

# The Announcer

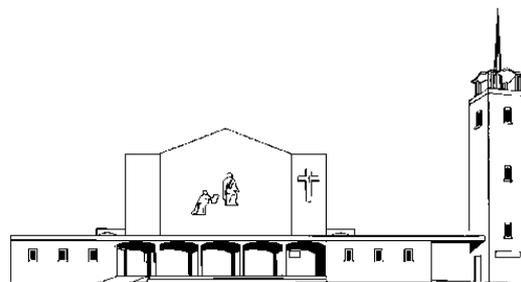
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 23: 35-43**

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

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

OUR NOVEMBER COMES TO ITS END, ALONG WITH THE CHURCH'S YEAR, with the great feast of Christ the King. The Gospel passage from Luke for this feast displays for us the King on His Cross: Christ reigning from the tree, as it were. And yet, as we hear from His sacred words, He truly exercises His kingship even as He suffers, dying, on the Cross: He has the power to proclaim to the one alongside Him who repents: *"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*



THE LATEST ARTICLE IN THE SERIES HELPING US TO APPRECIATE SCRIPTURE in this 'Year of the Word' 2019-20 is available with your newsletter today, and is written by a Catholic parishioner from Hertfordshire who worked for long years as a chaplain in hospitals and hospices. The Word of God speaks to us in each and every circumstance, and the end of life is one such time when Scripture comes into its own, providing a comfort and a moment of God-filled hope.

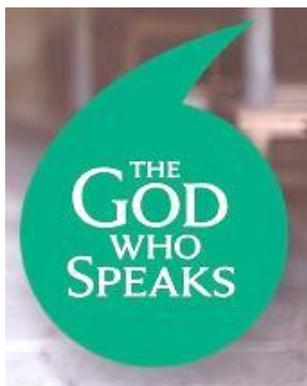
THE ANNUAL PARISH PRE-CHRISTMAS FAIR – named after the late parishioner who championed it, Milly Yarwood – takes place next weekend after all the Sunday Masses (Sat eve included). Please come ready, next weekend, then, to come down and enjoy the charity fair, for festive refreshments, Christmas cards and much more. Additionally, this year, we have some beautiful 'sculpted' candles for sale, which were left us as a legacy by the family of a long-standing parishioner who died recently – they would make ideal Christmas decorations.

**May the King of Kings bless us as we honour His majesty as our Saving Lord.**

**Fr Philip**

### **2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 7**

The Synod Fathers affirmed ... the different ways in which we speak of "the word of God" ... a symphony of the word, a single word expressed in multiple ways ... [They] pointed out that human language operates analogically in speaking of the word of God. In effect, this expression, while referring to God's self-communication, also takes on a number of different meanings which need to be carefully considered and related among themselves ... As the Prologue of John clearly shows us, the *Logos* refers in the first place to the eternal Word, the only Son, begotten of the Father before all ages and consubstantial with him: *the word was with God, and the word was God*. But this same Word, Saint John tells us, "became flesh"; hence Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is truly the Word of God who has become consubstantial with us. Thus the expression "word of God" here refers to the person of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of the Father, made man.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**LATIN MASS:** The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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.

'**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY FUNERAL MASS**' leaflets are available beside the newsletters at the back of the church if you wish to complete one. Please hand the completed copy into the presbytery.

### 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: 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. Please return the consent form and £19 to the presbytery as soon as possible.

### 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** 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

CAFOD Update: Lent 2018 CAFOD say:- "Each Family Fast Day we're blown away by your generosity and compassion ... During Lent 2018, you donated a fantastic £4.3 million, which was doubled by the UK government."

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**TALK ON EGYPT PILGRIMAGE:** Fr Philip will speak with an illustrated talk about his recent pilgrimage to Egypt on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm** in the crypt.

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

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:** The total raised so far £523.73. Donations are still being accepted for a further weekend –

envelopes by the newsletters. Thank you!

**MILLY'S CHARITY WEEKEND** will be held on the **30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** in the crypt. There will be stalls selling Christmas gifts and cards to support various charities. There will also be Advent/grave wreaths on sale & Santa's Grotto. Hot food will be served after every Mass together with mulled wine, Bailey's hot chocolate and homemade cakes. 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. We look forward to seeing you in the crypt!

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are now available to buy from the repository. Please do pop into the shop to see the beautiful religious cards.

**ISABEL HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at Brookfield, Cheshunt. 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 2-3pm and on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at Sainsbury's. Singers & instrumentalists are needed. Please contact Ellen if you can help.

**'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. **APF RED BOXES** need to be returned with donations by the weekend of the 7th/8th December, please. Many thanks for your support. Ellen Bartlett.

**CHARITY BALL:** I'm organising a black tie 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 **Sat 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.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will be making house visits in Christie Close, Copthorn Ave, Mandeville Close, Bassingbourne Close, on

Wednesday afternoon.

**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 contact the presbytery.

**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: 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>.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ANDREW,  
APOSTLE  
30th November



St Andrew was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus and the brother of St. Peter. He is the patron saint of Scotland and of Russia. In the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), Peter and Andrew – whose Greek name means “manly” – were called from their fishing by Jesus to follow him, promising that he would make them “fishers of men.” With Saints Peter, James, and John, Andrew asked Jesus on the Mount of Olives for signs of the earth's end, which inspired the eschatological discourse in Mark 13. A 4th-century account reports his death by crucifixion, and late medieval accretions describe the cross as X-shaped. He is iconographically represented with an X-shaped cross like that depicted on the Scottish flag.

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>PAGE 167</b> in the Mass books  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 5: 1–3 <i>They anointed David king of Israel.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>Psalm 121 — I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'</b>
<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> ‡	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Colossians 1: 12–20 <i>He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.</i>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> November ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 23: 35–43 <i>Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.</i>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Christ the King (p. 68) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 1 (p. 18)
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> NO Mass	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November</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>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 2: 1–5 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 13: 11–14 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 24: 37–44
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov ST ANDREW, Apostle</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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Jodie McGrath</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Pius Ogbodu's intentions</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> 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>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Come & See, crypt <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt <b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt	<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b> 6pm Brownies, crypt <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b> 8pm Parents 1st HC meeting <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm Baptism Course

**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.*