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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd MARCH 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 39-45

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My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME began in January, and now the families have their opportunity to be formally enrolled and make their commitment to the preparation for the great Sacraments of Reconciliation (April) and Holy Communion (June). So, after the homily this weekend, we'll have a chance to pray for and acknowledge these families' special year. May the Lord guide and strengthen these children as they prepare to enter more fully into their spiritual lives as Catholic Christians. May God bless their preparations!

AS THE BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER offered in local churches draws to its close for this year, I want to thank Martin Coleston, and all those who have supported him, particularly those who have volunteered every single Sunday! Thank you to all who have helped in the various roles of welcome, cooking, night-cover, setting and clearing, and laundry.

LENT IS LATE-STARTING, THIS YEAR, BUT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY:



***** Masses for Ash Wednesday (with ashes):**

9.30am (with Primary Schools); 12noon; 8pm ***

The season of Lent is an important period of the Church's year for us, as we make special efforts in our Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. I ask you to make every effort – whether here at St Augustine's, or at another church, e.g. up in London at lunchtime

if you regularly commute to work – to begin Lent in the best possible way with Mass and the receiving of blessed ashes, the solemn sign of our repentance.

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, 6:*

But this Only Son of God the Father Almighty, let us see what He did for us, what He suffered for us. "Born of the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary." He, so great God, equal with the Father, born of the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, born lowly, that thereby He might heal the proud. Man exalted himself and fell; God humbled Himself and raised him up. Christ's lowliness, what is it? God has stretched out a hand to man laid low. We fell, He descended: we lay low, He stooped. Let us lay hold and rise, that we fall not into punishment. So then His stooping to us is this, "Born of the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary." His very Nativity too as man, it is lowly, and it is lofty. Whence lowly? That as man He was born of men. Whence lofty? That He was born of a virgin. A virgin conceived, a virgin bore, and after the birth was a virgin still.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Massimo Sigona, Amilee Bronson, William Field and Sasha Jordan who will be baptised this weekend.

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!

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.**

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.

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 making a decision as to the cause we support. Watch this space! You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.

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 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.

"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 4th March at 7pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2019: The retreat day will be held on **Saturday 9th March from 11-4pm** in the crypt. **Please don't forget to bring your packed lunch.** 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. 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 fourth meeting for children will be on **Sun 10th March 12.30-2pm** or **Mon 11th 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. **MASS OF ENROLMENT will take place at all Masses this weekend.** We will formally welcome onto the programme those children preparing for their First Holy Communion. We will pray for them and hear these families commit themselves to their course.

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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH WINTER NIGHT SHELTER has been running now for 8 weeks, and we host the Night Shelter here at St Augustine's for its final night this Sunday. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been involved, in all capacities, and especially to Martin Coleston who has co-ordinated this important venture.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is **25th Feb - 11th March.** In a recent survey more than 75% of the UK public said it's unacceptable that cocoa farmers don't earn enough for a decent standard of living. On average each of us eats 3 bars of chocolate every week, but right now, too many people don't realise that by buying Fairtrade, they can help.

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 continue his house visits this week, **Wednesday** afternoon, in: High Wood Road, Howfield Green, and neighbouring roads.

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>

CHURCH CLEANING: Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh & Sue Alvey. 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 2nd March 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Ken Parker RIP	PAGE 144 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4–7 <i>Do not praise a man before he has spoken.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Livio & Iolanda Fattore RIP	Psalm 91 — <i>It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.</i>
Sun 3rd March EIGHTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am** Joan Duncan RIP 11.15am Mett Curtis RIP 5pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡	2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54–58 <i>He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.
Mon 4th March 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Lara Murphy RIP 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: Luke 6: 39–45 <i>A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.</i>
Tues 5th March 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Apolonio Deduya RIP 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 8 (p. 70) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)
Wed 6th March ASH WEDNESDAY (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+; fasting for those aged 16–60) 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass Mark Campany RIP 12 noon Mass Giovanna Leccacorvi RIP 8pm Mass Giorgio Schia RIP anniv.	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4–10 2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8–13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1–13
Thurs 7th March 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass Moyra O'Neill RIP anniv. 9am Morning Prayer	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.
Fri 8th March <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Private intention 12.30pm Stations of the Cross	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 9th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass Jackie Whelehan 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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Eddie O'Hehir 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.
Sun 10th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** Ted Leatherbarrow RIP 11.15am For the Parish ‡	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<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>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 5th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 6th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Sun 10th 12.30pm 1st HC, under 5's

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.*