

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

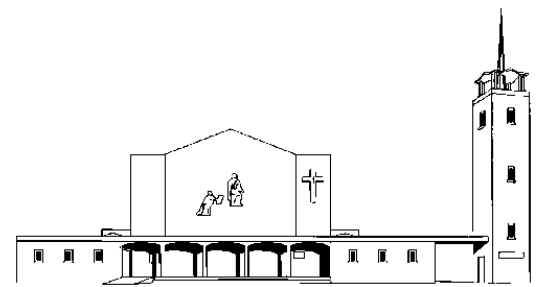
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Year B

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

29TH JULY 2018

GOSPEL: John 6: 1-15

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's, in the Gospel of this Sunday, the disciples had one vision of the situation and Jesus had a different vision. The disciples were putting a limit on what to expect, but Jesus had no limits. There is a tension between the expectation of the disciples and the expectation of Jesus. The disciples' vision was small but the vision of Jesus was limitless.

The other person with a big vision is the small boy who had the loaves and fish. The thinking of the world now is, "What will I get out of it?" or "The more I receive, the more I will be blessed." This is the attitude which is destroying the world today. If the small boy had that attitude and did not give his five loaves and two fish to Jesus, there would have been no miracle. But, because of his generosity, a great miracle took place. That little boy shows us that when we give we receive. The vision of the world is often small and narrow, but the vision of Jesus is without limits.

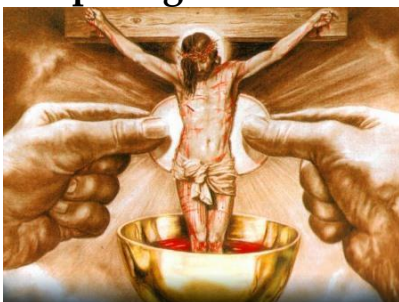
The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish was preparing for an even greater miracle where Jesus would expand our vision even more. The multiplication of the loaves and fish was preparing for the miracle of the Eucharist. To human eyes in the Eucharist, one sees bread and wine but with the eyes of faith, we see the Body and Blood of Jesus.

When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves, so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.

(Psalm 81: 16) Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me.

Wishing you a blessed week. Fr John Baptist.

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 38:



The Eucharist, as the supreme sacramental manifestation of communion in the Church, demands to be celebrated in a context where the outward bonds of communion are also intact. In a special way, since the Eucharist is "as it were the summit of the spiritual life and the goal of all the sacraments", it requires that the bonds of communion in the sacraments, particularly in Baptism and in priestly Orders, be real. It is not possible to give communion to a person who is not baptized or to one who rejects the full truth of the faith regarding the Eucharistic mystery. Christ is the truth and he bears witness to the truth; the sacrament of his

body and blood does not permit duplicity.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Burden and Jessie Smith married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

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.**

LEONARDA CHIAZZA RIP of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 3rd August at 9.15am** with Don Giampiero.

VINCENZO DIMAGGIO RIP of Briscoe Close died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 7th August at 12 noon** with Don Antonio.

ROSE MCCAFFERTY RIP of Church View, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 17th August at 12.30pm.**

May they rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 3rd August.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

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 from 7.30-9pm.** The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

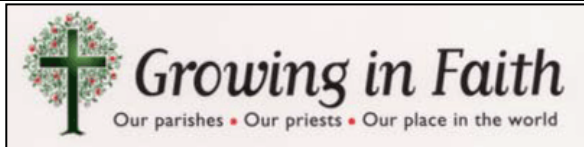
CONFIRMATION 2019: it was great to gather last week for the initial meeting of the new Confirmation group. Don't forget to get copies of Baptism Certificates in to the Presbytery for those not baptized here at St Augustine's. Next meeting: **Tues 4th September, 7pm.**

"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.

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided. Online or by post. See www.cafod.org.uk/mpc or contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for further information.

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

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.

MASS INTENTION BOOK: Pages have been torn from the book which is kept on the credence table in church and comments have been written on them. Please note this book is only to be used by parishioners to remember their loved ones and prayer intentions. Ellen Bartlett, Sacristan.

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: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 28th July 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Lynn Corrigan RIP</i>	PAGE 112 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 <i>They will eat and have some left over.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Psalm 144 — You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.
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> †	2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6 <i>One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.</i>
Mon 30th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Virgilio Aguilon RIP Anniv</i> 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Antonino Martorana</i> 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: John 6: 1-15 <i>Jesus gave out as much as he wanted to all who were sitting ready.</i>
Wed 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Paddy Gaughan RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 11am <i>Funeral Michael Weaver RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: ad. lib. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad. lib. NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Thurs 2nd August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Sherman RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer	1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 Gospel: John 6: 24-35
Fri 3rd August <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 9.15am <i>Funeral Leonarda Chiazza RIP</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private Intention</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Enzo Alio RIP 1st anniv</i> 8pm Holy Hour Sat 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Stella Connick 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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 5th August 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Deceased members of Ferraro Family</i> 11.15am <i>Josephine Hayes 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.
* 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)	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 31st	12.30pm Lunch club, 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.*