

# The Announcer

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**Year C TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**13th OCTOBER 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19**

*No-one has come back to give praise to God except this foreigner.*

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

**THIS SUNDAY SEE THE CANONIZATION OF CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801-90),** perhaps the most famous English convert to the Catholic faith in the 19<sup>th</sup> c., and the first Englishman to be declared a saint of the Church for nearly 50yrs. Many of you will remember his beatification, on a damp September Sunday in 2010, when Pope Benedict came specially on an apostolic visit to this country in order to celebrate this beatification on the outskirts of Birmingham. Since then, evidence of a further miracle has emerged – the



healing of an expectant mother, Melissa Villalobos, with grave complications in her pregnancy – which having been thoroughly examined has set Cardinal Newman on his path to sainthood. Pope Francis will celebrate the Mass of canonization this Sunday in St Peter's Square at about 10.30am Italian time. It can be watched live on Vatican TV, available as a link from the English site of Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

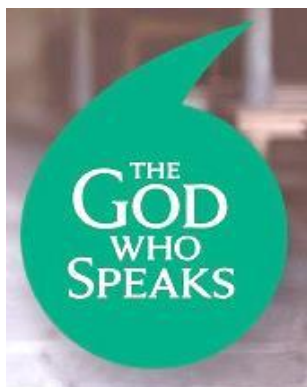
Let's ask the Lord to bless our country through the prayers of this newly declared saint. Our political situation, especially through the heated debate over withdrawal from the European Union, has become very fractured and tense, and we ask for the intercession of this gentle but determined pastor, well-known on the stage of national life in Victorian times, to bring some resolution and healing to our country. In particular we pray for those actually involved in negotiations over a withdrawal deal, that their patient efforts may be rewarded so as to bring a settled, fair and agreed outcome. *Cardinal St John Henry Newman, pray for us!*

**May the Lord strengthen us and our fellow countrymen in grace and peace!**

**Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 2**

I address all the faithful in the words of Saint John in his first letter: "We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and which was made manifest to us — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn 1:2-3). The Apostle speaks to us of *hearing, seeing, touching and looking upon* (cf. 1 Jn 1:1) the word of life, since life itself was made manifest in Christ. Called to communion with God and among ourselves, we must proclaim this gift.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**PROVIDENZA CICCHIRILLO** of Lord Street died recently. Her funeral will be on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.**

**NICHOLAS STEVENSON** of Hertford died recently. His funeral will place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.**

**ADUA NOLAN** of Parkland Close died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11am.**

**MAUREEN O'NEILL** of Bentley House, Hertford died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 10am.**

Our sympathies go out to all their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**A DECADE OF THE ROSARY** is recited before each Sunday Mass in October.

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**SOLEMN VESPERS** for the canonisation of John Henry Cardinal Newman will be held in Westminster Cathedral on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October** at 3.30pm. All welcome, and no ticket required.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**CELEBRATE WEEKEND** will be held at St Albans on the **19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Mass is celebrated each day, whilst there is time and space to encounter Christ's healing touch in Adoration, Reconciliation & prayer ministry. Book online at: [www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans](http://www.celebrateconference.org/st-albans)

**NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED:** lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends will be attached to the newsletter next weekend.

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY:** Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at **2pm.**

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Tom*

*Delaney, Ian Witham, Bridget Newson, Rosa Augello & 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

**"COME AND SEE"** – we are currently running a course through the autumn, which is open to all parishioners – and also to non-parishioners, especially those adults thinking of seeking Baptism or the other Sacraments of the Catholic Church.\* This course, using very good video materials, will enable all those attending to think through their faith, the reasons for their belief and their further commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ. *Still open to more participants!*  
**DATES FOR THIS PROGRAMME: Mondays 7.30-9pm, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Oct; 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** next class for the candidates will be held **this Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct,** 7-8.30pm in the crypt.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:** applications have now closed for the First-Communion course. **The sign-in sheet for attendance at Mass has already commenced.** (At 9.15am Mass they can still attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word.)

The first meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm** in the crypt. N.B. The classes for the children will be held on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10-3pm; Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-3pm; Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May 10-3pm; Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 10-2pm; and Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June 10-11am.** The first confessions will be held on Mon/Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5-6pm. The First Holy Communion Masses will be on 21<sup>st</sup>

or 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. Dates for further parents' meetings will follow in due course.

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**UNDER-5s COFFEE MORNING & AFTERNOON** in support of the Isabel Hospice: in the Under-5s playgroup centre, this **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October**, 10-12 & 1.30-3.30.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS** for prospective Reception and Nursery Class Parents for the 2020/21 on:

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: 9-10am - Reception parents; 2-3pm - Nursery parents. Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 9-10am - Nursery Parents; 2-3pm - Reception parents.** These sessions open to anyone considering sending their child to our Nursery/Reception Class in Sept 2020. Mrs Blackwell will provide a tour of the school, a power-point presentation and will be available to answer any questions. If you would like to come, please phone the school office on 463549 to book a place or e-mail [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) with your name and contact details.

**ST CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – RECEPTION OPEN DAYS: Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1.45pm & Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019, 9.30am.** Two open days for families of children starting Reception in September 2020. The meetings will introduce families to the school and provide an opportunity to look around and have any questions answered concerning the Reception transition. Therefore, if you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school in September 2020 that may like an introduction to St Cross, please contact the school office 467309 or e-mail [admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk) with your preferred date.

**ST CROSS HARVEST TEA: this Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm.** A warm welcome awaits our elderly parishioners at St Cross. Our Year-6 pupils will be hosting our Harvest Tea. Come along and join us for tea, cake and some wonderful entertainment!

### JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

**THE TRADCRAFT STALL** will be available **this weekend** after all the Masses.

**CAFOD HARVEST DAY** was on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and last weekend you donated £759.55. Thank you! The collection will remain open one more weekend.

**'WRAP UP LONDON'**: with this charity, via my school, I am collecting your old, unwanted coats and giving them to charities that support the homeless, refugees, children living in poverty and people fleeing domestic violence. Help us keep vulnerable people warm this winter by donating any unwanted (good-condition!) coats this October. Leave your donated coats at the Presbytery any time this month. THANKS! Adriana (St Edmund's College) [www.wrapuplondon.org.uk](http://www.wrapuplondon.org.uk)

**'GLOBAL HEALING' FILM** on Pope Francis's call that we 'care for our common home,' will be screened at Ware Catholic Church (King Edward's Rd, SG12 7EJ) on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm**, followed by a refreshments and discussion.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**2019 PARISH MAGAZINE** in full colour, 60 pages, is now available to buy after all Masses this weekend. To cover the cost of printing the price is £5.50. You can also purchase it from the presbytery during the week.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his visits to parish homes on **Wednesday** afternoon this week in Rye Road, Cranbourne Rd, Crossfield Rd and environs.

**CARDINAL NEWMAN'S 'Dream of Gerontius'** in Elgar's setting will be sung at Haileybury School, on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at 7.30pm by Haileybury choirs and Orchestra, and Royston Choral Society. It is very apt for this to be sung at the time of Newman's canonization. *Free* tickets to this concert: <https://www.haileybury.com/event/3017/>

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Two more cleaners are *urgently* needed to help clean the church for one hour per month on a Wednesday. If you can help, please do contact the presbytery.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Mima Salvo, Francesca Comparetto, Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Tanya McAteer. Thank you!!

**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: 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> October ST WILFRID, bishop</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Michael Connors's intentions</i>	<b>PAGE 149 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2Kings 5:14-17 <i>Naaman returned to Elijah and acknowledged the Lord.</i>  <b>Psalm 97 — The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2Tim 2:8-13 <i>If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! . Alleluia!  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17: 11-19 <i>No one has come back to give praise to God except this foreigner.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Anna &amp; Dennis &amp; Paddy Tobin RIP</i>  <b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> October 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Kitty Burke ints</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! . Alleluia!  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17: 11-19 <i>No one has come back to give praise to God except this foreigner.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9.15 Mass <i>Helen Sherman RIP anniv.</i> 12noon <b>Funeral</b> <i>Providenza Cicchirillo RIP</i>  <b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> October St TERESA OF AVILA</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October ST MARGARET MARY ALACOCQUE</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jonathan McDonagh ints</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Simey Doherty &amp; Winifred Maughan RIP</i>  <b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October ST LUKE</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Robert Cullen RIP</i> 2pm <b>Funeral</b> <i>Nicholas Stevenson RIP</i>  <b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Christopher Ayerst RIP</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 17: 8-13 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2Tim 3:14-4:2 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18:1-8  <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.  <b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.  <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.  <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.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>  <b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Pat Burke</i> 11.15am <i>Filippo Adamo RIP</i> ‡ 5pm Holy Hour	
<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>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Come & See, crypt <b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b> 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.