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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

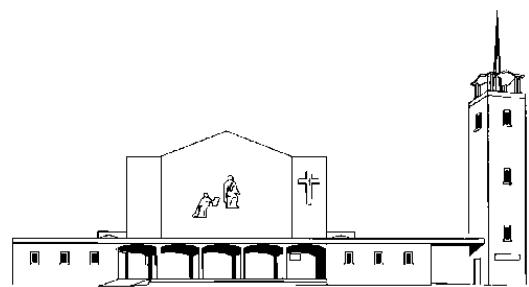
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD brings to a close our Christmas season. We leap ahead those 30 years during which Our Lord graced the Holy Family home in Nazareth, and we arrive at the starting-point of His public ministry. We hear St Luke's account of Jesus's Baptism at the Jordan River, when the Holy Spirit is manifested as descending upon Him, and the Father's voice testifies also to His divinity. It's a day specially to recall our own Baptism into faith in Jesus's Name.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE, the Sunday in Christian-Unity Week (18th-25th Jan) is being hosted by our church this year, so I urge you to come and welcome our fellow Christians from Hoddesdon, Broxbourne & Wormley next Sunday (**20th Jan at 6pm**). I have arranged a speaker for this Service from the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*, which provides funds for, and campaigns in support of, Christians across the world who are suffering for their faith, oppressed and persecuted. Both to hear her, as well as to provide a happy welcome to the Christian congregations from across our local area, I ask you to attend in good numbers, please!

THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER is hosted by us for the 1st of 8 Sunday nights this weekend, so we pray for the smooth running of this occasion, and especially for the homeless guests we will welcome. The patron saint of those who are homeless is St Benedict Joseph Labre, a mendicant pilgrim who lived in the 18th c. in France and Italy. We commend our Night Shelter to his intercession over the coming weeks, for our guests and our volunteers.

May the baptized Jesus extend to us the grace of His Holy Spirit in the Sacraments! Fr Philip



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13th JANUARY 2019



St Augustine teaches: *Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 2:*

Of this, then, you have now received, have meditated, and having meditated have held, that you should say, *I believe in God the Father Almighty*. God is Almighty, and yet, though Almighty, He cannot die, cannot be deceived, cannot lie; and, as the Apostle says, cannot deny Himself. How many things that He cannot do, and yet is Almighty! Yea therefore is Almighty, because He cannot do these things. For if He could die, He were not Almighty; if to lie, if to be deceived, if to do unjustly, were possible for Him, He were not Almighty: because if this were in Him, He should not be worthy to be Almighty. To our Almighty Father, it is quite impossible to sin. He does whatsoever He will: that is Omnipotence. He does whatsoever He rightly will, whatsoever He justly will: but whatsoever is evil to do, He wills not. There is no resisting one who is Almighty, that He should not do what He will. It was He Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, invisible and visible.

PRAYER & LITURGY

ARNANDO MORUZZI RIP of Western Road, Nazeing died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 21st January at 12 noon.**

JEAN WALSH RIP of Ranworth Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 25th January at 12 noon.**

JAMES NEEDHAM RIP of Rosehill Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 28th January at 12 noon.**

May they rest in peace.

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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: **next Sunday, 20th January, at 6pm** we are hosting the Unity Service on behalf of Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne & Wormley. All parishioners are encouraged to attend, so as to welcome other local Christians to our church.

ROTA FOR READER/MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: for the period February - May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by phone 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Tuesday 29th January AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc.

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!

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 **22nd January, 5th & 26th Feb, 7-8.30pm** for candidates only. Please do not forget to bring your copy of the St Mark's Gospel to each session, and please read ch. 10 in preparation for next time. **The Enrolment Masses are this weekend and will involve a statement and promise of commitment to ongoing preparation.**

Thanks to those candidates who have already signed up to assist with Night-Shelter set-up on Sundays at 12.30pm. **We still need more candidates for Sunday 20th Feb, and for the Sundays 10th Feb to 3rd March, please.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The first meeting for children will be on the 20th/21st January.

"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 14th 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.

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 OPEN DAY: Open day for new parents to Nursery Class 2019/20 will be taking place on **Monday 21st January 9-10am**. If you would like to book a place on the tour and presentation led by Mrs Blackwell, EYFS Leader, please contact the school office on 463549 or e-mail admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk with your name and contact details.



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 & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER. has been launched in the past week, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for 8 Sunday nights beginning today. Thank you to all the volunteers who are involved, and let us all pray for the success of this venture by local churches, as we care for the homeless people of the borough.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be **holding its annual appeal this weekend**. 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.

CAFOD: Pope Francis addressed a conference marking 3 years since '*Laudato Si'* was published. He said "There is real danger that we will leave future generations only rubble, deserts and refuse. ... We cannot afford to waste time."

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION: Thank you to everyone who came and brought food to share at the party last Saturday. Thanks especially to Vicky & Tony Forni and Ian & Judy Livingstone for their help. It was a really lovely evening to celebrate the Christmas season!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make his house visits on **Monday afternoon** this week to parish homes in Barnfield Close, Tovey Avenue, Thurgood Road.

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.

200 CLUB WINNER for January is no. 86, Mrs B Williams. Congratulations!

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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: 13th, 20th, 27th Jan.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Catholic Baptism Prayer

Father in Heaven,
When the Spirit came down upon
Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan,
You revealed Him as Your own
Beloved Son.

Keep me, Your child, born of
water and the Spirit, faithful to my calling.
May I, who share in Your Life as Your child
through Baptism, follow in Christ's path of
service to people.

Let me become one in His Sacrifice and hear
His Word with faith. May I live as Your child,
following the example of Jesus. Amen



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 12th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Don Tonino Cocchi RIP	PAGE 118 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1–5, 9–11 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it. Psalm 103— Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are! 2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11–14, 3: 4–7 He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.
Sun 13th January BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Ian & John Laydon RIP ‡	Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia. Gospel: Luke 3: 15–16, 21–22 While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened. PREFACE TODAY: Baptism of the Lord (p. 68) EUCARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)
Mon 14th January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Jim Delaney& family intentions	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1–5 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4–11 Gospel: John 2: 1–11
Tues 15th January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Lena & Thomas Byrne RIP	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSON) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Wed 16th January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Deceased friends of Clayton family — followed by coffee in the crypt	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Thurs 17th January ST ANTHONY, Abbot 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Adelina Ciraolo RIP	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.
Fri 18th January (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Joseph Penheiro RIP	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
Sat 19th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Michele Dichiara RIP	REGULAR EVENTS
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish	Mon 14th 7pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 15th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 15th 7.30pm Baptism course, presbytery
Sun 20th January SECOND SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** Baby William O'Bryan 11.15am Pietro Di Leto RIP 6pm Christian Unity Service ‡	Wed 16th 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 18th 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.