

# The Announcer

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**Year C THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**GOSPEL: Luke 29: 27-38**

*He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.*

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

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ADDS ANOTHER POIGNANT LAYER EACH YEAR** to our praying for the dead in November. Not only do we remember before God the huge numbers who gave their lives in World Wars I and II last century, but we pray also for our servicemen and women who have died more recently on active duty in peace-keeping roles across the world, and in our own country. *May they rest in peace.*



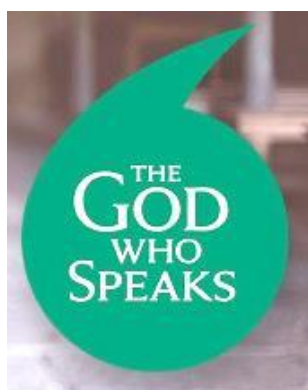
**THE GOSPEL PASSAGE THIS SUNDAY, ECHOING THE FIRST READING,** gives an appropriately strong teaching on the truth of the Resurrection from the dead. Our Lord is challenged by sceptical Sadducees mocking His doctrine, but Our Lord gently unpicks their objections, and affirms with all His divine authority that the dead do rise again. Let's not forget, it's only in Christ, the Son of God, that we have real and substantial hope in the Resurrection: even the Jews of the Old Testament (and of Jesus's time) had only partial convictions regarding the world to come, but we can know, through Our Lord Himself, that it is real, and blissful. To live in heaven is our goal, the thing for which we strive, aided inestimably by our faith.

**THIS WEEKEND I AM AWAY ON PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT** under the auspices of the Catholic charity, 'Aid to the Church in Need.' Fr Chris Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference, will be here again for the Sunday Masses and Fr Joshy will celebrate the weekday Masses until my return. Please welcome and assist them as they kindly supply for me. I shall keep you in my prayers in the holy places which date right back to the earliest years of Christianity!

**May the merciful Lord bless our dearly departed as we pray for them this month. Fr Philip**

### **2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 6**

The novelty of biblical revelation consists in the fact that God becomes known through the dialogue which he desires to have with us. The Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* had expressed this by acknowledging that the unseen God "from the fullness of his love, addresses men and women as his friends, and lives among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company." ... [In] the Prologue of Saint John ... the Word of God, through whom "all things were made" and who "became flesh," is the same Word who is "in the beginning." If we realize that this is an allusion to the beginning of the book of Genesis, we find ourselves faced with a *beginning* which is absolute and which speaks to us of the inner life of God.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CARLO DI MARIA RIP** of Thurgood Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **His funeral will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon with Don Antonio.** *May he rest in peace.*

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will not take place on Monday and Tuesday, whilst Fr Philip is away. There will still be 9.15am Mass as usual.

**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.

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR:** **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm** Mass will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make this their Sunday Mass next weekend.

**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.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** **Next weekend** we will take up the annual collection to support the sick & retired priests of the Diocese. At present, 80 priests are receiving support from the fund after years of dedicated service to God and their parishioners. Most priests offer resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the fund, you can help cover essential costs such as ensuring they have a suitable place to live and regular visits from carers when they are sick. **Envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Please take it home, read about the important**

**work and bring it back next week with your donation.** Thank you!

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY:** Fr Philip will be attending Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at 11.30am to pray for the deceased members of the parish and bless the graves.

### 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/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

**"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. **Mondays 7.30–9pm:** 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 this **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov,** 7–8.30pm in the crypt. Also, it would be good if the candidates could look over and study chapter 2 of their workbook. This Tuesday's session will cover chs. 3 & 4.

\*\*\* **CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY** will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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 DAY** for new parents to Nursery/Reception Class 2020/21 academic year are on **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** 9:00am - 10:00am - Nursery Parents, 2:00pm - 3:00pm - Reception parents. A power point presentation will be led by Mrs Blackwell, EYFS Leader, who 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 email [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) with your name, surname 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, 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](mailto:admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk) with your preferred date.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S UNDER-5s** is having a quiz night on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**TRAIDCRAFT:** If anyone is interested in ordering gifts, Christmas cards, etc. through me, then please place your order by **Friday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the latest.** I will have a small selection of Christmas cards at 'Milly's' Charity Christmas fair. A few catalogues are available

at the back of church. Many thanks, Maria Hunt  
e-mail: [maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com](mailto:maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com) mobile:  
07790-453378.

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**2019 PARISH MAGAZINE** available to buy from the presbytery during the week for £5.50.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be making house visits in Stortford Rd and Essex Rd this **Wednesday** afternoon.

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** will be held on the **30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.** If you would like to have a stall, please contact Mary Briggs on 534891. If you can donate a raffle prize, please hand it in at the presbytery.

**200 CLUB WINNER** for November is no. 23 Mr & Mrs Wright. Congratulations!

**ADVENT EXTRA** magazine is available for £2.25 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at Brookfield, Cheshunt and on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at Sainsbury's. Collectors are needed and if you can help, please contact Ellen on 464677. **CAROL SINGING** will be held in the town centre on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov from 2.15-3pm and on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at Sainsbury's. Singers & instrumentalists are needed. Please contact Ellen if you can help.

**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: 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**COLD WEATHER:** with winter approaching, the car park may become snowy, with potential icy conditions. Parishioners are reminded that when that is so they should take extra care. The car park is used at their own risk.

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

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>PAGE 160 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Maccabees 7: 1–2, 9–14 <i>The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever.</i>  <b>Psalm 16 — I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Thess 2: 16–3:5 <i>May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 20: 27–38 <i>He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib. <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>			
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Vincenzo Imbrogino RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> †		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Malachi 3: 19–20 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Thessalonians 3: 7–12 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21: 5–19	
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop</b> 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12 noon Funeral <i>Carlo Di Maria RIP</i>  <b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop</b> 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt  <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November ST ALBERT THE GREAT, Bishop</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>			
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</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>	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Deceased of the past year</i>			
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</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>			
REGULAR EVENTS			
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt <b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt		<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm All Saints, crypt <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Prayer group, church	

**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.*