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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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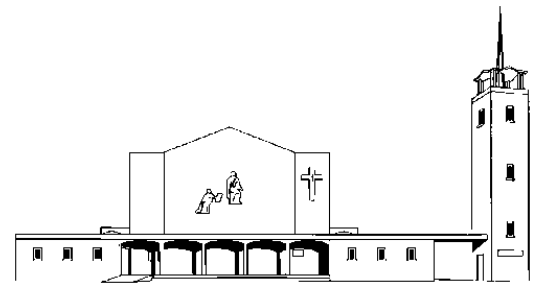
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Year B

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5TH AUGUST 2018

GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus assures us that He is the bread of life. We only need to believe in Him and have trust that He cares for our needs. "I Myself am the Bread of Life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry; no one who believes in me shall ever thirst."

This is the Bread come down from heaven, Jesus declared, not the manna that left your forefathers still hungry. My Father, Jesus declared, gives you now the true Bread come down from heaven, Bread that gives life to your world, Bread that fills your hearts and souls with the life and love of God Himself.

Give us your love, your life, and your Holy Spirit in this Bread from heaven, so that we may bring your loving Presence into the world around us, a world that desperately needs you. Help us to reveal your kingdom, your love, to those who need you so very much. End our hunger and fill us with your very presence and love that we may bring you to others and others to you.

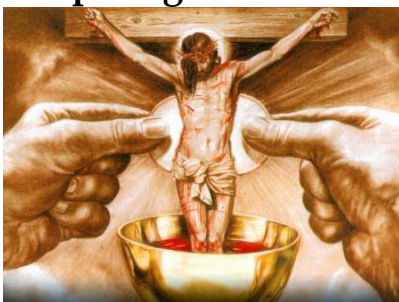
In the Lord's Prayer, that He Himself taught his Apostles in which, we ask our Father in heaven to give us each day our daily bread. When we ask God to give us our daily bread, we need to pay attention to that for which we are praying, not bread for our bodies but for the food that nourishes our hearts and souls, the Bread that strengthens our spirits, the Bread that will nourish each other's hearts and souls with the presence of God living within us.

"Lord Jesus, you are the true Bread of Heaven. Only you alone can truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger of my heart. Nourish me with the bread of life that I may be truly satisfied in you alone as the giver of life." Wishing you a week filled with God's blessings and nourishment.

Fr John Baptist.



Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 39:



Since "the Roman Pontiff, as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity of the Bishops and of the multitude of the faithful," communion with him is intrinsically required for the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Hence the great truth expressed which the Liturgy expresses in a variety of ways: "Every celebration of the Eucharist is performed in union not only with the proper Bishop, but also with the Pope, with the episcopal order, with all the clergy, and with the entire people. Every valid celebration of the Eucharist expresses this universal communion with Peter and with the whole Church, or objectively calls for it, as in the case of the Christian Churches separated from Rome."

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Gaetano Verde & Sabrina Castiglione married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

VINCENZO DI MAGGIO 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.

MARGARET JOHNS RIP formerly of Ash View Nursing Home, died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 10th August at 12 noon**.

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**.

CARMELA RUGGERIO RIP of Stortford Road died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

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.

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 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.

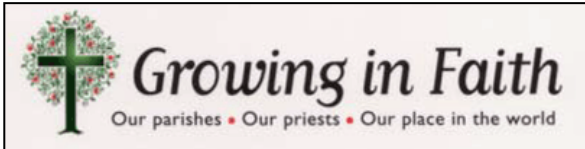
CONFIRMATION 2019: it was great to gather last week for the initial meeting of the new Confirmation group. Don't forget to get copies of Baptism Certificates in to the Presbytery for those not baptized here at St Augustine's. Next meeting: **Tues 4th September, 7pm**.

"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/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.

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.

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.

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.

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: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. Thank you for your help.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Stella Connick RIP</i>	PAGE 114 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 <i>I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Psalm 77 — The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
Sun 5TH AUGUST 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Deceased members of Ferraro Family</i> 11.15am <i>Josephine Hayes RIP</i> †	2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 <i>Put on the new elf that has been created in God's way.</i>
Mon 6th Aug THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Gloria Basset RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 7th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rose McCaffertry RIP</i> 12 noon Funeral Vincenzo Di Maggio RIP	Gospel: John 6: 24-35 <i>He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.</i>
Wed 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Johns RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: ad. lib. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad. lib.
Thurs 9th Aug ST TERESA, BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 Gospel: John 6: 41-51
Fri 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Margaret Johns 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.
Sat 11th August ST CLARE, Virgin 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Clelia Cattini RIP</i>	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>Terry Cahill RIP Anniv</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.
Sun 12th August 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Wilfred Maciel RIP</i> †	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
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.*