

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 18: 1-8**

*God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

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

THE SCENES IN SUNNY ST PETER'S SQUARE LAST SUNDAY for the canonization of St John Henry Newman were truly glorious! I saw Cardinal Vincent in the week, and he said how blessed and uplifting an occasion it was, and how it was very special that the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, had chosen to attend, and that what



Princes Charles had written in the *Osservatore Romano* (the Vatican newspaper) about Newman was also very moving – I've printed off a few copies of this (by the Newsletters) or you can read the article here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2019-10/newman-canonization-prince-charles-editorial-britain.html>

Let's continue to appeal fervently for the prayers of this newly declared English saint for our nation's political situation, especially with regard to the withdrawal deal from the EU and for a time of resolution and healing for our country. *Cardinal St John Henry Newman, pray for us!*

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES TO OUR PARISH SECRETARY, Dawn Bates, whose mother, Maureen O'Neill, died a little over a week ago. Dawn is touched by all those who have expressed their sympathies. Her mother's funeral is this Wednesday. *May she rest in peace.*

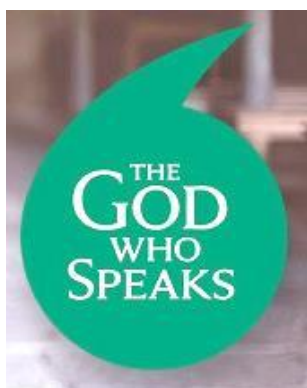
I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT IN UNUSED/SPARE WINTER COATS for the collection which our parishioner Adriana from St Edmund's College is making for the charity 'Wrap-Up London' – please continue to thin out your wardrobes and donate any unwanted coats, bringing them to the Presbytery in the week or to Mass on Sunday.

**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. 3**

[In the] Synod of Bishops on the Word of God, we were conscious of dealing in a certain sense with the very *heart* of the Christian life, in continuity with the previous synodal assembly on the Eucharist ... Indeed, the Church is built upon the word of God; she is born from and lives by that word. Throughout its history, the People of God has always found strength in the word of God, and today too the ecclesial community grows by hearing, celebrating and studying that word. It must be acknowledged that in recent decades ecclesial life has grown more sensitive to this theme, particularly with reference to Christian revelation, the living Tradition and sacred Scripture.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Maximiliano Bonura and Marcel Grosicki-Çapur who will be baptised this weekend.

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

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

**MAUREEN O'NEILL RIP** – mother of our parish secretary, Dawn Bates – resident of Bentley House, Hertford died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 10am.** Our sympathies go out to their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is this Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to his work. The envelopes are attached to the newsletter. **The annual special collection will be taken next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

**ALL SAINTS' DAY** is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can help, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

**NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED:** lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are attached to the newsletter. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

**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.**

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each

month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*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 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, enables 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!*

**Mondays 7.30–9pm,** 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 **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov,** 7–8.30pm in the crypt. Only about half of the 'Candidate Promises' were returned last Tuesday, so the remainder need to be handed in, signed, before the next session. Also, it would be good if the candidates could look over and study chapter 2 of their workbook.

**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.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov & Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** from 7.30-9pm in the presbytery. The two-evening course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**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. 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. Please contact the school office on 467309 or e-mail [admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk) with your preferred date.

**ST CROSS SCHOOL** is holding a fireworks night on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**. Adults £8, child £5, under 4's free. For tickets please contact [friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk). Gates open 5pm-late. Hot food & licenced bar available.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S** would like to thank all who attended the coffee morning. £257.76 was raised for the Isabel Hospice.

### JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

'**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 still 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 **Tuesday** afternoon this week in Rye Road (low nos.) 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:** Michele & Pelle De Luca and Kathleen Connors. 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: 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Christopher Ayerst RIP</i>	<b>PAGE 152 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 17: 8–13 <i>As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.</i>  <b>Psalm 120 — Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Tim 3:14–4:2 <i>The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <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	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 1–8 <i>God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Bridget McDonagh's intentions</i> 11am <b>Funeral Adua Nolan RIP</b>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18: 1–8 <i>God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.</i>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> October POPE ST JOHN PAUL II</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Winifred McDonagh's intentions</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 10am <b>Funeral Maureen O'Neill RIP</b> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 35: 12–14, 16–19 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2Tim 4: 6–8, 16–18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 18:9–14
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Doherty family deceased: Maureen, Theresa, Josie, Paddy, John &amp; Tommy RIP</i>	<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>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Vincent &amp; Michael Byrne RIP</i>	<b>ROSARY</b>  The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> October OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Vincenzo Graffato RIP</i>	<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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Rosalia Dilena RIP</i>  <b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am <i>Bridie &amp; Maurice Cooper RIP and Dolly &amp; Fred Dale RIP</i> ‡	<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 style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b> 7.30pm Come & See, crypt <b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</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.*