

# The Announcer

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**CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI**

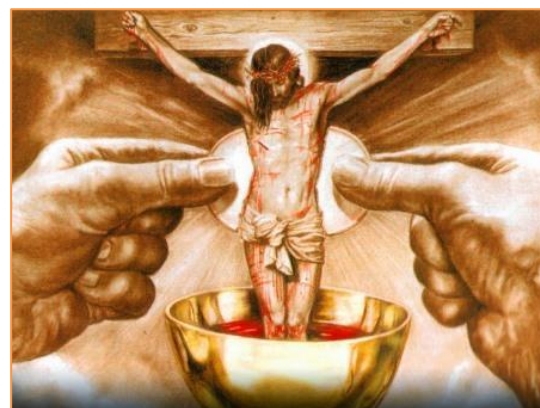
**23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2019**

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 11-17

*They all ate as much as they wanted.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

**THIS BEAUTIFUL FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST** allows us to adore Jesus who has made Himself available to us – His divine self – through the adorable Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The very heart of our faith is coming to Mass, worshipping Jesus who offers the saving sacrifice, and – when we are able to – receiving Him in Holy Communion. It is why we come, each and every Sunday and holyday, to the celebration of Holy Mass, since Jesus is truly present, our Divine Lord. We cannot in any other possible way on earth be this close to God as when we are here at Mass, and Our Lord Jesus is made present on the altar of His sacrifice. As Catholics we rejoice with all our hearts that we can make sense of life, and gain the most abundant blessings and graces by being prayerfully at Mass, with Our Lord. It is the heart of our week, and the centre of lives.



**IT'S A MOST FITTING FEAST** on which to celebrate the first of our First-Holy-Communion weekends. Today, 28 of our parish children will be celebrating their first receiving the Blessed Sacrament; may they and their families be blessed at this sacred time.

**THE PROLONGED ADORATION OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is a bountiful source of grace for us, and so we have our annual '**40 Hours' Adoration** coming up in two weekends' time. Please find time in your diaries to attend the church during some period(s) on the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July – the detailed timetable is inside the Newsletter. Every parishioner should be thinking to come at some point over the 3 days – PLEASE sign up on the time-sheet for this special prayer-time that you are going to be offering to Jesus our loving Lord.

**May God's love, in the sacrifice of the Mass, bring us much grace this week!**

**Fr Philip**

### **St Augustine teaches: *On Patience, 6***

But yet, seeing that for lusts' sake, or even wickednesses, seeing, in a word, that for this temporal life and good men do wonderfully bear the brunt of many horrible sufferings, they much admonish us how great things ought to be borne for the sake of a good life, that it may also hereafter be eternal life, and without any bound of time, without waste or loss of any advantage, in true felicity secure. The Lord says, "In your patience you shall possess your souls": He says not, your farms, your praises, your luxuries; but, "your souls." If then the soul endures so great sufferings that it may possess that whereby it may be lost, how great ought it to bear that it may not be lost?



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Hayden Amadi, Maya Barone, Eva Bartlett, Olivia Burke, Sienna Canalella, Poppy Chappell, Marco Ciccarelli, Angela Contato, Alexis David, Paola Di Maria, Chikara Ezinwa, Ciaran Fitch, Daisy Hallissey, K'antu Iparraguirre, Jazmyne Joseph, Isabel Lercara, Connor Mardling, Evie Mitchell, Jack Nicastro, Anayah Nwadike, Cara O'Grady, Leila Pucino, Louie Ricotta, Isabella Rodia, Luisa Tagliarini, Rico Teoli, Lila Travis and Gian-Luca Vitorino.

**GWEN PHELAN RIP** formerly of this parish died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will take place on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 12 noon.**

**LUIGI BONDI RIP** of Barnfield Close, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon.**

*May they rest in peace.*

**FRIDAY MASS THIS WEEK** will be held at 9.15am instead of 12 noon because of a national Mass for priests at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of the Sacred Heart.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July**, 7/8am-9pm. PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

**FRIDAY:** 7am Adoration begins  
12 noon Mass  
1pm Adoration resumes  
7.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes  
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

**SATURDAY:** 8am Adoration begins  
10am Mass; Adoration resumes  
4.00pm Italian Mass  
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes  
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

**SUNDAY:** 8am Adoration begins  
9.15am & 11.15am Masses  
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession  
1.30pm Adoration resumes  
5.00pm Latin Mass  
8.45pm Night Pr. & Benediction

**MASS INTENTIONS:** there are currently plenty of spare *weekday* dates for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. An intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** as well as the wonderful Yr-6 and Secondary-school-age servers, who do such a good job each and every week serving the Holy Mass, **we also need some Yr-4 or Yr-5 children** to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming years. Please contact the Presbytery soon to arrange training with Fr Philip.

**FR PHILIP'S MONTHLY TALKS** on the theme of Mary, drawing from the book, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary," will be held at 8pm on Tuesdays. Remaining 1 date: **16<sup>th</sup> July.** All are welcome in church. See flyers in porch. Copies of handout from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> talks available from the Presbytery.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.** 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 take place **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** as we prepare for the rededication of England to Our Lady as her dowry (March 2020), we have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and Catholics from across the diocese this September. The Deanery coach will pick up at Hoddesdon at 7.15am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. To book a place on the coach, fill in the slip (opposite) and give it in with the £25 (£20 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery.

**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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The practice will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am** for the First Holy Communion Mass on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers are needed for the 1<sup>st</sup>-Holy-Communion Mass on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. If you can assist, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of church. The Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11.15am** when all the First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for Mass.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** next course will be held on **Mondays 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.30-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** an initial meeting date for the coming year's programme will soon be announced, so please 'watch this space'!

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5's

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5's** is having a quiz night on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July** in the crypt – 7.30 for 8pm start – and £5 per person, max of 8 per team. To book, please contact the playgroup on 460614.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST CROSS SCHOOL** are holding St Cross Fest on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** 6.30-10pm. There is a local band, DJ dance, licensed bar, hot food and much more. Tickets are £7 adults, £1 children, under-2s free. To purchase tickets, e-mail: [friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk).

### **PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:

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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £25.

#### **PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY**

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

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**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** would like to thank everyone who attended their fete. The total raised was £1,415.00

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes this week on Wednesday afternoon in: Esdaile Lane, Woodgrange Ct, Riversmead, Brickendon Ct.

**PARISH BBQ** will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. This will also be the parish celebration for Fr Philip's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please put the date in your diary and more details will follow in due course.

**ST ANTHONY'S COMMITTEE** on behalf of Don Antonio would like to thank Fr Philip and everyone who came to the Procession, all those who made donations and all those who helped.

**NATIONAL WEEKEND FOR MEN** will be held on **19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July** at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon. For further info and booking form go to [www.harvesters.org.uk](http://www.harvesters.org.uk).

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh and Sue Alvey. Thanks 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: 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June SS JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Mary Honan RIP</i></p>	<p><b>PAGE 83 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 14: 18–20  <i>He brought bread and wine.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass            6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p><b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June CORPUS CHRISTI</b>            9.15am <i>William Anthony RIP</i>            11.15am <i>Stanley Almeida &amp; Wilfred Maciel RIP</i>            1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †</p>	<p><b>Psalm 109 — You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26  <i>Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</i></p>
<p><b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls and in thanksgiving to SS Monica, Augustine &amp; Anthony</i></p>	<p><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9: 11–17  <i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Holy Eucharist II (p. 65)  <b>EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)</p>
<p><b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15 Mass <i>Janette Hopkins rec. dec. RIP</i></p> <p><b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Piotr Michalski RIP anniv. — followed by coffee in the crypt</i></p>	<p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            SS PETER &amp; PAUL</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Acts 12: 1–11  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 17–18  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 16: 13–19</p>
<p><b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>            NO Mass</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p>
<p><b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>            (NO Abstinence from meat today)            9.15am Mass <i>Private Intention</i></p> <p><b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Justin Ighade's intentions</i></p>	<p><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>4.00pm* Italian Mass            6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p><b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June SS PETER &amp; PAUL, Apostles</b>            9.15am** <i>Paul McGrath</i>            11.15am <i>Muriel Irechukwu's intentions</i>            1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass †</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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 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><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<p><b>Tues 25th</b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt</p>	<p><b>Wed 26th</b> 6pm Brownies, 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.*