

# The Announcer

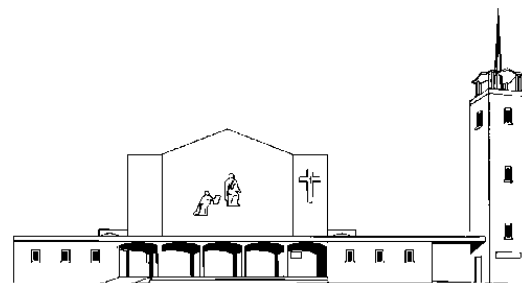
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-19**

*Your endurance will win you your lives.*

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

Gaetano Amodeo

Met Curtis

James Magee

Maureen O'Neill

Mary Beary

Carlo Di Maria

Antonio Martucci

Veronica Perrotta

Gaetano Bondi

Livio Fattore

Brian Moore

Gwen Phelan

Salvatrice Castronovo

Susan Harwood

Concetta Morreale

Tony Rayner

Antonino Cicchirillo

Tina Infantino

Arnaldo Moruzzi

Caterina Re

Providenza Cicchirillo

Florinda Ingino

Ann Murphy

Philomena Robb

Adelina Ciraolo

Fergal Lawlor

James Needham

Betty Sloan

Silvia Cracchiolo

Rosa Leto

Adua Nolan

Nick Stevenson

Jean Walsh

**OUR NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS** have a particular focus and poignancy this weekend as we pray especially for the 33 parishioners, ex-parishioners, and parishioners' relatives whose funerals have taken place here at St Augustine's over the past 12 months. Our Saturday evening Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls, and will also provide true comfort and Christian hope, we pray, for their bereaved families. *May they rest in peace.*

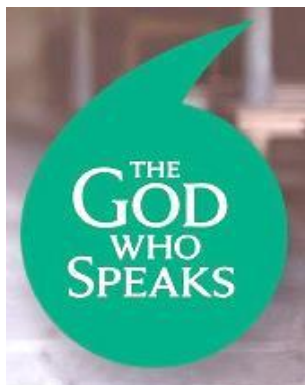
**OUR SUNDAY GOSPEL PASSAGE** from St Luke ch. 21 is very pertinent as we reflect on our place in this world, and on the hope that Our Lord Jesus holds out for us as a reward in the next for those who are faithful. Jesus remarked that the fine Temple stonework was never going to last forever – that *all* earthly things are passing – and that true existence, which will not pass away, is only that of heaven. Even persecution and death, in this world, does not have the last word, but only Christ: He is *the Word* whose divine utterance can bring us mercy and salvation.

**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 Johannine Prologue [Jn 1:1-14] makes us realize that the *Logos* is truly *eternal*, and from eternity *is himself God*. God was never without his *Logos*. "The Word" exists before creation. Consequently at the heart of the divine life there is communion, there is absolute gift. "God is love," as the same Apostle tells us elsewhere, thus pointing to "the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny". God makes himself known to us as a mystery of infinite love in which the Father eternally utters his Word in the Holy Spirit. Consequently the Word, who from the beginning is with God and is God, reveals God himself in the dialogue of love between the divine persons, and invites us to share in that love. Created in the image and likeness of the God who is love,

we can thus understand ourselves only in accepting the Word and in docility to the work of the Holy Spirit. In the light of the revelation made by God's Word, the enigma of the human condition is definitively clarified.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Henry Uzus and Judith Ogike married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

**ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER** will not take place on Wednesday. There will still be 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.

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

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** **This weekend** we will take up the annual collection to support the sick & retired priests of the Diocese. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years. Please give generously using the envelopes provided last weekend. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). 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 those deceased members of the parish buried there and bless their 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/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. **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 **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt and will cover **chs. 5 & 6** of their workbook. It would be good if the candidates could look over and study chapter 7 in private.

**\*\*\* 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 Nursery/Reception Class 2020/21 academic year: **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** 9-10am (Nursery Parents), 2-3pm (Reception parents). If you would like to come and look around, 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, surname and contact details

**ST CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – RECEPTION OPEN DAY: Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9.30am.** An open day for families of children starting Reception in September 2020. The meeting 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).

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** is holding its Christmas Fayre on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3.15pm.** There will be stalls, food & much more! All welcome.

### 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 Alamein Close & Pulham Avenue this **Monday** 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.

**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.

**CHARITY BALL:** I'm organising a Charity Ball in memory of my Mum, Maureen O'Neill RIP and all those who have been affected by dementia and Alzheimer's. It will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020** 7.30pm at The Marquee Suite, Paradise Wildlife Park. Tickets are £45 and include a 3-course meal and disco. Tables can be up to 10 people. All funds raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. For tickets, please see me after 9.15am Mass or contact me at the presbytery. Dawn Bates.

**WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP** meeting will be held at the Parish Centre, St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne on **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm.** All ladies are invited for a celebration of community in Advent.

**'SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS'** with Ware Choral Society will be held on **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm** at The Drill Hall, Amwell End, Ware. Tickets £15. Please contact Anne Byrne 467097.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Michele & Pelle De Luca & 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Nov ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		<b>PAGE 164 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Malachi 3: 19–20 <i>For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.</i>  <b>Psalm 97 — The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Thess 3: 7–12 <i>Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 21: 5–19 <i>Your endurance will win you your lives.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch Pr. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32) (except at the Saturday evening Mass this week)  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 5: 1–3 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 12–20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 23: 35–43
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <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 Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> ‡ 5pm Holy Hour		
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov PRESENTATION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> November ST CECILIA, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> 9.15am** <i>Giuseppe Imbrogino RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡		
* 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)		
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>		
<b>Mon 18th</b> 7.30pm Come & See, crypt <b>Tues 19th</b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 20th</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.