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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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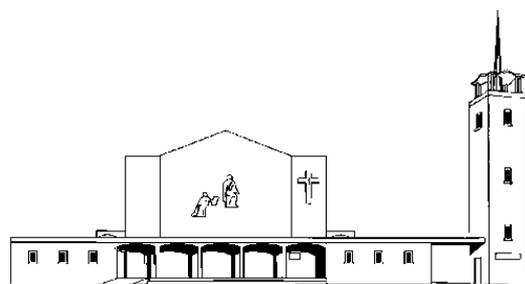
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Year B

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19th AUGUST 2018

GOSPEL: John 6: 51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE CONTINUING PASSAGES FROM JOHN 6 IN OUR SUNDAY GOSPELS IN THESE WEEKS allow us to hear a most beautiful chapter in the teaching of Our Lord. The long discourse on the 'Bread of Life' in this chapter reinforces for us as Catholics the centrality of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our Christian lives. Jesus repeats in several different ways His clear teaching: "Anyone who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I shall raise Him up on the last day."

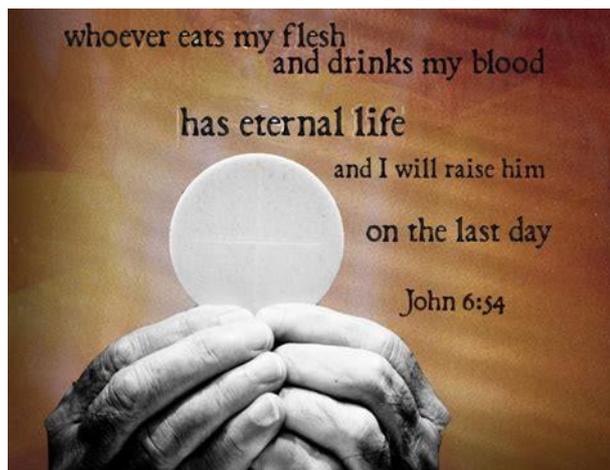
We cannot dismiss or belittle the huge significance of these divine words! Our Lord, the Son of God, did not come only to those of Palestine in the early 1st c. He comes to His people in every age, just as truly, and just as powerfully, in the Sacraments by which His grace is given – and most especially in the Mass.

MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION AGAIN TO THE IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY OF INVITING THOSE YOU KNOW who are not Confirmed Catholics to consider joining our 'RCIA' group next month. 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.

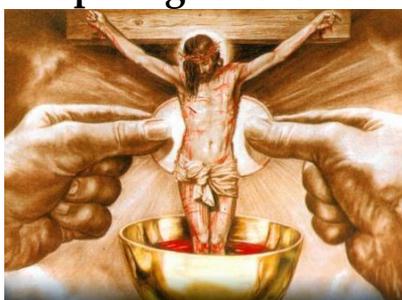
I THANK FR JOHN BAPTIST FOR HIS RECENT 3½-WEEK SUPPLY, and wish him all the best as he helps out, now, in Hertford parish. I shall go over to Hertford in the next couple of weeks to take him out to dinner as a 'thank you' to him. I am also immensely grateful to those parishioners who had to work 'extra hard' in my absence, keeping the parish running smoothly in all sorts of ways.

May the blessed Lord bring you rest and much peace in these summer weeks.

Fr Philip



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 41:



The Eucharist's particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass. ... Sunday Mass [is] fundamental for the life of the Church and of individual believers ... The faithful have the obligation to attend Mass, unless they are seriously impeded, and Pastors have the corresponding duty to see that it is practical and possible for all to fulfil this precept. "... Precisely through sharing in the Eucharist, *the Lord's Day* also becomes *the Day of the Church*, when she can effectively exercise her role as the sacrament of unity."

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Kian Brown, Lily Spires and Cameron Valmores who will be baptised this weekend.

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!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO TYBURN CONVENT, the shrine of the martyrs, will be held this **Thursday 23rd August**. We will 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.

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST: St Augustine's Day will be celebrated on **Tuesday 28th August** with Mass at 9.15am. Assuming the weather is fine, we will then have coffee and cakes in the parish garden. **Volunteers are needed to help make the refreshments. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

ADOREMUS: the 7 parish delegates to the National Eucharistic Congress on the 2nd weekend of September will be commissioned at Mass on the previous weekend. Let's pray for the success of the Congress, as Catholics from across our country gather in prayer to express the Catholic faith in the presence of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 21st September**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

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 in July 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 pledged 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; 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 had the opportunity to keep her daughter thanks to the presence of counsellors from the Good Counsel Network, tells her story, and asks for 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

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.

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

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB has now finished for the summer and will resume 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.

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.

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 1 hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

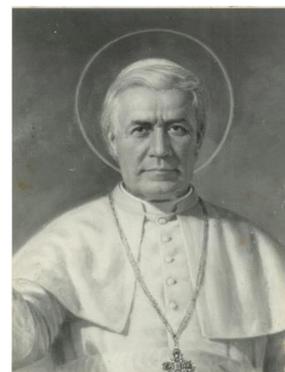
CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo & Francesca Comparetto. Thank you for your help.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

POPE ST PIUS X

(21st August)

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of heaven on August 20, 1914, Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this



saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to "renew all things in Christ." Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor."

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 18th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Genuardi RIP	PAGE 120 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1–6 <i>Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Patrick Malone RIP	Psalm 33 — Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Sun 19th August 20^h SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am For the Parish 11.15am Orsola Scibelli RIP 1st anniv. ‡ 5pm Holy Hour	2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15–20 <i>Recognise what is the will of God.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.</i>
Mon 20th Aug ST BERNARD, Abbot & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Constance King RIP anniv.	Gospel: John 6: 51–58 <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i>
Tues 21st Aug ST PIUS X, Pope 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Johanna Bass RIP anniv.	PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr . no. 4 (p. 31) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Wed 22nd Aug THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Giuseppe Distefano RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1–2, 15–18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21–32 Gospel: John 6: 60–69
Thurs 23rd Aug NO Mass — (pilgrimage to Tyburn)	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 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12.00 noon Mass Marie Danagher RIP 1st anniv.	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 25th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Loffredo RIP anniv.	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 Toni Randazzo RIP anniv.	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 26th August 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am For the Parish 11.15am Giuseppe Distefano ‡	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.*