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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

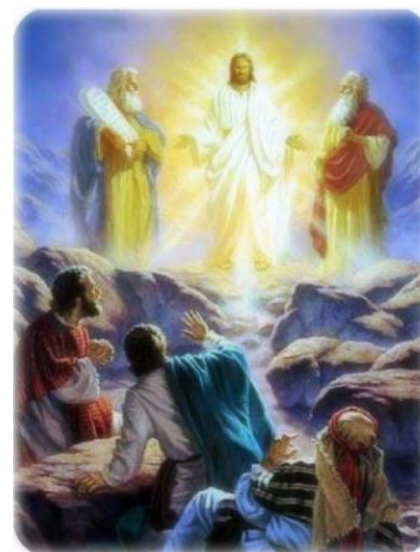
17th MARCH 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face changed.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT we hear of the event of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, a truly remarkable occasion on which Our Lord let His divinity be glimpsed by the three closest apostles. In the context of our Lenten journey, it provides us with a reminder of the glory of Jesus as the Son of God, a glory that will be seen definitively at the end of Lent when we celebrate His Rising from the dead. For the apostles who were present, it was a light by which they could navigate the horrors of Jesus's forthcoming Passion; for us it's a light to guide us through Lent, towards the radiant light of Jesus's Easter glory.



LAST WEEK'S INSERTED SHEET, 'IDEAS FOR LENT 2019' lists some suggestions for participating in Lent by way of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, along with the Sacrament of Confession. If you didn't get this purple sheet last weekend, please make sure that you pick one up today.

THE NEW TAX YEAR, APPROACHING, means that it's time for you to collect your set of Offertory envelopes from the table with the envelopes is in the church porch. The parish Finances for 2018 (on the blue board) showed that we did some important work last year, but which was expensive, so I do urge you to be generous in the coming year with your Offertory giving. If you would like to start using Offertory envelopes – or, ideally, if you would like to take out a Standing Order to the parish, and if you can sign a gift-aid declaration (so we can claim back 25% extra on your giving, from the Inland Revenue) – then please speak to a Finance-Committee member available for you in the church porch alongside the table of envelopes.

May the Lord Jesus – showing us His divinity – guide us by His light this Lent! Fr Philip



St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 8:

[The Son of God] was begotten before all times, before all worlds. "Begotten before." Before what, He in Whom is no before? Do not in the least imagine any time before that Nativity of Christ whereby He was begotten of the Father; of that Nativity I am speaking by which He is Son of God Almighty, His Only Son our Lord; of that am I first speaking. Do not imagine in this Nativity a beginning of time; do not imagine any space of eternity in which the Father was and the Son was not. Since when the Father was, since then the Son. And what is that "since," where is no beginning? Therefore ever Father without beginning, ever Son without beginning. And how, you will say, was He begotten, if He have no beginning? Of eternal, coeternal. At no time was the Father, and the Son not, and yet Son of Father was begotten.

PRAYER & LITURGY

MARY PERROTTA RIP of High Road, Wormley died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Wed 20th March at 11am with Don Antonio.**

SALVATRICE CASTRONOVO RIP of Ware Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 29th March at 12 noon.**

May they rest in peace.

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

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 12th April.** 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.

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 2019 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.**

LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: the "Way of the Cross" prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm, after Mass), & Saturday (9.30am, before Mass.) And in Italian at 4.30pm each Friday.

PARISH "PENANCE" FOR LENT: In Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

'**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.

LENTEN ALMS are collected each year in support of charitable causes: this year we'll be supporting the **Cardinal Hume Centre** which works with homeless young people, badly housed families and others in need. It enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and homelessness. They. You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT: Fr Philip will be available to hear confessions on **Wed 20th March 6-7pm, Tuesday 9th April 7-8pm and Friday 12th April 6-7pm.**

CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY (Fri 15th March): The envelopes are attached to the newsletter, to be collected **after Mass this weekend.** Through CAFOD's global Church network, your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

HALF DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be held on **Sat 6th April** starting with Mass at 10am and ending at 2pm in the crypt. All welcome.

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

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Tuesdays 26th March** from 7.30-9pm in church.

"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 18th March at 7pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2019: The next meeting is **19th March 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. 14 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 fifth meeting for children will be on **Sun 24th March 12.30-2pm or Mon 25th March 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.

SCHOOLS/INDER 5'S

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.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits this week, **Wednesday** afternoon, in: Ware Road (odd nos.) cont'd.

PARISH ACCOUNTS: The income and expenditure for 2018 is now available to view on the noticeboard at the back of church.

PLANNED GIVING: Thank you to all

parishioners who make regular donations with the weekly envelopes or through standing orders. **Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year will be available from the back of the church from this weekend.** If you would like to start donating through the envelopes/standing orders, forms will be available at the back of the church, and members of the Finance Committee will be available to help. **GIFT AID:** Please note that Gift-Aid forms will also be available. Many parishioners have already signed Gift-Aid forms, which enables the parish to collect the tax on the donations they have made 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. You will need to be a UK taxpayer to sign a Gift-Aid form. **If your circumstances have changed and you pay less or no tax, simply inform a.s.a.p. the Presbytery, and your Gift-Aid declaration will be cancelled.**

APF: All members are included in the "Novena to St Joseph" (10th - 18th March) at Maidenhead. Mass will be said here **Fri 12th April at 12 noon** for all parish members, past and present. Please pray for the 35 priests, one seminarian and 4 lay people who died, violently as shown in pp 17-20 of Spring 2019 *Mission Today*. Ellen Bartlett.

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

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: 7th & 14th April.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy								
Sat 16th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Gaetano Martorana	<p align="center">PAGE 156 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 15: 5–12, 17–18 <i>God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.</i></p> <p>Psalm 26 — The Lord is my light and my help.</p> <p>2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 17–4:1 <i>Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Luke 9: 28–36 <i>As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Transfiguration (p. 72) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1–8, 13–15 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1–6, 10–12 Gospel: Luke 13: 1–9</p>								
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Deceased members of Meaney & O'Hehir families Sun 17th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Dec'd members of Lee-Lozone family 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡	<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>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>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>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>								
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<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: <i>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.</i></p>									