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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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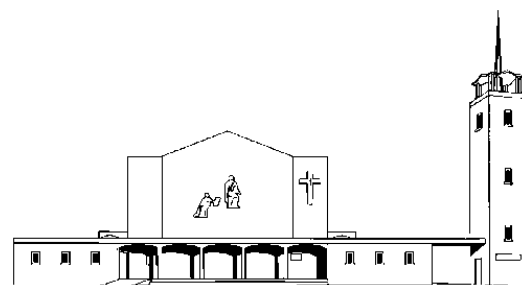
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Year B

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

24th JUNE 2018

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 57-66, 80

His name is John.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST takes precedence over the usual 'Sunday of Ordinary Time' this weekend. His importance in God's plan, as the 'Forerunner' of Christ, is emphasized in his having two annual feasts – his birth, and his beheading. In the Gospel today we hear of the marvellous events of his conception and birth to older parents, Zechariah & Elizabeth. God's granting this special child to them late in life, and the giving of the name John, was a sign of his significance, that he would grow up to hear God's word and to preach it in the power of the Spirit. In due course he would have the unique prophetic role of pointing out to the people the Messiah Himself when He came.



THIRTY-FOUR MORE OF OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS will be receiving Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend, and we rejoice with them on this happy occasion. These weeks of First Holy Communion, and – next weekend – the Forty Hours' Adoration focus our minds wonderfully on the blessings of Jesus's real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' ADORATION AND CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: adoration will begin on Friday morning, the feast of SS Peter & Paul, and continue through to the end of Sunday. The Procession will take place after Sunday's 11.15am Mass. *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.

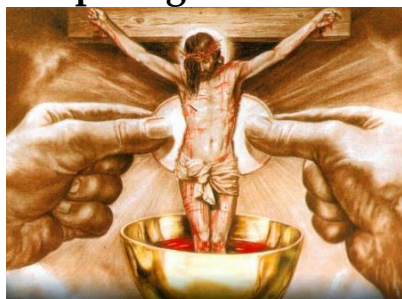
MASSSES FOR THE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – SAINTS PETER & PAUL – are as follows:

******* 9.30am (with Primary Schools), 12 noon, 8pm *******

Every single parishioner should be attending Holy Mass that day, in accordance with the solemn teaching of the Church. It is a beautiful feast of the foremost of the Apostles!

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*, 32:



How distressing and irregular is the situation of a Christian community which, despite having sufficient numbers and variety of faithful to form a parish, does not have a priest to lead it. Parishes are communities of the baptized who express and affirm their identity above all through the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. But this requires the presence of a presbyter, who alone is qualified to offer the Eucharist *in persona Christi*.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Maddalena Barone, Gianluca Bellini, Alessia Cannatella,, Zara Cannatella, Georgia Cappelanga, Graziella Castiglione, Rosa Cicchirillo, Felix Coleman-Green, Will Collison, Isla Cummings, Amelia De Muynck, Luciana Di-Popolo, Luca Eastwood, Gabriella Fattore, Luca Ferraro, Mario Giarratano, Valentina Ingrao-Mclarty, Amelia Jarzyna, Szymon Jarzyna, David Lamprell, Ileana Leto, Gabriel Loda, Ellie Martorana, Luisa Martorana, Owen Mattaliano, Luca Milsom, Gracie-Rose Payne, Oscar Pilgrim, Jakub Raton, Gianni Soldano, Hugo Valencia Gómez, Marcel Walerowicz, Freddie Ward & Eden Winning

ALFONSO TAGLIALAVORE RIP of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Monday 25th June at 11am with Don Antonio.**

PIOTR MICHALSKI RIP of Village Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. The funeral will be on **Tuesday 3rd July at 1pm** at St Joseph's, WX.
May they rest in peace.

SS PETER & PAUL is on **Friday 29th 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 29th June to Sun 1st 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

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

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 15th July at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 20th 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 23rd 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 8th and Sun 9th September**. If you would like to attend, open tickets for the Saturday & Sunday are now available online until the 31st July. You will need to pay a £40 delegate fee. Book your tickets at: unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Bill Pollard, John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & 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/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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

The Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Sunday 1st 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 26th June and Monday 9th 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 17th July at 7pm** for parents and candidates in the crypt. 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 3rd 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.

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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL has some Nursery places available for 2018-19. See school website for how to apply or contact the office on 463549 **by 20th July**. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH BBQ will be held on **Sunday 8th July at 1pm**. **At the moment, only 13 adults & 1 child have put in their ticket requests. We also need lots more volunteers and there is only one week left to apply for tickets.** Forms to request tickets are available at the back of church. We do need final numbers **by Mon 2nd July 12 noon**, so please complete your form soon and hand it into the presbytery. 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 2nd July. Thanks for your support.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will **not** take place next week, 26th June.

CAFOD: Pope Francis launched 'Share the Journey' as a global campaign for the rights of people on the move. More people than ever before are fleeing war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. Key decisions are being made by world leaders this September, when they will finalise 2 new global agreements at the UN: one on refugees and one on migration. A short walk is planned for **Sunday, 2nd September** in this Parish around Barclay Park, to offer our support with our global neighbours. More details to follow!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be visiting parish homes on **Mon afternoon** this week in: Briarley Close, Winford Drive, Caldecot Way.

DATA PROTECTION: After parish rotas have finished, please shred your rota or return it to the presbytery for shredding. Thank you.

ST ANTHONY'S COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who attended the procession and made donations.

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: Mima Salvo & Francesca Comparetto.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 23rd June 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Exam intentions</i>	PAGE 164 or 167 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1–6 <i>I will make you the light of the nations.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Psalm 138 — <i>I thank you for the wonder of my being.</i>
Sun 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9.15am** <i>Mary & Seamus Timmons RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Angelo & Pasqua Scibelli & Family RIP</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †	2nd Reading: Acts 13: 22–26 <i>Jesus, whose coming was heralded by John.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. Alleluia.</i>
Mon 25th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Phyllis Dolan RIP</i>	Gospel: Luke 1: 57–66, 80 <i>His name is John.</i>
Tues 26th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>In honour of Padre Pio</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Mission of Precursor (p. 57) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Wed 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Wisdom 1: 13–15, 2: 23–24 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13–15 Gospel: Mark 5: 21–43
Thurs 28th June ST IRENAEUS, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Piotr Michalski RIP</i>	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.
Fri 29th June SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles (NO Abstinence from meat on this feast-day) 7am FORTY HOURS' ADORATION BEGINS 9.30am Mass with both schools <i>Bridget O'Hagan RIP</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Murphy Family</i> 8pm Mass <i>Wendy Thurlow RIP</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 30th June 10am Mass <i>Rose Beeson RIP</i>	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>James McGahern Snr & Jnr, Philomena McGahern, Rose Ann McGahern & Michael Page RIP</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 1st July 13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Fred & Dolly Dale RIP & Maurice & Bridie Cooper RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> † 9pm FORTY HOURS' ADORATION ENDS	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	

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.*