

# The Announcer

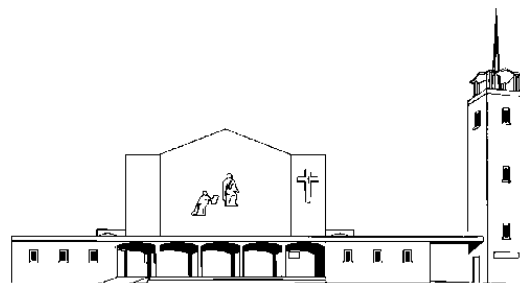
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**Year C TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

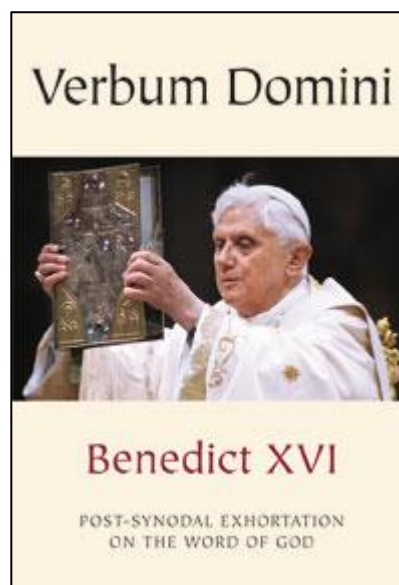
**6th OCTOBER 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10**

*If only you had faith!*

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

AS OUR ARCHBISHOP, CARDINAL VINCENT, SAID LAST WEEKEND, the initiative of the 'Year of the Word,' entitled *'The God Who Speaks'* began in the week, on the feast of the great biblical scholar and translator St Jerome (340-420AD). His 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, along with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Benedict's great document on Scripture, *Verbum Domini* (2010) gives us the opportunity to reflect on the central importance of the Holy Scripture in the life of the Church – and our individual lives of faith. Each month there will be a reflection published – this first month's, enclosed with your newsletter, focuses on St Jerome himself. He spent years re-translating the whole bible from Hebrew and Greek into the most useful language of the day, Latin, and his version, the 'Vulgate' bible was used in the church for many centuries. To learn more about this 15-month initiative: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>



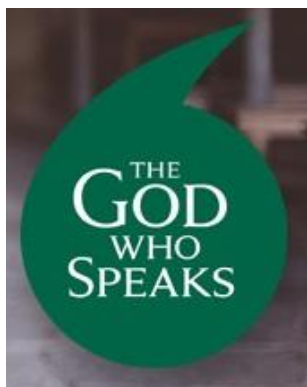
AS WE COME TOWARDS THE CANONIZATION OF CARDINAL NEWMAN next weekend, we can invoke his prayers at this crucial time of our national life. Cardinal Newman took a great interest in the life of our nation, and indeed spent time working also in Dublin, so let's invoke his intercession as our negotiators try to iron out the questions of trade etc. over the border with Ireland. There is lots of information on Newman's canonization at: <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/> and there is a special novena we can use in the lead-up to the 13<sup>th</sup> October canonization: <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/novena>

**May the Lord strengthen us with grace as we do our best to live in His name!**

**Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 1**

"The word of the Lord abides for ever. This word is the Gospel which was preached to you" (*1 Pet 1:25*; cf. *Is 40:8*). With this assertion from the First Letter of Saint Peter, which takes up the words of the Prophet Isaiah, we find ourselves before the mystery of God, who has made himself known through the gift of his word. This word, which abides for ever, entered into time. God spoke his eternal Word humanly; his Word "became flesh" (*Jn 1:14*). This is the good news. This is the proclamation which has come down the centuries to us today.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**JAMES MAGEE RIP** of The Meadway, died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 12 noon.**

**PROVIDENZA CICCHIRILLO RIP** of Lord Street died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. 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.** *May they rest in peace.*

**A DECADE OF THE ROSARY** will be recited before each Sunday Mass in the month of October, month of the holy rosary.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** More leaders and helpers are needed for the 9.15am Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact Claire Hay 07971-063520 for further information.

**THE FOLK GROUP** is losing one of its regular guitarists, and so is in urgent need of another guitarist to play at the 9.15am Mass on alternate Sundays. If you know of anyone willing, please contact the presbytery or speak to a member of the Folk Group after Mass.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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)

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, 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 produced by a priest of this diocese, will enable all those attending to think through their faith, the reasons for their belief and their further commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(\* This would include also those Catholic adults who have never been prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.)

**DATES FOR THIS PROGRAMME: Mondays 7.30–9pm,** 7<sup>th</sup>, 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:** The classes for the candidates will be held on: 15<sup>th</sup> Oct; 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov; 10<sup>th</sup> Dec; 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Jan; 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March; 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, generally 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** (because the children asking for these sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion need to be coming to Mass weekly. (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

#### **ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR NURSERY/RECEPTION Class 2020/21:**

Mrs Blackwell will be holding Open Days for prospective Reception and Nursery Class Parents for the 2020/21 academic year on:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: 9-10am - Reception parents; 2-3pm - Nursery parents. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 9-10am - Nursery Parents; 2-3pm - Reception parents.** These sessions are open to anyone who is considering sending their child to our Nursery/Reception Class in September 2020. Mrs Blackwell will provide parents with a tour of the school, a power-point presentation and will also be available to answer any questions that you may have. If you would like to come and look around, please phone the school office on 01992-463549 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: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1.45pm & Tuesday 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 the preferred date.

**ST CROSS HARVEST TEA: 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

**CAFOD HARVEST DAY** was on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and the Fast-Day envelopes are

attached to this newsletter and will be collected this weekend as you leave Mass. CAFOD uses the money we save on our Fast Day to help people even have the basics such as clean running water like in the remote village in Uganda that we heard about at Mass last week.

**THE TRAIDCRAFT STALL** will be available next weekend after all the Masses.

### 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 Gladstone Rd & River Ave.

**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. A mass of choirs – to include Haileybury choirs and Orchestra, together with Royston Choral Society – perform this large work. It is very apt for this to be sung at the time of Newman's imminent canonization. Anyone interested in obtaining tickets to this free Concert, go on-line to Haileybury College Concerts and follow the links.

**'BEGINNING EXPERIENCE' WEEKEND:** A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held **18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** at the *Domus Mariae* Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or e-mail [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**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:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tony & Linda Barrell.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> October SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	<b>PAGE 146 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Habakkuk 1: 2–3, 2: 2–4 <i>The upright man will live by his faithfulness.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <b>Guerino Santaniello RIP anniv.</b>  <b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Richard Pyper RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Thomas Murphy RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<b>Psalm 94 — O that today you would listen to His voice; harden not your hearts.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 1: 6–8, 13–14 <i>Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; you have the message of ewternal life. Alleluia!
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b> 9.15 Mass <i>Kate Doherty's intentions</i>  <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret Whelehan RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> October ST PAULINUS, bishop</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Angela Coffey &amp; family intentions</i>  <b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October POPE ST JOHN XXIII</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> October ST WILFRID, bishop</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Michael Connors's intentions</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17: 5–10 <i>If only you had faith!</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 3 (p. 66) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2Kings 5:14–17 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2Tim 2:8–13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17:11–19
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <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>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>
<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 7<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Come & See, crypt <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 9<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 parroccchiani 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.*