

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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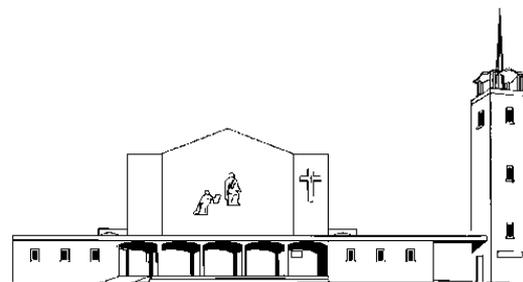
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Year B

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

*It is you who say that I am a king.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

TODAY'S FEAST, THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, brings us to the final week of the Church's year. The culmination of all our devotion to Jesus is that we adore and worship Him as the Lord of all: God of the Universe, and Master of all History.

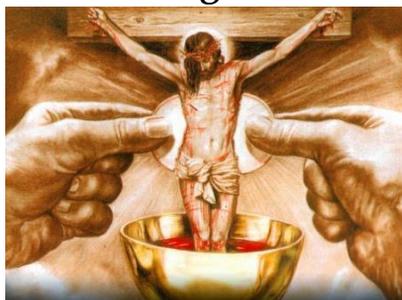
We hear in the Gospel, Pontius Pilate weakly interrogating Jesus about His being a king, little knowing that He truly is the King of Kings. Pilate can only evaluate Jesus in earthly terms, worldly power and prestige, but Jesus proclaims to him, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world." Our Lord reaches out to all humanity of all ages as He states, "I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the Truth; and all who are on the side of Truth listen to My voice." We recognise in Our Lord Jesus the ultimate authority over Creation and over humanity, and we find peace in following Him without reservation, knowing that the Truth is found in Him.

WITH THE START OF ADVENT NEXT SUNDAY, I have decided to preach a series of 4 Advent-Sunday homilies on the form of Scripture, taking my lead from a recent Bible-study evening that we hosted here. My idea is to take one part of the Liturgy of the Word each week – namely, the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament and the Gospels – and to explain a little more about how Sacred Scripture fits together. Hopefully this will be an interesting way to open up our hearts to the coming of Christ at Christmas, as He is proclaimed throughout the Holy Bible.

May the Lord excite in our hearts a filial devotion to our Lord Jesus every day! Fr Philip



### Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 56:



Mary, throughout her life at Christ's side and not only on Calvary, made her own *the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist*. In Jerusalem ... she heard the aged Simeon announce that the child would be a "sign of contradiction" and that a sword would also pierce her own heart. The tragedy of her Son's crucifixion was thus foretold, and in some sense Mary's *Stabat Mater* at the foot of the Cross was foreshadowed. In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of "anticipated Eucharist" — one might say a "spiritual communion" — of desire and of oblation, which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion. What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: "This is my body which is given for you"? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb! For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers and reliving what she had experienced at the foot of the Cross.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH**  
Hudson Bridgeman who will be baptised this weekend.

**CARMINE RUGGIERO RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will take place on **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 12 noon** with Don Antonio.

**VINCENZO IMBROGINO RIP** of Stortford Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 10.30am**.

*May they rest in peace.*

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 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.

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

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

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, 26<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2019** with Fr Philip. Price £700- and further info is available with booking forms by the newsletters. The pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of John Paul II and will visit Kraków, Wadowice, Częstochowa and Auschwitz. **Space still available**, so take a booking form and submit it as soon as possible. Please ring Presbytery, also, to let us know that you are booking.

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

## 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/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

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The next three meetings are **4<sup>th</sup> Dec; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 8 in preparation for next time.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Application forms (for practising Catholic children in year 3 or above) **are now available to collect after all Masses this weekend**. Please return completed forms to the presbytery **by 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. The first meeting for parents will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The second part of the course will be held on **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30-9pm** in the church.

## SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding an Open Day for new parents to Nursery 2019/20 on **Wed 12th Dec 10-11am** and **Mon 17th Dec 2-3pm**. To book a place, please contact the school on 463549.

**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 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/serving-as-a-governor](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-as-a-governor). Please contact the School Office or the Chair of Governors, Mr. Tackley

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** has a vacancy for a School Business Manager. If you are interested in applying for this position, further details and an application form are available [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.school-business-manager\\_48137.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.school-business-manager_48137.htm)

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding its Christmas fair on **Friday 30th Nov** from 3.30pm. There will be a BBQ, cake stalls and much more. All welcome!



**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

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

## SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**PARISH MAGAZINE** is still available to buy from the presbytery during the week for £5 or from the back of church.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be making house visits this week on **Monday afternoon** in: Kingsfield, Tregelles Road, Highbury Avenue.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** The total raised was £680.89. Thank you!

**MILLY'S CHARITY FAIR next weekend 1st / 2nd Dec.** If you would like to have a stall, please contact Mary Briggs (534891). If you can donate a raffle prize, please hand it in at the presbytery. A volunteer is needed to run the raffle after the Sat 6.30pm Mass. If you can help, please contact Judy Livingstone on 469172.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be held at Tesco, Brookfield on **Wed 5th and Thurs 6th Dec 10-6pm**. Collectors are urgently wanted.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CAROL SINGING** will be held at Sainsbury's Hoddesdon on **Sat 8th Dec 11-12.30pm** and collectors are needed. Carol singers and instrumentalists (wind and strings) also needed. If you can help with either of these, please contact Ellen on 464677.

**APF RED BOXES** need to be returned with donations by **Sunday 16th Dec** please. 2 boxes have been returned without addresses on. New boxes will be available to collect from the back of church on Sundays 9th and 16th December. Many thanks for all your support. Ellen B.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Michel & Jacky Jordan. 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: 9th & 16th December.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> November ST ANDREW DÛNG-LAC, Priest</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>PAGE 160 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Daniel 7: 13–14 <i>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Psalm 92— <i>The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.</i></b>
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> 9.15am** <i>Mary &amp; Christopher Byrne RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Apocalypse 1: 5–8 <i>Ruler of the kings of the earth ... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12 noon Funeral <i>Carmine Ruggiero RIP</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.</i>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> John 18: 33–37 <i>It is you who say that I am a king.</i>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Christ the King (p. 56) <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 33: 14–16 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 3: 12–4:2 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November ST ANDREW, Apostle</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<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>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i>	<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.
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Giuseppe Imbrogino RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Danny Hurley RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">* 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>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism course, church <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, 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.*