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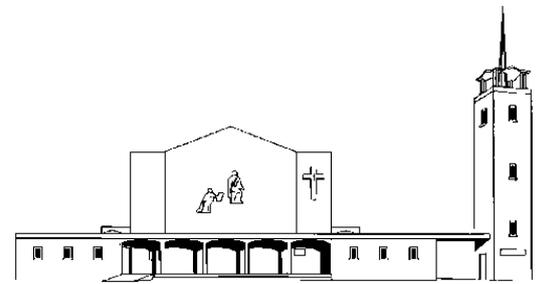
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

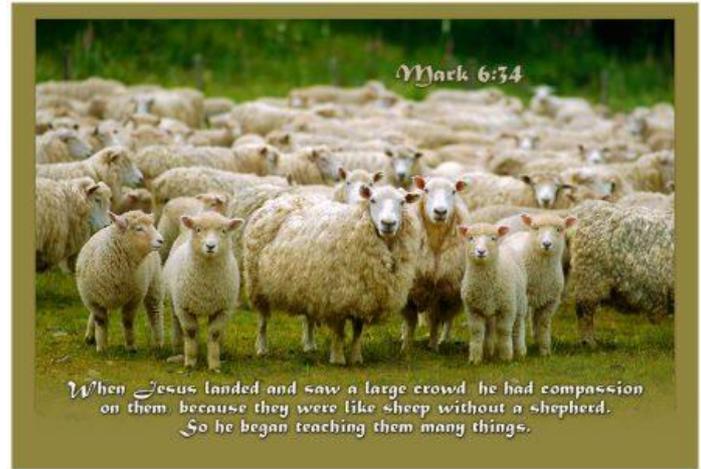
22nd JULY 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL TODAY REMINDS US that Our Lord is truly the 'Shepherd' of the flock of the people of God. He is the true source of divine teaching, authority and compassion, and so He alone is Head of the Church. We turn to the Lord Jesus every day for His guidance of our souls, for there is nothing He wishes more than to have us follow Him closely our whole lives long.



MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT TASK OF INVITING THOSE YOU KNOW who are not Confirmed Catholics to consider joining our 'RCIA' group in the autumn. In this course, conducted informally with a small group of leaders including myself, they can learn about the Catholic Faith, and make a considered decision about requesting the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. Take a green leaflet from alongside the Newsletters to help you have this conversation with possible candidates.

WE WELCOME FR JOHN BAPTIST KISEMBO FROM UGANDA back in the parish to cover whilst I am away in Lourdes, and on holiday. Please give him your usual welcome and assistance in the weeks when he is here – after which he will go and supply also for Fr Terry in Hertford. If you also are going on holiday in these weeks, I wish you safe travel and a restful and restorative time! Take time to pray, too, and give thanks to God for the good things in your life, and the people who make it special!

May the Lord, in His love and kindness, bless you and your loved ones this week! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 37:



The Eucharist and Penance are very closely connected. Because the Eucharist makes present the redeeming sacrifice of the Cross, perpetuating it sacramentally, it naturally gives rise to a continuous need for conversion, for a personal response to the appeal made by Saint Paul to the Christians of Corinth: "We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." If a Christian's conscience is burdened by serious sin, then the path of penance through the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes necessary for full participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The judgment of one's state of grace obviously belongs only to the person involved, since it is a question of examining one's conscience. However, in cases of outward conduct which is seriously, clearly and steadfastly contrary to the moral norm, the Church, in her pastoral concern for the good order of the community and out of respect for the sacrament, cannot fail to feel directly involved. The *Code of Canon Law* refers to this situation of a manifest lack of proper moral disposition when it states that those who "obstinately persist in manifest grave sin" are not to be admitted to Eucharistic communion.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CARLO CIARAVELLA RIP of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Mon 23rd July at 12 noon** with an Italian priest.

MICHAEL WEAVER RIP of Tudor Rise, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 1st August at 11am**.

ROSE MCCAFFERTY RIP of Church View, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 19th August 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 17th August**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO TYBURN CONVENT, the shrine of the martyrs, will be held on **Thursday 23rd August**. We aim to meet at 9.30am for the train from Broxbourne. There will be a talk from one of the Sisters, a visit to the shrine displays, and Mass. If you wish, you can bring a packed lunch to eat in Hyde Park afterwards. Please contact the presbytery to register your intention to attend.

FR PHILIP'S TALKS: there will be an extra 'bonus' talk on Jewish roots of the Eucharist on **Tuesday 11th September at 8pm** in the church.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

ADOREMUS: LAST CHANCE! 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: 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

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 31st Aug & Fri 14th Sept**. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2019: it was great to gather last week for the initial meeting of the new Confirmation group. Don't forget to get copies of Baptism Certificates in to the Presbytery for those not baptized here at St Augustine's. Next meeting: **Tues 4th September, 7pm**.

"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 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.



We have pledges of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k. So far we already have £29k 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

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

CAFOD - Share the Journey - Every minute, 20 people around the world are forced to flee! (UNHCR 2016). Walk around the world: step by step. We have the opportunity here to change the lives of refugees and migrants; Pope Francis launched the campaign and called on each and every one of us to step up our support for them. Our short walk will be around Barclay Park on Sunday, 2nd September at 2.30 pm. Please join us and meet up at the church.

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN: the court case being fought for the civil right to pray publicly and assist mothers in need, outside abortion clinics, is in need of funding. A mother, Alina Dulgheriu, who only had the opportunity to keep her daughter thanks to the presence of counsellors from the Good Counsel Network, tells her story, and appeals for your financial assistance to bring the case to the Court of Appeal: <https://www.gofundme.com/alinalegalfund> Do think of supporting this crucial cause in the pro-life battle for babies' lives.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB on 24th July, 12.30pm

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip has finished his 4th round of the whole parish, and will begin a new round, in North Hoddesdon, in September.

CRYPT RE-FIT: The new worktop has now been fitted, and the cooker and sinks are now in action! Thanks go especially to Mary Briggs and Kevin O'Bryan for this wonderful project

being seen through to completion shortly. We have already received some generous donations towards the new kitchen, but if any other parishioners wish to contribute to the costs (total £18k), then it will be gratefully welcomed.

THANK YOU: Trish Pollard would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout Bill's illness. The turnout at the funeral was a wonderful tribute to Bill and the family truly appreciates it.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION DUO are giving a concert of Classical and Ukrainian music in St Catherine's & St Paul's Church on **Thursday 9th August at 7.30pm**. This is a free concert but there will be a donation box in aid of children and families affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. For more info, please contact Margaret Byrne on 443351.

CHURCH CLEANERS are still **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. Thank you for your help.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Patron of Europe 23rd July

Birgitta Birgersdotter (1303 - 23 July 1373) of Sweden was a mystic and saint. She founded the Bridgettine Order after the death of her husband of twenty years. Saint Bridget prayed for a long time to know how many blows Jesus Christ suffered during His terrible Passion. Rewarding her patience, one day He appeared to her and said: "I received 5480 blows upon My Body." In 1999 Pope John Paul II named St Bridget as one of the patron saints of Europe. Her feast day is celebrated on 23rd July, the date of her death.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 21st July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Deceased members of Stickland family</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 109 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1–6 <i>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.</i></p> <p>Psalm 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13–18 <i>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6: 30–34 <i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad. lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad. lib.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42–44 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1–6 Gospel: John 6: 1–15</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i> Sun 22nd JULY 16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Luciano & Rosalia Di Lena RIP</i> 11.15am <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>
Mon 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i> 12 noon Funeral Carlo Ciaravella RIP Tues 24th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Deceased members of Colina Family</i> Wed 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Paddy Kelly RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP rec. dec.</i> Fri 27th July <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Henryk & Assunta Nolewajka RIP</i> Sat 28th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Lynn Corrigan RIP</i> 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 29th July 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Larry O'Neill RIP 1st anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Jordi Rierra-Corrigan RIP</i> †	<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>
<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;">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 24th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</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.*