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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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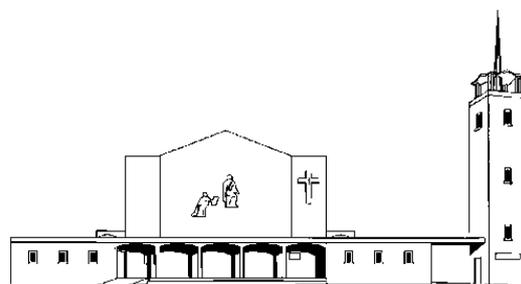
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Year B

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26th AUGUST 2018

GOSPEL: John 6: 60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FINAL PASSAGE FROM JOHN 6 IN OUR SUNDAY GOSPELS brings us that poignant moment when Our Lord, seeing that many are struggling with His teaching on the Eucharist and some of them even leaving Him, turns to the Apostles: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" The Apostles – in the person of St Peter – reply, not saying that they don't struggle with this novel teaching of His on the 'Bread of Life,' but that they follow Him and accept His words because of who He is, and who they have come to believe Him to be. On the basis of their knowing He is the one and only Son of God, they accept this extraordinary and wonderful gift that He will be offering them, the gift of Himself in the Sacrament of His Body & Blood. We too should have this loving attitude to Jesus as we reflect on the mystery of the Mass at the heart of the Church.

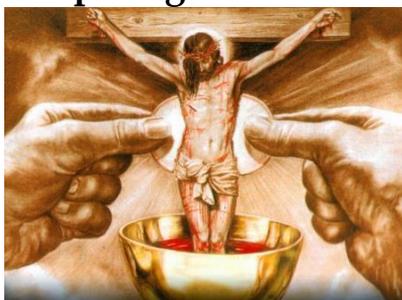
THE BROXBORNE BOROUGH 'WINTER NIGHT SHELTER' doesn't start up until the beginning of January, but everything is gradually getting in motion for a successful start-up. Please, if you have already asked to be involved, see the notice inside the Newsletter including the date of a parish meeting of volunteers (**Wed 17th October**). Others can still volunteer to join the initiative: more copies of forms to indicate your interest are now available by the Newsletters.

THIS TUESDAY IS ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY and we will keep our church's patronal feast day at the usual time of 9.15am. Afterwards, weather permitting, we will have coffee and cakes in the parish garden. I know that it's holiday time, and many are away at this time, but those of us who are at home at this time, let's make a special effort to be present at Mass this Tuesday to celebrate our great and holy patron St Augustine of Hippo.

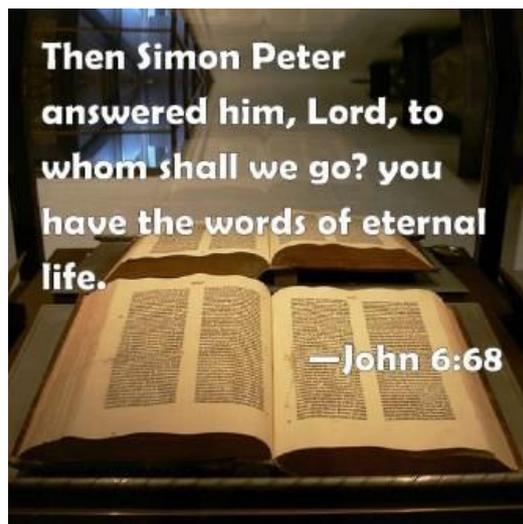
May the blessed Lord bring you rest and much peace in these summer weeks.

Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 43:



Our longing for the goal of unity prompts us to turn to the Eucharist, which is the supreme sacrament of the unity of the People of God, in as much as it is the apt expression and the unsurpassable source of that unity. In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant his children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of his Bride and joins it to that of his own redemptive sacrifice.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Tommy Burke, Oliver Rzepecki and Indie Walker who will be baptised this weekend.

MARGARET O'SULLIVAN RIP of Stoneleigh Drive, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Wednesday 5th September at 9.45am.** *May she rest in peace.*

BANK HOLIDAY MASS on Monday will be at 10am. Please note the church will be closed after Mass.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 2nd September.**

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.

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **Sunday 16th September at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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, 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 **Secondary 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. **Both St Augustine's and St Cross Schools have now decided not to require the Certificate of Catholic Practice for September 2019 admission into Reception class.** There will therefore be no Certificate of Catholic Practice issued this autumn for primary school.



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 *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 to show solidarity with refugees and migrants fleeing wars, persecution, natural disasters and poverty by sending a message to world leaders in this campaign launched by Pope Francis. A short walk is planned for **Sunday, 2nd September**, at 2.30 pm around Barclay Park. Please join in and meet up at the church; the more people, the more miles will 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/alinalegalfund>

Do think of supporting this crucial cause in the pro-life battle for babies' lives.

BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER:

There will be a parish volunteers' meeting in the crypt on **Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm**. There will also be first-aid training on Sat 27th October or Sat 10th Nov from 9-1.30 at a local Red Cross centre which is optional but recommended. There will be a full training meeting for all the volunteers from across the borough for the 7 venues in November – date will be advised soon.

To enable the shelter to run, we will need 12 of the following: duvets, duvet covers (singles),

pillows, pillow cases and single sheets. Please note that they all need to be clean and good quality. If you can help, please bring them to the presbytery.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL will be at the back of church after all Masses **next weekend**.

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 will begin a new round of visits, 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.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 2nd, 16th & 23rd September.

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: Michele De Luca, Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 25th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Loffredo RIP anniv	PAGE 123 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1–2, 15–18 <i>We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Toni Randazzo RIP anniv	Psalm 33 — Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Sun 26th August 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am For the Parish 11.15am Giuseppe Distefano ‡	2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21–32 <i>This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.</i>
Mon 27th Aug ST MONICA 10am Mass Bill Pollard RIP PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 28th Aug ST AUGUSTINE, Bishop & Doctor 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Intentions of our parish and parishioners	Gospel: John 6: 60–69 <i>Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.</i>
Wed 29th Aug THE BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Margaret & Alan Lawlor RIP anniv — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Thurs 30th Aug 9.15am Mass Margaret Sullivan RIP rec. dec.	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Fri 31st August <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12.00 noon Mass Private intention	1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1–2, 6–8 2nd Reading: James 1: 17–18, 21–22, 27 Gospel: Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23
Sat 1st September 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Maria Petrarca RIP	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass John Lang RIP	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 2nd SEPT 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Francesca Crimauo RIP 11.15am Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP 5pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡	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.
<p style="text-align: right;">* 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>	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	
Fri 31st 7.30pm Baptism course, presb.	

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.*