

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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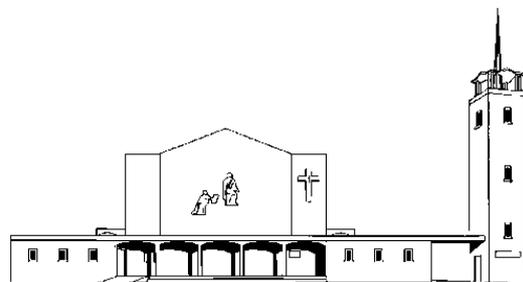
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th JANUARY 2019

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12

*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

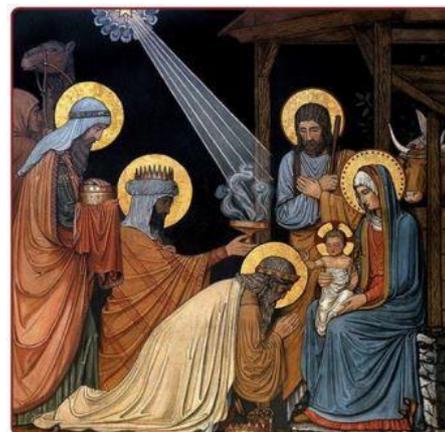
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY CONTINUES OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON of celebrations, and is the commemoration of the news of Christ's saving birth being made known to the wider world. The Magi, exotic stargazers from the East – perhaps Zoroastrians from Persia – come to pay homage to Christ, as they see in Him the new-born King. In the Magi we see the whole Gentile world outside the Jewish faith coming to see in the Jewish Messiah the

Saviour of the world. Therefore it is for us a great part of the celebration of Christ's Nativity: that He comes to be known by all peoples. 'Epiphany' means 'manifestation,' and it's the first of several key revelations of who Jesus truly is. I look forward to our **Epiphany Party this Saturday evening**, as a way of celebrating together the 'Twelfth Night' of the Christmas season.

THE FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME begins this week, with the **opening Parents' meeting on Friday at 8pm**. Please: one or other parent of *all* the 2019 First Communicants needs to be at this meeting, so that the programme information can be disseminated effectively.

WITH THE WINTER HERE, AND THE NIGHT TEMPERATURES VERY CHILLY it is appropriate that the local Winter Night Shelter is now getting going. Thank you to our parish volunteers who will be involved as of next weekend on our 8 Sunday nights; and thanks too to all those who have provided bedding etc. for the venture. We pray that the whole 8-week Shelter across churches of the Borough is a much-needed success for those suffering homelessness at this time.

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



### St Augustine teaches: *Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 1:*

Receive, my children, the Rule of Faith, which is called the Symbol (or Creed). And when you have received it, write it in your heart, and be daily saying it to yourselves; before you sleep, before you go forth, arm yourself with your Creed. The Creed no man writes so as it may be able to be read: but for rehearsal of it, lest haply forgetfulness obliterate what care has delivered, let your memory be your record-roll: what you are about to hear, that are you to believe; and what you shall have believed, that are about to give back with your tongue. For the Apostle says, "With the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." For this is the Creed which you are to rehearse and to repeat in answer. These words which you have heard are in the Divine Scriptures scattered up and down: but thence gathered and reduced into one, that the memory of slow persons might not be distressed; that every person may be able to say, able to hold, what he believes. For have you now merely heard that God is Almighty? But you begin to have Him for your father, when you have been born by the Church as your Mother.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MASS ON WEDNESDAY** will be a joint School Mass in church at 9.30am. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.

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

**JEAN WALSH RIP** of Ranworth Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon.**

**ARNANDO MORUZZI RIP** of Western Road, Nazeing died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**EPIPHANY PARTY** will be held this **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 bring some with you. Drinks will be provided by the parish.

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

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

**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, 26<sup>th</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> 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 **8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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. **Course continues Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be

held on **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS:** Please note that the deadline to apply to St Augustine's and St Cross schools is the **15<sup>th</sup> 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

**BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER.** This is being launched this week, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for 8 Sunday nights beginning next Sunday. 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 on the 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help us tackling poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on our behalf in parishes and/or schools in the Westminster Diocese about our work in the developing world. To find out more details, or book a place on our next Volunteer information day in London on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019** call CAFOD on 020-8449-6970 or e-mail [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

### 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.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his visits on Wednesday afternoon to parish homes in Rodney Crescent & Dorchester Avenue.

**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:** Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Sue Alvey and Pat Kavanagh. 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: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy												
<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Marie Scales's intentions</i>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 114/5 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 60: 1–6  <i>Above you the glory of the Lord appears.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 71—</b> <i>All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 3: 2–3, 5–6  <i>It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 2: 1–12  <i>We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Epiphany (p. 67)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no.1 (p. 18)</p> <p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 40: 1–5, 9–11  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Titus 2: 11–14, 3: 4–7  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 3: 15–16, 21–22</p>												
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> <b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> January EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 9.15am** <i>Briega Largan RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Josefina Bringas Campos RIP</i> 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b></p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> <p>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 align="center"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>												
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<p align="center">* 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>													