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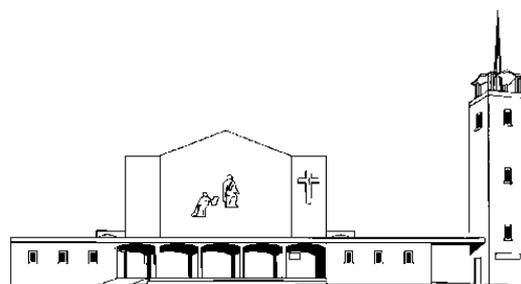
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

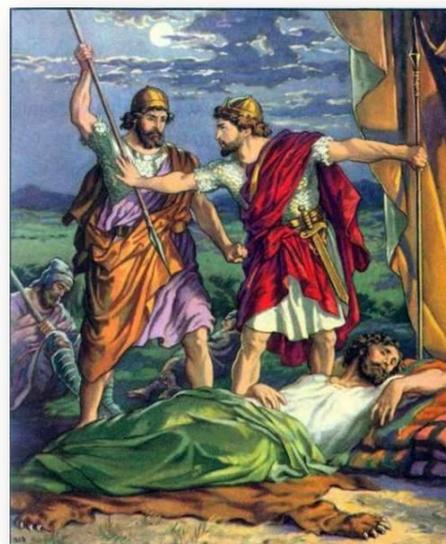
24th FEBRUARY 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 27-38

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FORGIVENESS AND LACK OF REVENGE SHOWN IN TODAY'S FIRST READING, when David refuses to take advantage of King Saul's vulnerability and kill him while he sleeps, connects powerfully with Our Lord's own teaching on forgiveness: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." I don't think we can ever say that forgiving those who hurt us is easy – Jesus doesn't say that it is easy, but He still asks it of us. It forms the opening teaching of the Gospel passage today, full of Jesus's wisdom in how to lead others to a better state of life. Let's reflect on those whom we still need to forgive and be reconciled with; some of which may be hurts that go back a long way. The power of Jesus's Spirit within us is the grace we need to exercise that forgiveness fully.



AS WE ENTER THE LAST WEEK OF THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER we pray for its ongoing work, and for those we have been assisting and caring for. 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 in the rehabilitation of those currently without homes.

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK AFTER MY WEEK ON RETREAT. Thanks to all those parishioners who have to cover in extra ways whilst I am away – as well as to the priests who came to supply here at St Augustine's this past week. As school term resumes, we also look forward to the season of Lent leading to the great celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

May the Lord Jesus – the world's divine Teacher – teach us truly to forgive!

Fr Philip

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

The Son is Almighty, in doing all things that He wills to do. For if the Father does some things which the Son does not, the Son said falsely, "Whatsoever things the Father does, these also the Son does likewise." But because the Son spoke truly, believe it: "Whatsoever things the Father does, these also the Son does likewise," and you have believed in the Son that He is Almighty. Which word although ye said not in the Creed, yet this is it that you expressed when you believed in the Only Son, Himself God. Has the Father anything that the Son has not? This Arian heretic blasphemers say, not I. But what say I? If the Father has anything that the Son has not, the Son lies in saying, "All things that the Father has, are Mine." Many and innumerable are the testimonies by which it is proved that the Son is Very Son of God the Father, and the Father God has His Very-begotten Son God, and Father and Son is One God.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ace Nwabunike, Gina Ricotta and Aaron Lawrence who will be baptised this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at 7.30pm on **Friday 1st March**. This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 3rd March**.

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place on **Sunday 17th March at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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.

'**REJOICE & BE GLAD**' is the diocesan booklet for Lent and invites those who share in it to discover what it means to be a joyful missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. The booklet is available from the back of church for £3 (please place money in newspaper box.) **Group based on this booklet – Wednesdays 10.15am (after coffee) beginning 13th March**.

'**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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S is 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 7 weeks, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for a final 2 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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is **25th Feb - 11th March**. Less than 75p a day is what most cocoa farmers in Cote d'Ivoire earn. Fairtrade can be a lifeline with the Fairtrade Premium helping to educate their children and build for the future. Celebrate the end of **Fairtrade Fortnight** with a Fairtrade Breakfast on **Sat 9th March, 8:30 - 11am**, Parish Centre, St Augustine's Church, Churchfields, Broxbourne. All welcome.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits this week, **Wednesday** afternoon, in: West Hill Road and Roselands Avenue.

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/dioocese/jobs>

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah & Tony & Linda Barrell. 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 23rd February ST POLYCARP, Bishop & Martyr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppina Gibilaro RIP 1st anniv.</i>	PAGE 141 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23 <i>The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i>	Psalm 102 — <i>The Lord is compassion and love.</i>
Sun 24th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Giovanni Cicchirillo RIP</i> ‡	2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 <i>We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.</i>
Mon 25th February 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Josephine Murphy RIP</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.</i>
Tues 26th February 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Private intention</i>	Gospel: Luke 6: 27–38 <i>Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.</i>
Wed 27th February 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Thurs 28th Feb 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Carmelo Ventura RIP</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4–7 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45
Fri 1st March ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Deceased members of Garry & Fry Families</i> 1.30pm World Day of Prayer Service 7.30pm Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i> 8.00pm Holy Hour	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 2nd March 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Livio & Iolanda Fattore RIP</i> Sun 3rd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** <i>Joan Duncan RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Mett Curtis RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	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.
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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)	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
REGULAR EVENTS	
Sun 24th 12.30pm 1st HC, Under 5's Mon 25th 6pm 1st HC, crypt Mon 25th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Tues 26th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 26th 7pm Confirmation, crypt Wed 27th 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.*