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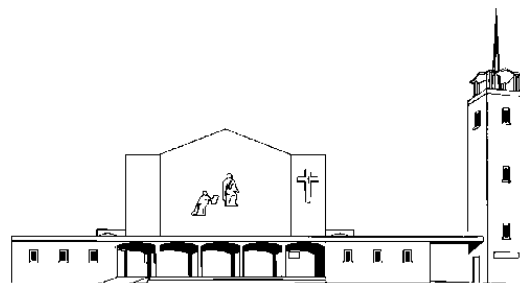
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Year C

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

3rd NOVEMBER 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 19: 1-10

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

HAVING CELEBRATED ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY ALREADY at the start of this month, we recall that the whole month has the special focus of prayer for the Holy Souls. Throughout the month, each day, one Mass will be offered for them, our dearly departed loved ones, whose names lie on the altar – do continue to bring in your purple sheets for inclusion in these November Masses. *May they rest in peace.*

AS USUAL, I WILL ALSO LEAD PRAYERS AT THE WARE RD CEMETERY for those many parishioners who are buried there: this will take place **this Sunday (3rd Nov) at 2pm**. Hopefully it will not be too wet, but even in the rain this will take place! Most of us will know people buried there – some of whom may not be remembered and prayed for by family members – so it is a good and pious practice for us, and a great witness, to attend this rosary procession and blessing of graves. I do urge you to attend this beautiful and peaceful occasion.

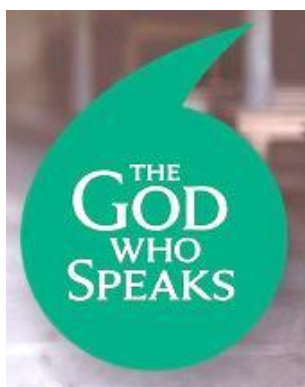
AFTER THIS WEEKEND I SHALL BE AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS ON PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT under the auspices of the Catholic charity, '*Aid to the Church in Need.*' We shall visit holy sites, both Catholic and Coptic Orthodox, linked to Christian history: we think of, for example the flight into Egypt of Our Lord with His Mother & St Joseph; and the links to St Mark in Alexandria, that famous Egyptian city of antiquity. Fr Joshy will be available for most of the weekday Masses, and Fr Chris Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference, will return for the Masses next weekend. Please welcome and assist them as they kindly supply for me.

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. 4

Throughout the Synod we were accompanied by the testimony of the Apostle Paul! It was providential that [it] took place during the year dedicated to the great Apostle of the Nations on the two thousandth anniversary of his birth. Paul's life was completely marked by his zeal for the spread of God's word. How can we not be moved by his stirring words about his mission as a preacher of the word of God: "I do everything for the Gospel"; or, as he writes in the *Letter to the Romans*: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith." Whenever we reflect on the word of God in the life and mission of the Church, we cannot but think of Saint Paul and his life spent in spreading the message of salvation in Christ to all peoples.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Walters and Christina Forni married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

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

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER will not take place next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 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.

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 **this Sunday 3rd Nov.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at **2pm.**

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 16th 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: 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/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, 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. Some six 'Candidate Promises' are yet to be returned, so please, they 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. The next session will cover chs. 3 & 4.

***** 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': Thank you to everyone who donated coats as the response has been amazing. We have now stopped collecting. THANKS! Adriana (St Edmund's College).

TRAIDCRAFT: If anyone is interested in ordering gifts, Christmas cards, etc. through me, then please place your order by **Friday Nov 22nd, at the latest.** In this way I can ensure free

postage and arrival of your items by the end of the month. 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 mobile: 07790-453378.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

WORLD MISSION DAY collection for *Missio* amounted to £513.46. Thank you!

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits after his return from Pilgrimage.

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. *Free* tickets to this concert:

<https://www.haileybury.com/event/3017/>

ISABEL HOSPICE 'LIGHTS OF LOVE' will be held at Van Hages on **16th Nov 3.30pm** and Cheshunt, Halsey Hall on **7th Dec 3.30pm.**

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.

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. 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 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	PAGE 157 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22–12:2 <i>You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.</i> Psalm 144 — I will bless your name for ever, O God my King. 2nd Reading: 2 Thess 1: 11–2:2 <i>The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.</i>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Sun 3rd Nov 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.15am <i>Antonio Sidoli RIP anniv.</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i> ‡	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Luke 19: 1–10 <i>The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Mon 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEEO, Bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Gospel: Luke 19: 1–10 <i>The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.</i>
Tues 5th November 9.15 Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Wed 6th November 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 32 nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1–2, 9–14 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16–3:5 Gospel: Luke 20: 27–38
Thurs 7th November 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	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.
Fri 8th November <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 9th Nov DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	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.
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 10th Nov 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Vincenzo Imbrogino RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> ‡	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p> </div>	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 5th 12.30pm lunch club, crypt

Wed 6th 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.*