged in the Lenten devotions and disciplines that we have taken up – they have a wonderful purpose, that of drawing nearer and nearer to the holy Son of God who sacrificed Himself for us.

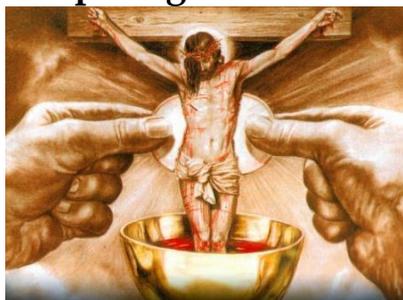
OUR WEDNESDAY GROUP USING THE DIOCESAN FAITH-SHARING LENT BOOKS about the Holy Eucharist began well last week – please feel free to come and join us any time in the next 5 weeks after Wednesday coffee (c. 10.15am). A few spare copies of the book remain on sale.

In this second week of Lent, maybe you would also like to take a chance to peruse the restocked CTS racks, for something spiritual to read each day. There are some lovely titles amongst the booklets, and most are only priced £2-£3. Do take a look this Sunday!

May Christ shine His holy light on us in our Lenten devotions and penance!

Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 18:



The acclamation of the assembly following the consecration appropriately ends by expressing the eschatological thrust which marks the celebration of the Eucharist: "until you come again." ... In the Eucharist, everything speaks of confident waiting "in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: *they already possess it on earth*, as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality. For in the Eucharist we also receive the pledge of our bodily resurrection at the end of the world: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." This pledge of the future resurrection comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection. With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the "secret" of the resurrection. For this reason Saint Ignatius of Antioch rightly defined the Eucharistic Bread as "a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death."

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.*

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 2nd March.** 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 5.00pm **next Sunday 4th March.**

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.'

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 **Sunday 18th March 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 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). **Reflection group based on this booklet continues – Wednesdays 10.15am (after coffee).**

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

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 was last **Friday 23rd Feb.** The envelopes are attached to the newsletter and **will be collected after Mass.** 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 6th March 7.15pm** for candidates. Candidates will need to have read chs. 14 & 15 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 26th February.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Next meeting for parents is on **Wed 14th March 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 pledged 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

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB is now held weekly in the crypt at 12.30pm. All are welcome!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip continues his house visits on **Friday** afternoon in: Dobbs Weir area.

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.

CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA held at The Manor of Groves hotel, Sawbridgeworth in aid of the Nadia Miragliotta Brighter Future Fund, **Sun 29th April 2.30pm-6pm.** Tickets £40. Please contact Steph Miragliotta on 07958-951214. Funds raised go to Great Ormond St Hospital.

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: 25th February & 4th March.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 24th Feb 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Patrick Walsh RIP	PAGE 151 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1–2, 9–13, 15–18 <i>The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Pasquale Ricotta RIP	Psalm 115 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Sun 25th Feb SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Enrico & Maria Rega RIP ‡	2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31–34 <i>God did not spare his own Son.</i>
Mon 26th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Elizabeth O'Connor's intentions 11am Funeral Nick Giardina RIP	Gospel Accl: <i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>
Tues 27th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Terry Cattini RIP	Gospel: Mark 9: 2–10 <i>This is my Son, the Beloved.</i>
Wed 28th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Carmelo Ventura RIP anniv.	PREFACE TODAY: Transfiguration (p. 58) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3
Thurs 1st March ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales NO Mass	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1–17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22–25 Gospel: John 2: 13–25
Fri 2nd March (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.30 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Phyllis Dolan RIP 1pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass Terry McIntyre RIP 8pm Holy Hour	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.
Sat 3rd March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Mary Harrison's intentions	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* William Phelan RIP & Denis O'Donovan RIP	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.
Sun 4th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** Rina Beschizza RIP 11.15am Francesco Cannatella RIP 5pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<div style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</div> <div style="text-align: right;">** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</div> <div style="text-align: right;">‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</div>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 26th 6pm 1st HC, crypt Mon 26th 7.00pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 27th 12 noon lunch club, crypt Wed 28th 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.*