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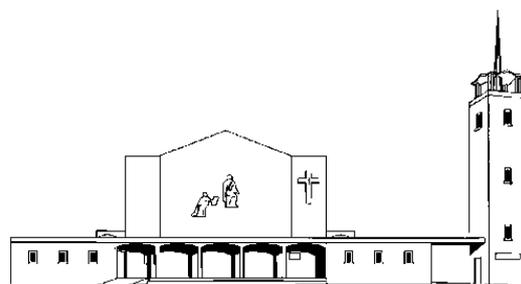
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th JANUARY 2019

GOSPEL: John 2: 1-11

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA is always the Gospel passage for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, marking Our Lord Jesus's first miracle, and – along with the Magi's visit, and His Baptism – forms the third of the 3 great 'epiphanies' of Our Lord. Cana is a small town situated 7 miles from Nazareth in the direction of Lake Galilee. It is Our Lady who is listed as the principal guest,



but by the end of this account, it is Jesus who takes precedence. He is coming into His own, and embarking on the mission that was planned by God from the beginning of time. His wonderful miracle of turning water into wine – and in such abundance! – shows that Our Lord will "make all things new," transforming human life from the mundane into the glorious.

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 **this Sunday (20th Jan at 6pm)**. I have arranged a speaker for this Service from the outstanding 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 – a project of the local 'Churches Together' groups in the Borough of Broxbourne – began smoothly last week across the 7 venues. I thank Martin Coleston and his great group of volunteers here for the Sunday-night hospitality for our homeless guests last weekend, and we commend our remaining 7 Sundays of Night Shelter to the intercession of St Joseph Benedict Labre for our guests and our volunteers.

May the Lord Jesus work His will in our lives, and form us also anew!

Fr Philip

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

It was He Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, invisible and visible. Invisible such as are in heaven, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, archangels, angels: all, if we shall live aright, our fellow citizens. He made in heaven the things visible; the sun, the moon, the stars. With its terrestrial animals He adorned the earth, filled the air with things that fly, the land with them that walk and creep, the sea with them that swim: all He filled with their own proper creatures. He made also man after His own image and likeness, in the mind: for in that is the image of God. This is the reason why the mind cannot be comprehended even by itself, because in it is the image of God.



PRAYER & LITURGY

ARNALDO 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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: this 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that there are currently plenty of spaces to have Masses said on weekdays. Please complete a brown envelope and hand it into the presbytery to request a Mass to be offered for an intention.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 8th Feb.** 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!

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.

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 the Sundays 10th Feb - 3rd March, please.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The first meeting for children will be on **Sun 27th Jan 12.30-2pm or Mon 28th January 6-7.30pm:** meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts. The second meeting for parents will be on **6th February 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 21st January at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Fri 25th Jan**, 7.30–9pm in the church.

SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

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. 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 total collected was £309.90. Thank you! Why you need to hear the pro-life message: every week 4,000 babies are killed by abortion in the UK, the equivalent of 20 passenger jets crashing. Countless women and families have been wounded by abortion. 50 years of legalised abortion has spawned a huge commercial abortion industry which makes money from killing babies.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make his house visits on **Wed afternoon** this week to parish homes in Middlefield Ave, Middlefield Rd.

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.

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

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

ARMCHAIR SINGERS: A new singing group for patients with respiratory conditions e.g. COPD will be held weekly on **Mondays 2–3pm** at the Nigel Copping Community Building, Sanville Gardens, Stanstead Abbots SG12 8GA. Transport can be arranged through the East Herts Community Transport 0300-123-1677. For further info contact Gabby Hanley on 07875-221543.

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: 20th, 27th Jan, 10th & 24th Feb.

PRAYER FOR WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY



God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed that we may be one in Him. Your Son, Jesus, compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of Your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 19th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Michele Diciara RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 127 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1–5 <i>The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.</i></p> <p>Psalm 95— Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4–11 <i>One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 2: 1–11 <i>This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 32) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2–6, 8–10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12–30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1–4, 4: 14–21</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 20th January SECOND SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>Baby William O'Bryan</i> 11.15am <i>Pietro Di Leto RIP</i> 6pm Christian Unity Service †	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 21st January ST AGNES, Virgin & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Deceased family friends of Byrne family</i> 12 noon Funeral Arnaldo Moruzzi RIP	
Tues 22nd January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Kathleen Fitzpatrick</i>	
Wed 23rd January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Eric & Mollie Field RIP anniv. — followed by coffee in the crypt</i>	
Thurs 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jean Walsh RIP</i>	
Fri 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Jean Walsh RIP	
Sat 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, Bishops 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP, Antonino & Giuseppa Canatella RIP & in honour of Santa Lucia</i>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Martin & Bridget Moriarty RIP</i> Sun 27th January THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Giovannina Minichiello RIP anniv.</i> †	
<p>* 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)</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 21st 7pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 22nd 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 22nd 7pm Confirmation, crypt	Wed 23rd 6pm Brownies, crypt Fri 25th 7.30pm Baptism course, church Sun 27th 12.30pm 1st HC meeting

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.*