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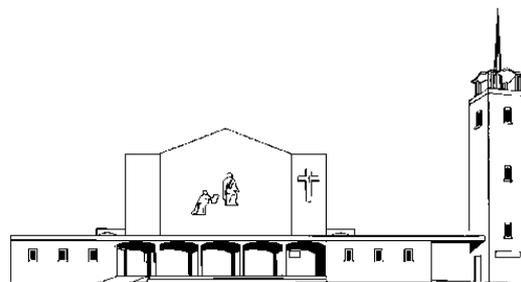
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

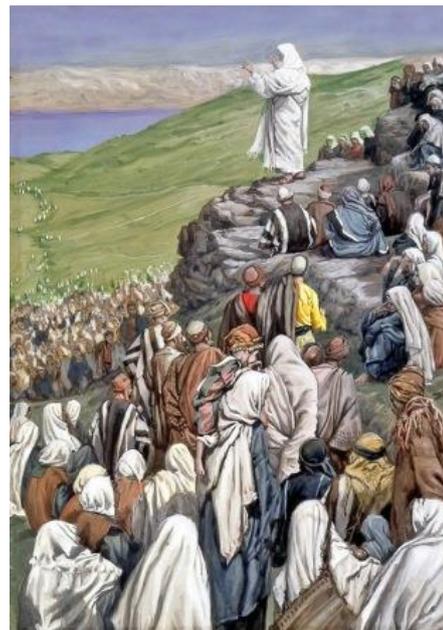
17th FEBRUARY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE VERSION OF THE BEATITUDES IN ST LUKE'S GOSPEL is somewhat different to the more famous version in St Matthew's. Our Lord includes not only the "Blessed are you who ..." sayings, but adds a number of opposites: "Woe to you who ..." It is a stark reminder that following Jesus's way is the true path to holiness and therefore happiness; only sadness can come through neglecting Jesus, refusing to walk His path, and spurning His teaching. We need to have that absolute trust that – as the Son of God – Jesus can and will guide us into what is perfect for human flourishing. We must truly want with all our hearts to live lives that are "blessed" in God's sight, and not "full of woe."



WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER across the 7 venues of the Borough of Broxbourne, and for the 300 volunteers who are assisting from the various churches to make it happen. May the prayers of the patron saint of homeless people, St Joseph Benedict Labre, under whose patronage we work, assist our homeless guests, and all those involved!

I SHALL BE ON RETREAT THIS WEEKEND AND IN THE WEEK AHEAD. Please welcome the priests who will supply for the Masses over the coming days: Don Antonio Serra, Canon Stuart Wilson & Fr Michael Stewart. I shall keep the parish in my prayers whilst away at the monastery.

May the Lord Jesus – who brings us all joy and beatitude – bless us this week! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 5:

The Father does what He will, and what He will does the Son. Do not imagine an Almighty Father and a not Almighty Son: it is error, blot it out within you, let it not cleave in your memory, let it not be drunk into your faith, and if haply any of you shall have drunk it in, let him vomit it up. Almighty is the Father, Almighty the Son. If Almighty begot not Almighty, He begot not very Son. For what say we, brethren, if the Father being greater begot a Son less than He? What said I, begot? Man engenders, being greater, a son being less: it is true: but that is because the one grows old, the other grows up, and by very growing attains to the form of his father. The Son of God, if He grows not because neither can God wax old, was begotten perfect. And being begotten perfect, if He grows not, and remained not less, He is equal. For that you may know Almighty begotten of Almighty, hear Him Who is Truth. That which of Itself Truth says, is true.

What says Truth? What says the Son, Who is Truth? "Whatsoever things the Father does, these also the Son likewise does."



PRAYER & LITURGY

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place next week whilst Fr Philip is away on retreat.

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 **Sunday 17th March 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 service will be held in our church at **1.30pm on 1st March.** Lunch will be served at 12.30pm in the crypt.

There will also be an evening service at 7.15 for 7.30pm followed by supper at St Laurence Church, Church Lane, Wormley. The service is prepared by the women of Slovenia.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **6th March** and Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the lists at the back of the church. **Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (for those aged 16–60) and abstinence (for those aged 14+).** This means that we consciously choose to eat less – one main meal only – and that (as on all Fridays) we eat no meat whatsoever.

'**LENT EXTRA**' booklets with daily Lent meditations are now available to buy for £2.25 Please place your money in the newspaper box.

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 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. 12 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 third meeting for children will be on **Sun 24th Feb 12.30-2pm or Mon 25th 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 25th 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/INDER 5'S

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.

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.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for an enthusiastic, kind and caring person as a Midday Supervisor. Hours are 12.15- 1.15pm. To find out more about the role, please contact

the school on 467309 (after half term).

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are holding a fundraising evening with David Sorrentino at Saffron restaurant on **Thursday 28th Feb at 7pm**. Tickets are £30 and include a 3 course meal - now only 2 tickets left! Please contact Theresa Casbard on 301551.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER has been running now for 6 weeks, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for a further 3 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.

CAFOD: You are invited to attend a volunteering meeting on **Saturday 23rd February 12-4pm** at Holy Family, 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 7RQ. Please bring packed lunch. For further details contact Ann Milner ann.milner@cafod.org.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits after half term.

CAKE SALE will take place **this 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 RENEWALS will take place on the **2nd / 3rd & 9th / 10th March** after all Masses.

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

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: 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: 24th Feb, 17th & 24th March.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 16th February 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Antonio Sidoli RIP	<p align="center">PAGE 139 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5–8 <i>A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.</i></p> <p>Psalm 1 — Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16–20 <i>If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20–26 <i>How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45–49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27–38</p>
Sun 17th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am For the Parish 11.15am Mett Curtis RIP ‡	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p 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 align="center">ROSARY</p> <p align="center">The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p 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 align="center">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p 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 align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 18th February 9.15 Mass Private intention Tues 19th February 9.15 Mass Terry McIntyre RIP anniv. Wed 20th February 9.15am Mass Carmela De Luca RIP anniv. — followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Funeral Caterina Re RIP Thurs 21st Feb NO Mass Fri 22nd Feb THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Private intention Sat 23rd February ST POLYCARP, Bishop & Martyr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Giuseppina Gibilaro RIP 1st anniv.	<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>
Sun 24th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Giovanni Cicchirillo RIP ‡	<p align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Tues 19th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</p>

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.*