

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

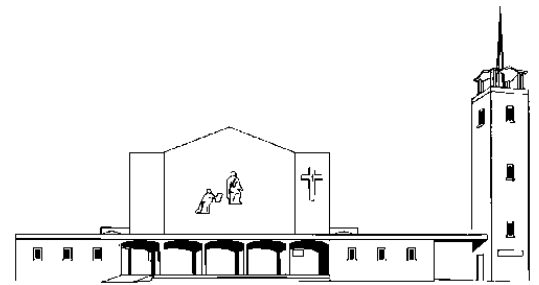
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Year B

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4th FEBRUARY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 29-39

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AS WE CONTINUE OUR READING OF MK 1 in these early weeks of the year, before we enter Lent, we hear today of the many who came to Our Lord for healing. Along with His authoritative teaching, and His casting out of demons, it was for His healing miracles that He first became widely known in the region alongside the Sea of Galilee.

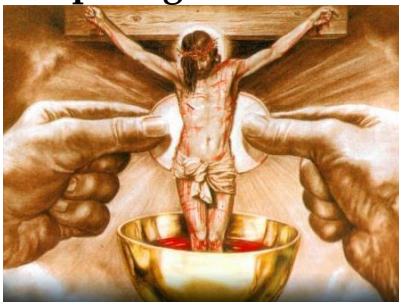
As Christ's people, the Church has always had a devoted care for the sick, and through the centuries has played a huge part in setting up hospitals and care facilities across the world. The oldest hospital in Britain, for example, St Bartholomew's in the City of London, was founded in 1192 along with a Priory; and in the world today the greatest proportion of care for AIDS victims by one organisation is provided by the Catholic Church.

As Catholics we should, each one of us, have a care to pray for, visit, and tend, the sick of our community, taking our lead from Our Blessed Lord who gave such attention in His ministry to those suffering from diseases and sickness. Let's make sure that we bring this to mind, this Sunday at Mass, paying especial attention to them in our prayers, and asking the Lord if there is more that we can and should do for them in daily, practical ways. The Lord looks with great love on those who care for the sick – His own great example assure us of this.

May Christ give healing to sick people we know, and bless us in our care of them! Fr Philip



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 15:



The sacramental re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice, crowned by the resurrection, in the Mass involves a most special presence which "is called 'real' not as a way of excluding all other types of presence as if they were 'not real', but because it is a presence in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present." This sets forth once more the perennially valid teaching of the Council of Trent: "the consecration of the bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his

blood. And the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change transubstantiation." Truly the Eucharist is a *mysterium fidei*, a mystery which surpasses our understanding and can only be received in faith, as is often brought out in the catechesis of the Church Fathers regarding this divine sacrament: "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and his blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise."

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Israel Udeh who will be baptised this weekend.

NICK GIARDINA RIP of Alamein Close, Broxbourne, has died. His funeral details will be made available when known.

May he rest in peace.

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday 18th 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 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.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **14th 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.

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

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 will need to have read chapter 11 & 12 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 5th 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 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY is holding an Open Day on the **20th February at 2pm.** For further information, please contact the school on 463549. All new parents are welcome!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church **this weekend** after all Masses.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018: Monday, 26th February - Sunday, 11th March. We are a Fairtrade Parish and Fairtrade Fortnight gets highlighted each year, when businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB is now held weekly 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!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making house visits on Wednesday afternoon in: Rye Road, Cranbourne Road, Crossfield Road.

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

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: 4th & 18th February.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Tanya McAteer and Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer to Saint Agatha

O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 3rd Feb SS LAURENCE, DUNSTAN & THEODORE 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Terry Cattini RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 134 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Job 7: 1–4, 6–7 <i>Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.</i></p> <p>Psalm 146 — Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16–19, 22–23 <i>I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1: 29–39 <i>He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 5 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1–2, 44–46 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 31–11:1 Gospel: Mark 1: 40–45</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Franco & Antonino Martorana RIP Sun 4th Feb FIFTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>Irene Willmer RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Carmelo Siracusa RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> †	<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>
Mon 5th Feb ST AGATHA, Virgin & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patsy Cox RIP</i> Tues 6th Feb ST PAUL MIKI & Companions, Martyrs 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Keith Bird RIP</i> Wed 7th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Irene Willmer RIP 1st anniv.</i> Thurs 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA NO Mass Fri 9th Feb <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Denis Murphy's intentions</i> Sat 10th Feb ST SCHOLASTICA, Virgin 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Tony & Tina Clayton 60th Wedding anniv.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Mon 5th 7pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 6th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 7th 6pm Brownies, crypt</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 11th Feb SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>Margaret & Peter White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Leo Lee-Lozone RIP</i> †	
<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.*