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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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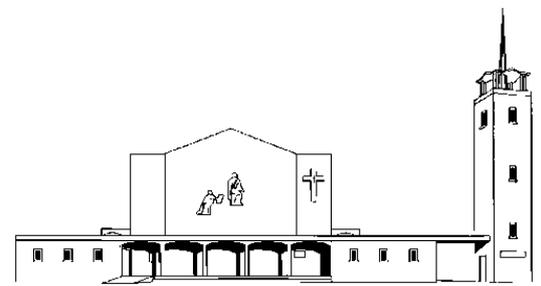
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Year B

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

12TH AUGUST 2018

GOSPEL: John 6: 41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus presents himself to us as the Bread of Life, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever." Our Lord Jesus is concerned for our welfare both materially and spiritually. When we receive Him in the Eucharist we are, at the same time, being received into or communion with God and therefore it is not by chance that the term communion is one of the names given to this sacrament.

We are all united through the Eucharist, though many, we share one bread, therefore we are joined to one another and united in Christ through the Eucharist. As we share the bread of life that Jesus gave us, we should also be concerned for the needs of all our brothers and sisters.

Our Lord Jesus faced a world that didn't care about the poor and didn't help the suffering. In our world today, we have people who suffer at the hands of powerful men and women, men and women who are motivated solely by their own self-interest and their own greed. Their attitudes and actions have hurt many, many people, including people who perhaps we know. We need the nourishment and the strength given by the Bread of Life to cope with the challenges of today such as joblessness, the drug culture, the suffering of those who have been abused, terrorism, kidnaps, the knife crime, you name it. We need the Bread of Life to help others who have been diminished by these forces. We need the Bread of Life to strengthen us in our own struggles.

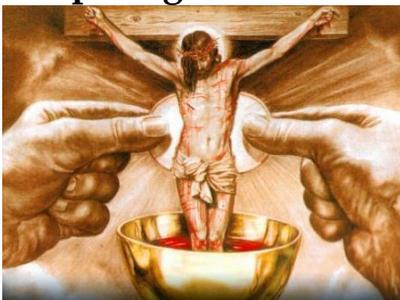
Jesus cared deeply for the poor, the downtrodden, the sick, the elderly and those cast off by this world's well-to-do. The Bread of Life we receive in the Eucharist will inspire and motivate us to have the same attitude as Christ's.

As you receive Christ, take Him into the days that are ahead of you, and into the lives of those you will encounter. May we always hunger and thirst for what is decent, right and good.

FAREWELL: I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Fr Philip who has invited me several times for supply whilst he was away on pilgrimage and holiday. Thank you also to all the parishioners of St Augustine's for your warm welcome and kindness. Thank you so much for always receiving me wholeheartedly. May God bless you abundantly.

Fr John Baptist.

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 40:



The Eucharist *creates communion* and *fosters communion*. Saint Paul wrote to the faithful of Corinth explaining how their divisions, reflected in their Eucharistic gatherings, contradicted what they were celebrating, the Lord's Supper. The Apostle then urged them to reflect on the true reality of the Eucharist in order to return to the spirit of fraternal communion. Saint Augustine effectively echoed this call when, in recalling the Apostle's words: "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it," he went on to say ... "Christ the Lord ... hallowed at his table the mystery of our peace and unity. Whoever receives the mystery of unity without preserving the bonds of peace receives not a mystery for his benefit but evidence against himself."

PRAYER & LITURGY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION is on **Wednesday 15th August** for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at **9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm**. Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar servers are needed and if you can assist, please sign your names on the lists at the back of church.

CARMELA RUGGERIO RIP of Stortford Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Thursday 16th 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.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **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 John O'Neill 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's recent report says the 'Share the Journey' campaign has had a magnificent response - 'Pope Francis called you and you responded! Around pews in a church or your city centre, on a nature trail or a volcano ... you all walked and we made it not just once, but twice around the world! Exceeding our goal of 24,900 miles could not have been done without you. The miles are still coming in, so why not help us go around the world a third, or maybe, fourth time?' Our Parish is planning a short walk on **Sunday, 2nd September** (2.30 pm) starting at the church and going around Barclay Park in order to let world leaders, meeting later in September to finalise 2 new global agreements at the UN, know we show solidarity with refugees and migrants on the move. More people than ever before are fleeing wars, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. Join us and the miles will really add up

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/alinallegalfund> 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.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB has now finished and will now resume again on **11th Sept.**

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.

BE-FRIENDING GROUP: We are due to start visiting parishioners in September and would welcome referrals from anyone housebound who would welcome visits from group members. Please contact Janet Lampard on 428490.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of UK Aid Felsted will be held on **Friday 14th Sept** at 7.30pm in the crypt. £5 per person, max 8 per team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table contact Margaret Byrne on 443351 or Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023.

KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION DUO: Thank you to everyone who supported the concert. It was, as usual, a very enjoyable evening. The total raised was £650, so thank you to you all.

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

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: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony and Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 11th August ST CLARE, Virgin 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Clelia Cattini RIP</i>	PAGE 117 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 <i>Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.</i> Psalm 33 — Taste and see that the Lord is good.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Terry Cahill RIP Anniv</i>	2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 <i>Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia.</i>
Sun 12TH AUG 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Wilfred Maciel RIP</i> †	Gospel: John 6: 41-51 <i>I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.</i> PREFACE TODAY: ad. lib. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad. lib.
Mon 13th Aug 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP</i>	Next Week's Readings 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Gospel: John 6: 51-58
Tues 14th Aug ST MAXIMILLIAN MARY KOLBE, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Eddie Ogbodu's Intentions</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.
Wed 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass <i>Joy Ighade's & Tony Ogbodu's Intentions</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt 12 noon Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> 8pm Mass <i>Doreen Willis RIP Anniv</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Thurs 16th Aug NO Mass 12 noon Funeral Carmela Ruggiero RIP	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.
Fri 17th August <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12.30pm Funeral Rose McCafferty RIP	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sat 18th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Patrick Malone RIP</i>	
Sun 19th August 20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP 1st Anniv</i> 5pm Holy Hour †	
* 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)	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Friday 17th 7.30pm Prayer group, church	

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.*