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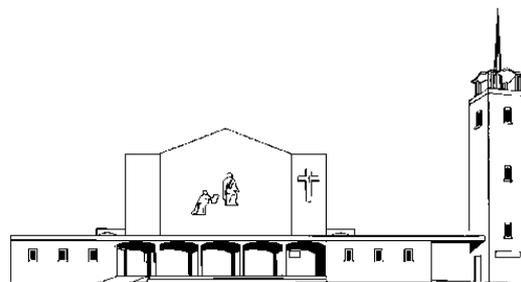
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Year C THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 30th DECEMBER 2018

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL! I pray that your celebration of Christmas Day, both at Holy Mass and in your homes, was a peaceful one, filled with a heartfelt thanksgiving for the love of God made visible in the new-born Jesus Christ.

I am deeply grateful to the many parishioners who assisted in making the beginning of our Christmas season so beautiful: those who erected the Christmas Crib; those who prepared the wonderful flower displays; those who sang and played at the Carol Service; those who contributed to the music of Midnight Mass and Christmas Day; those who assisted in the sacristy, and in the altar serving, and in other practical ways. Together you made it a happy and dignified feast of this most sacred event of the Lord's Nativity.

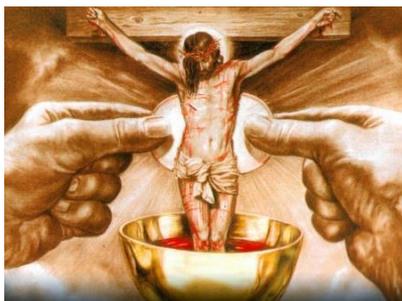
I am touched by having received so many cards and gifts over the past week or so, and am grateful for these expressions of your kindness and affection. I too was able to spend a while with members of my family, as well as attending a young-persons' Catholic Conference in Lancashire these past few days, and I am thankful to Fr Mathew for supplying for me.

MAY THE NEW YEAR 2019 dawn upon you with new hope, lit by the sacred lamp of faith in the Lord Jesus who always lightens our way! May you enter into this year with great trust in Him who is "the same yesterday, today, and for ever"! **A happy New Year to you all!**

May the new-born Jesus fill our hearts with joy as we live our life in His Name! Fr Philip



Celebrating the Eucharistic Congress 2018: John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 62:



Let us take our place ... *at the school of the saints*, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. ... Above all, let us *listen to Mary Most Holy*, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a *mystery of light*. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know *the transforming power present in the Eucharist*. In her we see the world renewed in love. Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, we see opening up before us those "new heavens" and that "new earth" which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge, and in a certain way, their anticipation: "*Veni, Domine Iesu!*"

In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ADELINA CIRAOLO RIP of New River Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Monday 31st December at 11am.**

LIVIO FATTORE RIP of Gladstone Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 1pm.**

May they rest in peace.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS on Tuesday will be at 10am due to the Bank Holiday and then the church will be closed after Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 4th January.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

EPIPHANY PARTY will be held on **Saturday 5th January 2019** after the 6.30pm Mass in the crypt. We will have a shared meal of finger food only, so if you can bring a sweet or savoury dish, please do sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Drinks will be provided by the parish.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at **5.00pm Sunday 6th January.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 18th Jan.** 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 **Sunday 10th February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

HOLY FAMILIES, the diocesan faith-sharing resource is **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.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, 26th May–1st June 2019 with Fr Philip. Price £700-

and further info is available with booking forms. The pilgrimage will follow 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 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 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 **8th & 22nd January & 5th Feb, 7–8.30pm for parents & candidates.** Please do not forget to bring your copy of the St Mark's Gospel to each session, and please read ch. 9 in preparation for next time. The Enrolment Masses will be on the **12th and 13th January** and will involve a statement and promise of commitment to ongoing preparation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: 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. **Course continues Mon 7th January at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be

held on **Tues 15th Jan and Fri 25th Jan**, 7.30–9pm in the presbytery. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.



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

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS: Please note that the deadline to apply to St Augustine's and St Cross schools is the **15th Jan 2019**. Catholic parents will need to submit a paper application form ("supplementary information form") to each school office. The best practice would be to *apply to both schools*: each school has 30 places in Reception year.

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 application received.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be **holding its annual appeal on the 12th / 13th January**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat the latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

CAFOD: Donations made during our Family Fast Days achieve wonderful things. This

year's Lent Appeal raised £4 million – a life-changing amount that will be doubled by the UK Government and fund nutrition projects in Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Zambia. Thank you for all you do throughout the year.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

CRIB APPEAL: at Christmas our Crib Offerings are donated to the *Catholic Children's Society* to support their vital work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental-health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume again on **8th January 2019**.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits after Christmas in the first full week of January.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2019 are now available to buy for £4.50 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

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: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Jan.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 29th December ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Antonio Della Cerra RIP</i>	PAGE 105 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20–22,24–28 <i>Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Dennis Dempsey RIP</i>	Psalm 83— <i>They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.</i>
Sun 30th December THE HOLY FAMILY 9.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i> ‡	2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–2, 21–24 <i>We are called God's children, and that is what we are.</i>
Mon 31st December 7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Anna Tobin RIP</i> 11am Funeral <i>Adelina Ciruolo RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 1st Jan SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10am Mass <i>Teresa & Tom Delaney's intentions and Delaney Family intentions</i> PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER MASS	Gospel: Luke 2: 41–52 <i>Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Nativity II (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no.1 (p. 18)
Wed 2nd January SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1–6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2–3, 5–6 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1–12
Thurs 3rd January HOLY NAME OF JESUS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Sick, lonely & housebound parishioners' ints.</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.
Fri 4th January <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Antonio & Angela Di Chiara 50th Wedding</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Intentions of Catholic Bible-Study Group</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 5th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Marie Scales's intentions</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>Bill Pollard 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.
Sun 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9.15am** <i>Briega Lorgan RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Josefina Bringas Campos RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<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>	
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.*