

The Announcer

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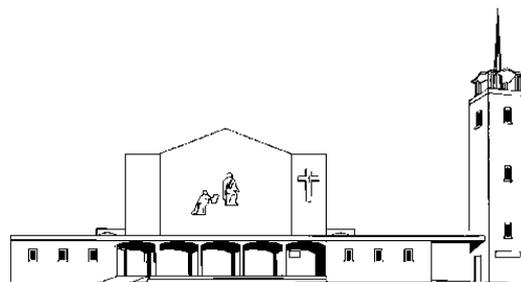
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Year B THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 11th NOVEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

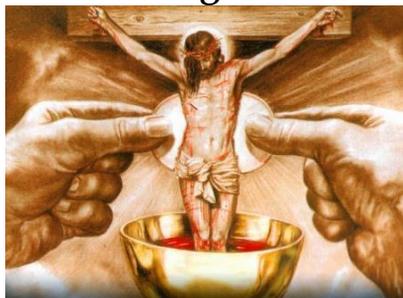
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THIS YEAR has an added poignancy to it, as we keep the centenary year of the 1918 Armistice that ended the First World War – at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The figures for the casualties in World War I are staggering, and almost beyond comprehension. You may have seen reports of the 'Shrouds of the Somme' display of soldier figurines in hand-made shrouds laid out in the Olympic Park in Stratford: 72,396 of them, representing only the British soldiers who fell at the Battle of the Somme (1916) and whose remains were never found and buried! This is just a fraction of the 15-19 million estimated deaths on all sides, and 23 million casualties, in the 4-year conflict. No wonder, then, that 11th November still, a hundred years on, holds such a significance for us. Sadly, it was not the 'war to end all wars,' but reminds us once again of the futility of war, and the determination that humanity must constantly exercise in curtailing conflict and striving for peace. The Pope's prayer intention this month, "that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict," has a great relevance this centenary weekend.



IN THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER we also remember specially to pray for the deceased of our acquaintance, and next Saturday evening we will do so for those who have died in the past year. Some 30 or so of our parishioners have gone to the Lord in the last 12 months, and we will offer Mass for them at the 6.30pm evening Mass. If you have lost someone in the past year – whether or not they were of this parish – you may like to make this Mass your Sunday Mass next weekend. *May they rest in peace.*

May the Lord bless us all this week, and our loved ones too, both living and dead! Fr Philip

Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 55:



In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word*. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood. As a result, there is a profound analogy between the *Fiat* which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the *Amen* which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived "through the Holy Spirit" was "the Son of God." In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Lennie Chappell who will be baptised this weekend.

GUERINO SANTANIELLO RIP of Grenville Avenue, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will take place on **Mon 12th November at 11am.**
May he rest in peace.

TUESDAY MASS THIS WEEK will be at **11am** with the priests of the Deanery to celebrate the annual Mass for local deceased clergy. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: purple sheets for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are available in the porch. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 17th November, 6.30pm Mass** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make this their Sunday Mass next weekend.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 16th November.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place on **Sunday 18th November at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

HOLY FAMILIES, the diocesan faith-sharing resource is **now available to buy from the back of the church for £3.** The booklet explores themes from the Holy Father's teaching on marriage and the family in *Amoris Laetitia*.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

'INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of church if you wish to complete one. Please hand in a photocopy to the presbytery.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION: **Next week** our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation.**

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 AT HOME.

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 **20th November, 4th Dec & 8th January 7–8.30pm** for candidates only. Please do not forget to bring your copy of the Gospel of St Mark to each session, and please read ch. 6 in preparation for next time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend** (and not available from the Presbytery). Please return completed forms to the presbytery **by 3rd December**. The first meeting for parents will be on Friday 11th January 2019 at 8pm in the crypt.

"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 12th November at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Fri 23rd & Tues 27th Nov 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. The two-evening course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding an Open Day for new parents to Reception class 2019/20 on **Tues 13th Nov 9.15am-10.15am** and **Thurs 22nd Nov 2-3pm**. To book a place, please contact the school on 463549.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is holding an Open Day for new parents to Reception class 2019/20 on **Wed 14th Nov 1.45pm** and **Tues 20th Nov 9.30am**. To book a place, please contact the school on 467309.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS: Nursery applications are open and places will be given on a "first come, first served" basis. Application forms can be picked up at the School Office, by following the link on the home page of the school website or under the 'Admissions' tab. An offer letter will be sent within a week of applications received.

VACANCIES: FOUNDATION AND PARENT GOVERNORS: St. Augustine's School is looking for practising Catholics who are willing to join the board of Governors. The role is a 4-year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings per term. Training is provided. If you are interested, please let Father Philip know. More information can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/ser-ving-as-a-governor. We are also looking for two Parent Governors. Please contact the School

Office or the Chair of Governors, Mr. Tackley

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER: There will be a **full training meeting for all the volunteers** from across the borough for the 7 venues on **22nd November at St Joseph's, Waltham Cross** at either 12-2.30pm or 7-9.30pm.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH MAGAZINE is still available to buy from the presbytery during the week for £5.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making house visits this week on **Mon afternoon** in the following roads: Tregelles Road, Kingsfield.

ADVENT EXTRA magazine is now available to buy for £2.25 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

WORLD MISSION collection amounted to £383.57. Thank you!

'WEST END COMES TO HODDESDON': Stars from the West End are coming together for an evening of performance on **Sat 17th Nov 7pm** at the Stanborough Conservative Club. All proceeds raised are to help send a young parishioner to Tanzania next summer. Whilst there, she will be working to secure fresh, clean water and shelter for those most in need. Tickets are £15 and are available to buy from Butlers Estate Agents in the High Street.

MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND will be held on the **1st / 2nd Dec**. If you would like to have a stall, please contact Mary Briggs on 534891. If you can donate a raffle prize, please hand it in at the presbytery.

ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be held at Tesco, Brookfield on **Wed 5th and Thurs 6th Dec 10-6pm**. Collectors are urgently wanted. If you can help please contact Ellen on 464677.

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh & Sue Alvey. Thank you for your help.

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: 11th November, 2nd, 9th & 16th December.

| Masses this week | | Today's Liturgy | |
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| Sat 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope & Dr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> | | PAGE 154 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10–16 <i>The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.</i> Psalm 145— My soul, give praise to the Lord. 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24–28 <i>Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia.</i> Gospel: Mark 12: 38–44 <i>This poor widow has put in more than all.</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32) | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> | | | |
| Sun 11th Nov 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am <i>Teresa Brien RIP anniv.</i> ‡ | | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1–13 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11–14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13: 24–32 | |
| Mon 12th November ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11am Funeral <i>Guerino Santaniello RIP</i> | | | |
| Tues 13th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 11am Mass <i>Holy Souls including deceased clergy of the Deanery</i> | | 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. | |
| Wed 14th November 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt | | | |
| Thurs 15th November NO Mass | | ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. | |
| Fri 16th Nov ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> | | | |
| Sat 17th November 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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. | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Deceased of the past year</i> | | | |
| Sun 18th Nov 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡ 5pm Holy Hour | | 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) | | | |
| REGULAR EVENTS | | | |
| Tues 13th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 14th 6pm Brownies, crypt | | Wed 14th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt Fri 16th 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.*