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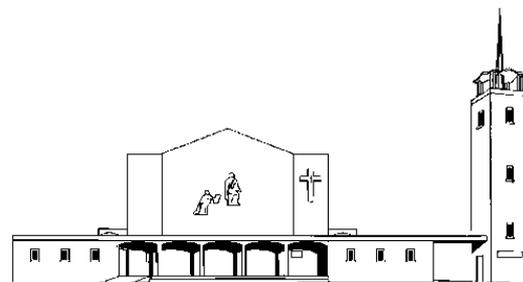
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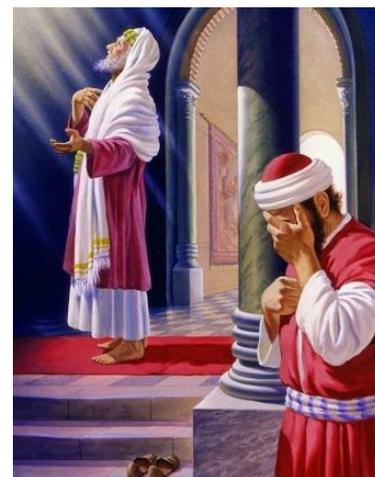
27th OCTOBER 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SCENE DESCRIBED IN THE GOSPEL PARABLE TODAY rings true, doesn't it? One man is proclaiming boldly that he is righteous, whilst at the same time denouncing his fellow worshipper; the other is retreating into the shadows, barely able to turn his gaze to God, but simply appealing for mercy. It is the latter, Jesus says, whose prayer is heard ... in fact, the first man's prayer is said "to himself" – it is not truly a prayer to God at all, but little more than a pat on his own back! We must guard against hypocrisy in faith, and instead each one of us be humble before God. Each and every one of us is a sinner: we must acknowledge this and treat one another in a spirit of being fellow pilgrims in this life that God has granted us.



A NEW ROUND OF THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE commences this week, and the Archbishop has written a letter detailing the Church's response, and recent actions building on the safeguards that have been put in place over the recent 15 years. He urges you to read it, and to keep him in your prayers as he himself is interviewed in this process on 6th November.

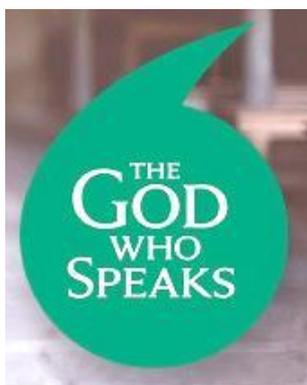
THIS COMING FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – when all Catholics are expected to attend the holy Mass – to celebrate the feast of All Saints. Originating in Rome at the church of all the saints (the pagan Pantheon, converted and consecrated as a church), this feast allows us to rejoice in the whole host of the people of God who have loved Him and died in friendship with Him, and who have entered into His heavenly glory.

*** * * * * All Saints' Day – Mass at 9.30am, 12 noon, 8pm * * * * ***

May we gain great hope as we gaze on the saints in glory and invoke their prayers! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 4

We [are] able to acknowledge with joy and gratitude that "in the Church there is also a Pentecost today — in other words, the Church speaks in many tongues, and not only outwardly, in the sense that all the great languages of the world are represented in her, but, more profoundly, inasmuch as present within her are various ways of experiencing God and the world, a wealth of cultures, and only in this way do we come to see the vastness of the human experience and, as a result, the vastness of the word of God." We [are] also able to see an ongoing Pentecost; various peoples are still waiting for the word of God to be proclaimed in their own language and in their own culture.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Henry Martin who will be baptised this weekend.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was last 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 this weekend.**

ALL SAINTS' DAY this Friday 1st November 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.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm next **Sunday 3rd November.**

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are available beside the newsletters in the porch. 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 3rd Nov.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at **2pm.**

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 15th November.** 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 17th November at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

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, 28th Oct; 18th & 25th Nov; 2nd & 9th Dec.

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be held **Tuesday, 12th 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.

*** **CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY** will be held on **Saturday 14th December** 11am–4pm in the crypt. The day will be run by Rise Theatre and all candidates will need to attend.

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

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

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Friday 29th Nov & Tues 3rd 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 4th Nov: 9-10am - Reception parents; 2-3pm - Nursery parents. Thur 21st 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 with your name and contact details.

ST CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – RECEPTION OPEN DAYS: Thurs 14th Nov, 1.45pm & Tues 19th 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 ring school office on 467309 or e-mail admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk with your preferred date.

ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER 5'S are having a quiz night on **Saturday 16th November** in the crypt. 7.30 for 8pm start and £5 per person, max of 8 per team. Please bring your own drink and nibbles. To book, please contact the playgroup on 460614.

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 **LAST WEEK OF COLLECTION!**

'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 27th 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 **Wednesday** afternoon this week in the Dobbs Weir area.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended my Mum's funeral on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parishioners there. Thank you also to everyone who made a donation as £420 was raised and this will be sent to the Alzheimer's Society, in memory of my Mum, Maureen O'Neill RIP. Thank you to everyone who sent cards – I am very touched by everyone's kindness. Dawn Bates & family.

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S 'Dream of Gerontius' in Elgar's setting will be sung at Haileybury School, on **Sunday, 3rd 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: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino & Penny Bengé. 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: 17th & 24th Nov.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 26th October OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Vincenzo Graffato RIP	PAGE 155 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12–14, 16–19 <i>The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass Rosalia Dilena RIP Sun 27th October 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Bridie & Maurice Cooper RIP and Dolly & Fred Dale RIP ‡	Psalm 33 — This poor man called; the Lord heard him. 2nd Reading: 2 Tim 4: 6–8, 16–18 <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i>
Mon 28th October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Mr & Mrs O'Connor – Diamond Wedding anniv. Tues 29th Oct BL. MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Srs Prayer Group & Bible Study Group Wed 30th October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Bill Pollard RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 31st October 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass In Thanksgiving (Myrtle)	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Luke 18: 9–14 <i>The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22–12:2 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1–10
Fri 1st Nov ALL SAINTS' DAY <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 9.30am Mass Deceased members of Davila Family 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Holy Souls 8.00pm Mass Vincent Byrne RIP Sat 2nd Nov ALL SOULS' DAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Holy Souls	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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Holy Souls Sun 3rd Nov 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Holy Souls 11.15am Antonio Sidoli RIP Anniv 5.00pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡	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. SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 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 ** 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>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Mon 28th 7.30pm Come & See, crypt	Tues 29th 12.30pm lunch club, 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.*