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Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19th JANUARY 2020

GOSPEL: John 1: 29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

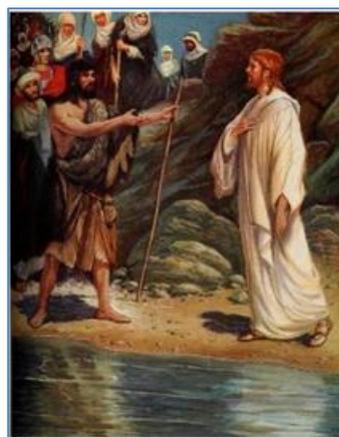
My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAVING ENDED LAST SUNDAY, we now move into the Sundays of Ordinary Time, which we will celebrate in these next 6 weeks prior to Lent. After having heard of Jesus's Baptism last weekend, so today we hear ongoing testimony of St John the Baptist as he states categorically that Jesus is the "Lamb of God" and the "Chosen One of God." John was in a unique position to testify to Jesus, and we receive his words with conviction as to who Jesus truly is!

THIS WEEK THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES have formal enrolment onto their programme after the first sessions of catechesis. We are using a new programme this year, 'Transformed in Christ,' written by a very skilled catechist in the diocese of Southwark, and I hope that the candidates feel that they are truly touching Christ who so wants them to grow in the Spirit!

NEXT WEEKEND, AS PART OF THE 'YEAR OF THE WORD' CELEBRATIONS, and since it will be, for the first time, a new initiative of Pope Francis – the 'Sunday of the Word of God' – we will have a special blessing of, and opportunity to receive a copy of, the Gospel of Matthew. St Matthew's is the Gospel that we will be hearing from on Sundays for the bulk of 2020 (with the exception of a few Sundays, such as today!), its being the liturgical 'Year A.' It is not hard to read the Gospels: even though they are texts almost 2,000 years old, and originally written in Greek, they have a remarkable freshness and immediacy that of itself witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit who inspired their sacred authors. I will be encouraging you to take a copy of the Gospel and to read it from cover to cover!

May these early weeks of 2020 be blessed as we offer the coming year to the Lord! Fr Philip

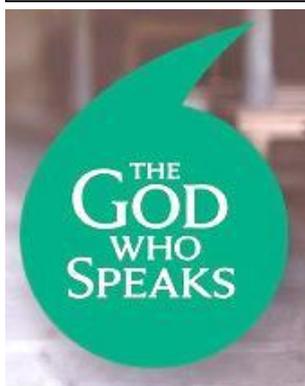


"Behold!
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John 1:29

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 12

Jesus' mission is ultimately fulfilled in the paschal mystery: here we find ourselves before the "word of the cross." The word is muted; it becomes mortal silence, for it has "spoken" exhaustively, holding back nothing of what it had to tell us. The Fathers of the Church, in pondering this mystery, attributed to the Mother of God this touching phrase: "Wordless is the Word of the Father, who made every creature which speaks, lifeless are the eyes of the one at whose word and whose nod all living things move". Here that "greater" love, the love which gives its life for its friends, is truly shared with us.



PRAYER & LITURGY

KEVIN O'BRYAN RIP of Dorchester Avenue, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Monday 20th January at 1pm.**

FILIPPA GAITERI RIP of Yewlands, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 21st January at noon.**

VINCENZA PROVENZANO RIP of Kingsfield, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 29th January at 1pm** with Don Antonio.

CONNIE MURPHY RIP of St David's Drive died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 31st January at 12 noon.** *May they rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **this Sunday 19th January at 5pm (till 5.45pm)** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly prayerful hour!

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE will be held **this Sunday 19th January at 6pm** at St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne on behalf of Churches Together in Hoddesdon. All are welcome. Refreshments and 'mingling' BEFORE (not after) the Service, from 5.30pm.

ROTA FOR READER/MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: for the period Feb-May is due to be drawn up shortly. Please advise Pat Kavanagh by phone 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com by **Wed 29th January AT THE LATEST** of any dates in this period that you are NOT available. Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least made their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 21st February.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 14th-21st May 2020: St. Joseph and English Martyrs parish

in Bishop's Stortford has a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Fr. Carlos Quito, the Assistant Priest. The cost is £1333, based on sharing a twin-bedded room: 3 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Jerusalem. Please contact their Parish Office on 01279-654063 if you are interested in knowing more about it.

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE DAY will be on **Thursday 14th May.** More details will follow in due course. Please put the date in your diary.

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

"RCIA" - 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation. The **next meeting is Monday 20th Jan, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 21st Jan, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt and will cover **chs. 12 & 17** of their workbook. **MASS OF ENROLMENT** will take place at Masses THIS WEEKEND **18th / 19th January** and will involve a statement and promise of commitment to ongoing preparation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: The second class for the children will be held on **Sat 15th February, 10-3pm.** The third meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 5th February at 8pm** in the crypt.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'PRAYER PARTNERS' are needed for all the children on

the programme. A prayer partner prays for a child whilst they are preparing to make their Communion. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please print your name in capital letters on the *blue sheets* at the back of the church.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES: There are a number of places available in the Afternoon Nursery class, which runs from 12.20 to 3.20pm. Children can access the 15 hours' free entitlement funding. There is great continuity from the Nursery class into Reception and a seamless transition for the children. For further information, please contact the school on: 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The total collected from the appeal last weekend was £119.91. Thank you!

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK is now giving out approx. 70 parcels per week. They are experiencing shortages of **UHT milk, canned meat, canned fruit and canned vegetables** – 'normal' veg not 'exotic'. Please leave food donations in the box at back of church. Thank you to all who give regularly to the FoodBank!

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning on **Saturday 25th January** 10am-12 noon at Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. Booking is required, please contact 020-8449-6970 or e-mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making house visits in Monks Close, Stratfield Drive, & Churchfields, on **Wednesday afternoon** this week.

CRIB APPEAL: This year the amount collected was £472.97 for the Catholic Childrens' Society, Westminster. Thank you!

WESTMINSTER SAFEGUARDING SERVICE is offering a package of e-Learning programmes that are available free of charge to every member of the Catholic community. Each programme is modular and divided up into a bite-sized format. For further info, please e-mail safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk. Your e-mail

should contain your name, the name of your parish and your role. On receipt of your e-mail, the safeguarding administrator will register your e-mail with *EduCare*. You will receive a welcome e-mail from *EduCare* where you will set your password.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2020 are now available to buy for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

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: 19th & 26th January 2020.

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>.

PRAYER FOR WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed that we may be one in Him. Your Son, Jesus, compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of Your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with You, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.



Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 18th January 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Giuseppe Tambuzzo and Antonino & Giuseppa Cannatella RIP		PAGE 125 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5–6 <i>I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.</i> Psalm 39 — Here I am Lord! I come to do your will. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1–3 <i>May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Chris send you grace and peace.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia! Gospel: John 1: 29–34 <i>Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no 2 (p. 68) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mass For the Parish Sun 19th Jan SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** Rita McGrath 11.15am Pietro DiLeTo RIP ‡ 5pm Holy Hour		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23–9:3 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10–13,17 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12–23	
Mon 20th January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Pat McGrath 1pm Funeral Kevin O'Bryan RIP Tues 21st January ST AGNES, Virgin & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Marcus & Angela Conroy & family 12.00pm Funeral Filippa Gaiteri RIP Wed 22nd January 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15 Mass Eric Henry Field & Mollie Field RIP anniv. — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 23rd January NO Mass Fri 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop & Dr (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Pat Freeman RIP Sat 25th Jan THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Carmelo Ventura RIP		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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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. SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Tanina, Francesco & Frank Ciruolo RIP Sun 26th Jan THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Giovannina Minichiello RIP anniv. ‡			
* 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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Mon 20th Tues 21st	7.30pm RCIA, presbytery 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	Tues 21st Wed 22nd	7.00pm Confirmation, crypt 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.*