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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th FEBRUARY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, and in the Church is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. I invite you to join me at the end of Masses this weekend in a special prayer for the sick people of our parish and of our acquaintance. May Our Blessed Lady who appeared at Lourdes where such numbers of the sick and afflicted go in pilgrimage every year, intercede powerfully for our loved ones who are suffering from illnesses at this time.

WEEKDAY MASS IS THE MOST BLESSED WAY to spend a half hr each day in the company of Our Blessed Lord in His holy Sacrament. I do encourage those of you who do not work

'regular office hours' to think of giving the Lord that bit of time on some weekdays: **9.15 Mon-Thurs, 12noon Fri, 10am Sat.** As Catholics, of course, we are obliged to attend the Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, but it is a precious gift from our hearts to the Lord to offer Him the daily Mass as well, at least when we are able. It will make all the difference!

WE CONTINUE TO HOST THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER on Sunday nights through to March 3rd. It shows a real exercise of our Christian charity that we are helping the homeless of our Borough in this way, and we ask the prayers of the patron saint of homeless people, St Joseph Benedict Labre, under whose patronage we are offering this work. Thank you to all involved!

May the Lord Jesus – the Light of the World – bring light to our daily lives!

Fr Philip



St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 4:

Still, if you do not yet understand, believe: One God the Father, God Christ the Son of God. Both are what? One God. And how are both said to be One God? How? Do you marvel? In the Acts of the Apostles, "There was," it says, "in the believers, one soul and one heart." There were many souls, faith had made them one. So many thousands of souls were there; they loved each other, and many are one: they loved God in the fire of charity, and from being many they have come to the oneness of beauty. If all those many souls the dearness of love made one soul, what must be the dearness of love in God, where is no diversity, but entire equality! If on earth and among men there could be so great charity as of so many souls to make one soul, where Father from Son, Son from Father, has been ever inseparable, could They both be other than One God? Only, those souls might be called both many souls and one soul; but God, in Whom is

ineffable and highest conjunction, may be called One God, not two Gods.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Jason Norton and Graziella Castronovo married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH John & Lukey Collins, Harry Collins and Bonnie Reddington who will be baptised this weekend.

CATERINA RE RIP of Lord Street, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Wednesday 20th February at 11am with Don Antonio.** *May she rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place **this Sunday 10th February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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 15th March.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 16th May.** More details will follow in due course. Please put the date in your diary.

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.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS: The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018 to Mass on **Sat 8th June at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please communicate to the presbytery these details: husband and wife's

names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number by **18th March.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: In readiness for the World Day of Prayer service, you are invited to join in and help make carnations, sing hymns, pray and enjoy a cuppa at 18 Roslyn Close, Broxbourne 1.30pm on the 15th February. All are welcome. The World Day of Prayer service will be held in our church at **1.30pm on 1st March.** Lunch will be served at 12.30pm in the crypt.

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/bishopstortford>

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 meeting is **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. 11 in preparation for next time.

CONFIRMATION MASS is on the **28th April** and at the moment there are 24 candidates for the 1.15pm Mass and 16 for the 3.45pm Mass. To even out the numbers, it would be very helpful if some candidates could please swap to the 3.45pm Mass. Please contact the presbytery to arrange the swap.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for children will be on **Sun 10th Feb 12.30–2pm or Mon 11th Feb 6–7.30pm:**

meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts. The third meeting for parents will be on **20th March 8pm** in the crypt. **Could parents please return their slips requesting their preferred date for the 1st HC as soon as possible to the presbytery please.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for all the children on the First Holy Communion programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the blue list at the back of the church. **Could parents please ensure that the children do not sign the blue prayer partner list instead of the register.**

"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 11th February at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesdays 12th March and 26th March** from 7.30-9pm. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for an enthusiastic, kind and caring person as a Midday Supervisor. Hours are 12.15- 1.15pm. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school on 467309.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding a quiz night on **Friday 15th March** 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 per person and maximum of 8 per team. To book please contact Sam on 07944-607590 or sldesilva@yahoo.co.uk

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER has been running now for 5 weeks, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for a further 4 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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

GIFT AID: *why not help the parish by gift-aiding your weekly offertory donation?* Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they make through envelopes or standing orders. There is no further cost to the donor, but the parish is able to claim another £1 for every £4 donated under Gift Aid. During 2017/2018 we were able to claim over £11,800, and then received a further £2,000 through the 'gift aid small donation scheme.' **If you are able to sign a Gift-Aid form, there are some on the notice board at the back of church, or you can contact the presbytery.** You do need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a form.

CAKE SALE will take place **next weekend** after all Masses. All proceeds raised are to help a young parishioner get to Tanzania next summer. Whilst there, she will be working to secure fresh, clean water and shelter for those most in need.

200 CLUB WINNER for February is Mrs Teresa Reynolds no 176. Congratulations!

200 CLUB RENEWALS will take place on the 2nd / 3rd & 9th / 10th March after all Masses.

ADMINISTRATOR required by Safeguarding department at the Diocese for 35 hrs/week. Closing date 15th Feb. Please see notice board for further details or follow link below.

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

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161-941-3498.

LOST PROPERTY from the church is taken into the presbytery and kept for a month. If it has not been claimed, it will be donated to charity. Please claim missed items now!

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: 24th Feb.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 9th February 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Don Tonino Cocchi RIP	PAGE 135 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1–8 <i>Here I am, send me.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish	Psalm 137 — Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.
Sun 10th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** Irene Willmer RIP anniv. 11.15am Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP anniv. 5pm Holy Hour ‡	2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1–11 <i>I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.</i>
Mon 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Thomas Lang RIP	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from y Father. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 12th February 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Bernard Connell RIP	Gospel: Luke 5: 1–11 <i>They left everything and followed him.</i>
Wed 13th February 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Maria Teresa Distefano RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 69) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)
Thurs 14th Feb SS CYRIL, Monk & METHODIUS, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Justina Ogbodu RIP	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5–8 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16–20 Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20–26
Fri 15th February <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Patricia Murphy RIP	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.
Sat 16th February 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Antonio Sidoli RIP	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Pasquale Ricotta 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.
Sun 17th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Mett Curtis 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.
<p style="text-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>	
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR EVENTS</p>	
Sun 10th 12.30pm 1st HC, Under 5's Mon 11th 6pm 1st HC, crypt Mon 11th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 12th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 13th 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.*