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St Augustine's Catholic Church

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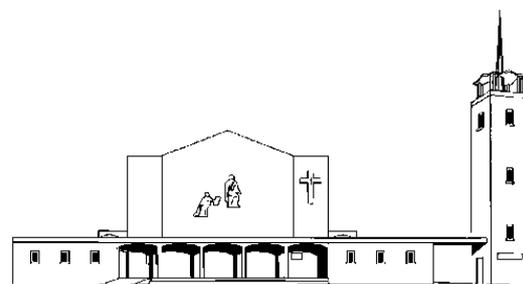
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Year B TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

NEXT WEEKEND OUR COUNTRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE its first 'National Eucharistic Congress' for over a century! I will be in Liverpool with some of our parishioners, for the 3-day Congress and we will carry our parish's intentions with us to this great celebration. *Alive Publishing* has produced some lovely prayer-reflection booklets which I have bought and made available on the small table in the porch by the choir stairs (just £1.50/copy). In this way, you can also join in the devotion of the 10,000 who are going to be present at the Congress.

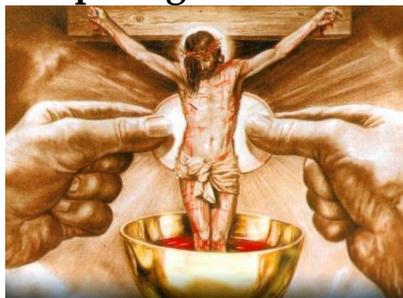
Prayer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – whether by making a visit to Him in church in the tabernacle, or whether by attending our parish times of Adoration – is a beautiful gift to the Lord, and a practice that we should develop if we are to grow deeply in love with Him.

AS A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS THIS WEEK, we pray for the teachers, pupils and families of our local Catholic schools. May the coming year be filled with the grace of Our Lord, so that the schools witness first and foremost to faith as the foundation of our lives. May our children be led to understand and practise their faith as the beginning and end of all other activities.

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.

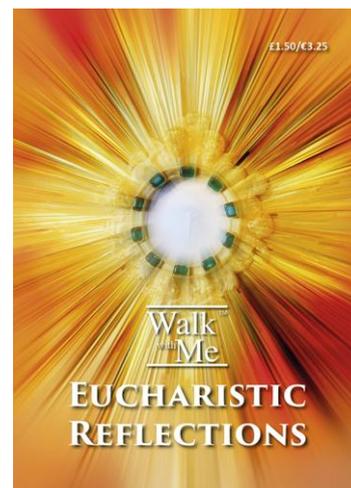
May the blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist fill you with His grace this Sunday! Fr Philip

Preparing for the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 47:



Reading the account of the institution of the Eucharist in the Synoptic Gospels, we are struck by the simplicity and the 'solemnity' with which Jesus, on the evening of the Last Supper, instituted this great sacrament. There is an episode which in some way serves as its prelude: *the anointing at Bethany*. A woman, whom John identifies as Mary the sister of Lazarus, pours a flask of *costly ointment* over Jesus' head, which provokes from the disciples — and from Judas in particular — an indignant response, as if this act, in light of the needs of the poor, represented an intolerable "waste." But Jesus's own reaction is completely different. While

in no way detracting from the duty of charity towards the needy, for whom the disciples must always show special care — "the poor you will always have with you" — he looks towards his imminent death and burial, and sees this act of anointing as an anticipation of the honour which his body will continue to merit even after his death, indissolubly bound as it is to the mystery of his person.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Charlie & Milo Coulson, Quincey-Beau Goldhawk and Hadleigh Lea who will be baptised this weekend.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place on Tuesday or Saturday morning this week. **Nor can there be a 7.30pm Mass this first Friday** – sorry.

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.*

ADOREMUS: the 7 parish delegates to the National Eucharistic Congress on the 2nd weekend of September will be commissioned at Mass this 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.

A local day of Eucharistic celebration (Sat 8th) will be held at Corpus Christi church, Maiden Lane (Covent Garden) for those who might wish to attend there. A poster with those details is on the blue board in the porch.

APF MILL HILL MISSION APPEAL: **Next weekend** we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM who will speak on behalf of APF Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This *thank you and appeal* is not for money but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box.

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. Topic: “The Fourth Cup & the Death of Jesus.”

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!

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.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, 26th May–1st June 2019 with Northern Star Travel. Price is £700 and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters.

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 second part of the course will be held on **Fri 14th Sept from 7.30–9pm in the church.**

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, 7–8.30pm.**

“**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/alinalcalfund>

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

BROXBORNE 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 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

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.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will begin a new round of visits, in N. Hoddesdon, in September.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume on **11th Sept**. All welcome at 12.30pm.

CRYPT RE-FIT: The new worktop has now been fitted, and the cooker and sinks are now in action! 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 received.

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: 16th & 23rd September.

CHURCH CLEANERS are still **urgently** needed to **help on Wed mornings** as there are now only 2 cleaners in that group. This will involve **only 1 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 1st September 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maria Petrarca RIP</i>	PAGE 126 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1–2, 6–8 <i>Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>John Lang RIP</i>	Psalm 14 — <i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i>
Sun 2nd SEPT 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	2nd Reading: James 1: 17–18, 21–22, 27 <i>You must do what the word tells you.</i>
Mon 3rd Sept ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Melanie Pinto RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 4th Sept 9.15am Mass <i>Fr Philip's intentions (ordination anniv.)</i>	Gospel: Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23 <i>You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.</i>
Wed 5th Sept 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.45am Funeral <i>Margaret O'Sullivan RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Thurs 6th Sept 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Spiritual success of the Eucharistic Congress</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4–7 2nd Reading: James 2: 1–5 Gospel: Mark 7: 31–37
Fri 7th Sept <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12.00 noon Mass <i>Sr Patricia OSB RIP</i> NO EVENING MASS	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 8th Sept NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.30am NO Adoration 10am Mass <i>Robert Cullen 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>For the Parish</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 9th SEPT 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Helena & Zbigniew Wyremblewski RIP & Stanisława & Jan Wieczorek RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Salvatore Cutillo, Natalina De Pascale & Fiorenzo Petrarca intentions</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.
* 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)	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 3rd 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 4th 7pm Confirmation, crypt

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.*