

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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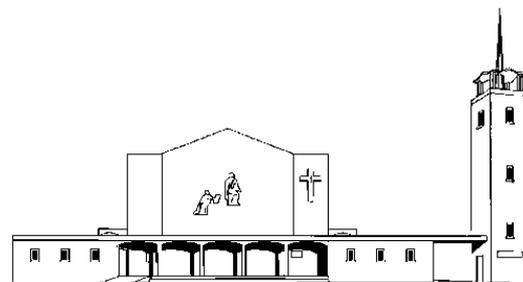
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 26-34

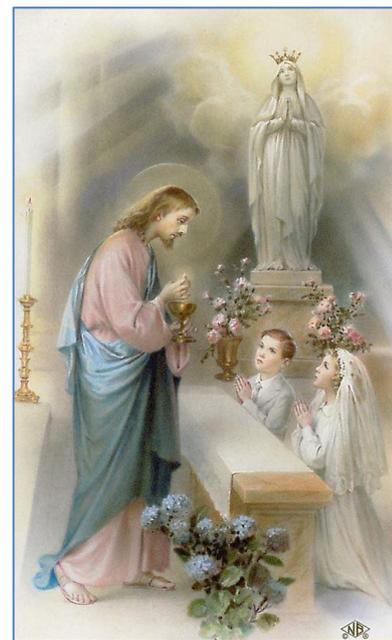
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**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

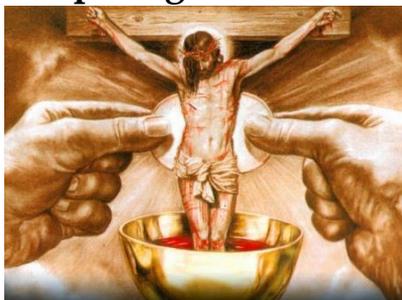
SIXTY-ONE OF OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS will be receiving Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time over the next couple of weekends. This is a cause of great joy for them, their families, and our wider parish community. We pray for them at this sacred and special time of their life. Let us each recall our own First Holy Communion, and be determined to receive each and every communion in that reverential way in which we first approached the Holy Eucharist. Let us set a good example to our children in this matter, encouraging them to be devout in their receiving of Jesus.

WORSHIPPING JESUS CHRIST IN THE HOLY MASS AND IN ADORATION is central to our life as Catholics, and we must never become complacent in our devotion both to the Sunday Mass and to our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. So, let me please highlight for you our 'FORTY HOURS' ADORATION AND CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION which come up at the end of this month. Adoration will begin on the morning of the feast of SS Peter & Paul (29<sup>th</sup>) and continue through to the end of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. *Please see the rota* for spending time in Adoration (half-hour slots) which is on the blue board in the church porch. Everyone should organise a little bit of time to contribute to this powerful 40 Hours of parish prayer before Jesus.

**May the Lord, our healer and liberator, bring you many blessings today at Mass! Fr Philip**



**Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 31:**



We can understand, then, how important it is for the spiritual life of the priest, as well as for the good of the Church and the world, that priests follow the Council's recommendation to celebrate the Eucharist daily: "for even if the faithful are unable to be present, it is an act of Christ and the Church." In this way priests will be able to counteract the daily tensions which lead to a lack of focus and they will find in the Eucharistic Sacrifice — the true centre of their lives and ministry — the spiritual strength needed to deal with their different pastoral responsibilities. Their daily activity will thus become truly Eucharistic.

The centrality of the Eucharist in the life and ministry of priests is the basis of its centrality in the *pastoral promotion of priestly vocations*. It is in the Eucharist that prayer for vocations is most closely united to the prayer of Christ the Eternal High Priest. At the same time the diligence of priests in carrying out their Eucharistic ministry, together with the conscious, active and fruitful participation of the faithful in the Eucharist, provides young men with a powerful example and incentive for responding generously to God's call. Often it is the example of a priest's fervent pastoral charity which the Lord uses to sow and to bring to fruition in a young man's heart the seed of a priestly calling.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Hayden Burling, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Samuel Crompton, Jack Davies, Khloe De Beer, Aiden De Silva-Jacobs, James Devonald Smith, Gianni Di Maria, Gabriella Di Maria, Eliana Drago, Eily-Grace Fairgrieve, Angelina Filocco, Sienna Filocco, Lilly-May Haastrup, Sadie Hatch, Aaliyah Joseph, Annabel Marino, Max Marino, Francesco Martorana, Freddie Mccallum, Giuseppe Montalbano, Ava Morris, Erin Munroe, Eric Musial, Nathalie Pinto and Francesca Salvo.

**ALFONSO TAGLIALAVORE RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11am with Don Antonio.** *May he rest in peace.*

**SS PETER & PAUL** is on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Mass at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can assist, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July**, 7/8am-9pm. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

**FRIDAY:** 7am Adoration begins  
9.30am Mass; Adoration resumes  
12 noon Mass  
1pm Adoration resumes  
8.00pm Mass & Benediction.

**SATURDAY:** 8am Adoration begins  
10am Mass; Adoration resumes  
4.00pm Italian Mass  
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes  
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

**SUNDAY:** 8am Adoration begins  
9.15am & 11.15am Masses  
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession  
1.30pm Adoration resumes  
5.00pm Latin Mass  
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS** on the Jewish background to the Holy Eucharist: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 8pm** – 'The Bread of the Presence'. All are welcome in church for this.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**A PARISH VISIT TO TYBURN CONVENT**, the shrine of the martyrs, will be held on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. More details to follow, but please keep the morning free.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

**ADOREMUS**, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress is being held in Liverpool on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> and Sun 9<sup>th</sup> September**. If you would like to attend, open tickets for the Saturday & Sunday are now available online until the 31<sup>st</sup> July. You will need to pay a £40 delegate fee. Book your tickets at: [unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/](http://unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/).

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini, Piotr Michalski & Tallulah Scott.*

**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/bishopstortford>

**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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:**

The Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.15am** Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for Mass.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 7.30-9pm**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** initial 'Come & See' meeting date for the coming year's programme: **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm** for parents and candidates. Please ring presbytery to register.

"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). **Course begins Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm**. If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon. There are **green leaflets** outlining RCIA by the newsletters.



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:**

those who have applied to be on the Schools' Signing Register, please keep signing 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 Masses and the Masses of Sunday. It is now no longer possible to apply to be added to the register for this year.

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**MISSION APPEAL:** The total raised last weekend for the Sisters' Missionary Orders was £778.16. Many thanks!

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be visiting parish homes on **Mon afternoon** this week in: Station Road, Old Nazeing Rd, Riverside Ave.

**BROWNIES** will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £6 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event: we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Mary on 534891.

**PARISH BBQ** will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**. Forms to request tickets are available at the back of church. We do need final numbers **by Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July 12 noon**, so please complete your form soon and hand it into the presbytery. There won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church**. Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs – setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making potato/pasta salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen**. Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so if you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery as we would like to have all raffle prizes by the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Thanks for your support.

**CRYPT RE-FIT:** Fitting of the new units and appliances proceeds apace! We have already received some generous donations towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (which total £18,000), then it will be gratefully welcomed. The new kitchen will last us well in to the future!

### **ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL**

will be held at Tesco, Brookfield on the **22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Collectors are urgently needed. Please contact Ellen on 464677.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are **urgently** needed to help on Wed mornings as there are now only 2 cleaners. This will involve one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maria Beschizza RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 95 in the Mass books</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezekiel 17: 22–24 <i>I make low trees grow.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Michael Sherman RIP 1st anniv.</i> <b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>John Teeling RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass 5pm Holy Hour †	<b>Psalm 91 — It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 6–10 <i>Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.</i>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Antonio &amp; Domenico Ermini RIP</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4: 26–34 <i>It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.</i>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Riccardo &amp; Luigia Beschizza RIP</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 54) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June ST ALBAN, Protomartyr of Britain</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur Collins's intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 49: 1–6 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 13: 22–26 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 1: 57–66, 80
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June SS JOHN FISHER Bishop &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Patrick Farrell RIP anniv.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Exam intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June 11<sup>th</sup> NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 9.15am** <i>Mary &amp; Seamus Timmons RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Angelo &amp; Pasqua Scibelli &amp; Family RIP</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>	
<b>Tues 19th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 20th</b> 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.*