

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

The Presbytery, Esdaile Lane, Hoddesdon, EN11 8DS

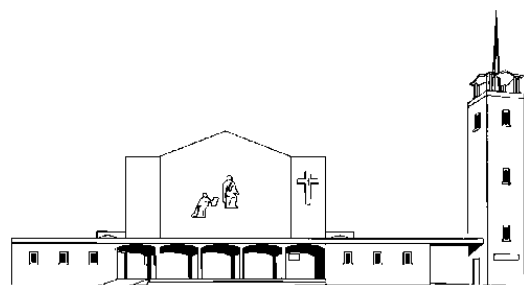
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Year B TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-35

*You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

LAST WEEKEND'S 'ADOREMUS' NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS in Liverpool was a wonderful event, and hopefully will be the seed of many blessings in our country's parishes for many years to come.

The central event of the middle day of the Congress was the input by the impressive Bishop Robert Barron, whose <https://www.wordonfire.org/> website reaches countless people across the globe, daily, to spread the Catholic faith. Bishop



Barron's two addresses to us were wonderful, and I intend to screen them here in the parish crypt (each twice) in the coming few weeks:

**Wednesday daytime: 10.15am on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (talk 1) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct (talk 2);**

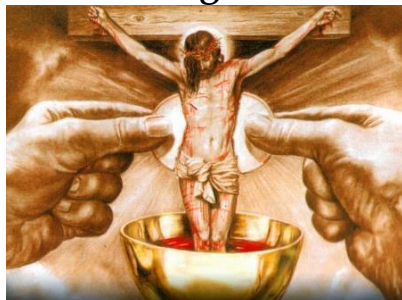
**Evening slot: 7.30pm on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (talk 1) and Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct (talk 2).**

These addresses to us as Catholics in this country are really powerful and moving talks, and I urge you to come and share in the fruits of the Congress by attending them at the times I have given.

**ADDITIONALLY, I INVITE YOU TO MAKE USE OF THE PARISH TIMES OF ADORATION**, as this time spent in prayer before Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist is a sacrifice given to Him out of great love. This Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – for example, we have our monthly Holy Hour (5-6pm) which is built around 30mins of quiet adoration, with Evening Prayer and Benediction to conclude. Do think of making time for this monthly 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sunday Holy Hour.

**May the blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist fill you with His grace this Sunday! Fr Philip**

**Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 48:**



Like the woman who anointed Jesus in Bethany, *the Church has feared no "extravagance"*, devoting the best of her resources to expressing her wonder and adoration before the *unsurpassable gift of the Eucharist*. No less than the first disciples charged with preparing the "large upper room", she has felt the need, down the centuries and in her encounters with different cultures, to celebrate the Eucharist in a setting worthy of so great a mystery. In the wake of Jesus' own words and actions, and building upon the ritual heritage of Judaism, the *Christian liturgy was born*. Could there ever be an adequate means of expressing the acceptance of that self-gift which the divine Bridegroom continually makes to his Bride, the Church, by bringing the Sacrifice offered once and for all on the Cross to successive generations of believers and thus becoming nourishment for all the faithful?



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**FRANCESCA CICCHIRILLO RIP** of Middlefield Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

**ADOREMUS:** after the great event last weekend of the National Eucharistic Congress, <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/adoremus> has many video clips for you to watch from the event. The brilliant talks from world-famous Bishop Robert Barron will be shown by Fr Philip in the crypt on the following dates:

**TALK 1:** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (10.15am after morning coffee) or Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (7.30pm).

**TALK2:** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct (10.15am after morning coffee) or Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct (7.30pm).

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

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

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS:** The next rota for the period October 2018 - January 2019 is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Telephone 449282 or e-mail [patandcarolkav@btinternet.com](mailto:patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

**DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** is on **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** 10am from arrivals with Mass at 12 noon. This year we haven't been able to organise a coach from this locality, but feel free to attend by driving there – allow 2.5hrs to get there by car.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, 26<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2019** with Fr Philip and Northern Star Travel.\* Price is £700- and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters. (\* Same operator who took our Fatima trip in 2017.) **The deadline for booking forms is 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Please ring Presbytery, also, to let us know that you are booking.

## 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/bishopstortford>

**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

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next three meetings are **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 7-8.30pm** for candidates only.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** **we are still in need of a parish volunteer to come forward to lead the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation for 2019.** Until we have someone willing to co-ordinate this, we can't yet advertise the course or receive applications.

**"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 continues Mon 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.** If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed,) please contact Fr Philip soon.

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** St Mary's Secondary School admissions criteria show that the Certificate of Catholic Practice is not required. Nor do St Augustine's and St Cross Schools require it for Sept 2019 admission into Reception class. It is therefore not

necessary to sign the registers anymore and there will be no Certificates of Catholic Practice issued this autumn. Of course our Catholic Schools retain the highest admissions criterion as being for baptized Catholic children.

**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE** is holding an Open Day on **22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.30am-2pm**. To attend the day, please register by calling 01920-824.247 [www.stedmundcollege.org](http://www.stedmundcollege.org).



**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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith)

#### **JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE**

**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.

**BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER:** There will be a parish volunteers' meeting in the crypt on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. There will also be first-aid training on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> October or Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 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 now released: **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** (venue & time t.b.c.) To enable the shelter to run, we 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; bring what you can to the presbytery.

#### **SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

**APF / MILL-HILL MISSION APPEAL:** Fr Vincent thanks you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of the APF by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, please contact Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

**BE-FRIENDING GROUP:** We will start visiting parishioners in September and would welcome referrals from anyone housebound who would welcome visits from group members. Contact Janet Lampard on 428490.

**FR PHILIP'S TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST:** Handouts from talks 3 & 4 are available to collect from the presbytery if you missed them.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his new round of visits, this week, on Wednesday afternoon, with visits to parish homes in: Chaucer Way, Beechfield, Granville Gardens.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** We hope to have the magazine ready for sale by the end of the month.

**MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING** will be held in the crypt on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am-1pm**. All are welcome!

**2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW** for our parish is now available to view on the blue board at the back of church.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are still **urgently** needed to **help on Wed mornings** as there are only 2 cleaners in that group. This will involve **only 1 hour per month**. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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

**CRYPT RE-FIT IS NOW COMPLETE.** We have 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 received.

**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: 23<sup>rd</sup> September & 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**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
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Ken Parker RIP</b>	<b>PAGE 132 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 50: 5–9 <i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Anthony Ogbodu's Intentions</b>	<b>Psalm 114 — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> SEPT 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <b>John Fallon RIP Anniv</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> 5pm Holy Hour ‡	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> James 2: 14–18 <i>If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.</i>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <b>Ann Eddy RIP</b> 12 noon <b>Funeral Francesca Cicchirillo RIP</b>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <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>  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8: 27–35 <i>You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Deceased members of Zarraga Family</b>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Holy souls in purgatory</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 1Kings 8:22–23, 27–30 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22–24 <b>Gospel:</b> John 2:13–22
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Sept ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GÔN, PRIEST</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <b>Mary Starling RIP rec. dec.</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Sept ST MATTHEW, Apostle</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Josephine &amp; Thomas Murphy RIP</b>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <b>Antonio della Cerra RIP rec. dec.</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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 <b>Benefactors of the church</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPT DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH</b> 9.15am** <b>Nev Yarwood RIP</b> 11.15am <b>For the Parish</b> ‡	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 17th</b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 18th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt <b>Tues 18th</b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt	<b>Wed 19th</b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Fri 21st</b> 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.*