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Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26th JANUARY 2020

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND WE KEEP FOR THE FIRST TIME the 'Sunday of the Word of God' – on the initiative of Pope Francis – and it is a chance to reflect on the central importance of the Sacred Scriptures in our Christian life. In almost every single liturgical celebration, not just at Mass, we hear readings from the holy Bible and it is important that we revere and attend to the Word of God that is transmitted to us on the "sacred page."



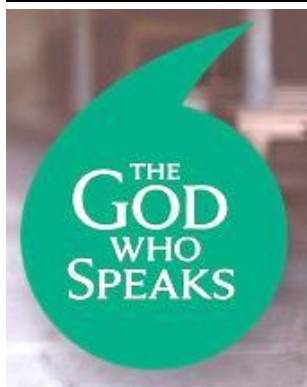
In keeping with this, we will have a couple of special elements to Sunday Mass this weekend:

- 1. The blessing of, and 're-commissioning' of, parish Readers.** This will take place, appropriately enough, just before the Liturgy of the Word. Our Readers perform a special ministry in our Catholic liturgy, proclaiming to us the saving message of God's Word. We are grateful for their regular service.
- 2. The blessing of, and distribution of, copies of the Gospel of St Matthew.** This will take place at the end of Mass, and you will be invited to purchase (just £1.50) a pocket-sized Gospel of Mathew in the porch after Mass. Inside each copy is a simple schedule for reading the 28 chapters of St Matthew *over the course of about a month and a half*. An ideal opportunity for this reading, for example, would be Lent, which runs from the end of February to the middle of April. St Matthew's is the Gospel that we are hearing on most Sundays in this 'Year A' of the cycle of Sunday readings. How blessed it would be, to say that we have read this one life of Christ *cover to cover!* As St Jerome said, "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" – so to have read carefully and prayerfully a whole Gospel is to know our Blessed Lord so much better! Please think of engaging in this simple chance to read the Word of God.

Let us enter into the 'Sunday of the Word of God' with devout hearts & keen minds! Fr Philip

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

In the most luminous mystery of the resurrection, this silence of the word is shown in its authentic and definitive meaning. Christ, the incarnate, crucified and risen Word of God, is Lord of all things; he is the victor, the *Pantocrator*, and so all things are gathered up forever in him. Christ is thus "the light of the world," the light which "shines in the darkness" and which the darkness has not overcome ... From the beginning, Christians realized that in Christ the word of God is present as a person. The word of God is the true light which men and women need. In the resurrection the Son of God truly emerged as the light of the world. Now, by living with him and in him, we can live in the light.



PRAYER & LITURGY

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.*

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be held next **Sunday 2nd February at 5.00pm.**

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.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place **Sunday 16th February at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly prayerful hour!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More leaders and helpers are needed at the 9.15am Mass. Training will be provided and DBS checks will be required. Please contact Claire Hay on 07971-063520 for further information.

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 **Thurs 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/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

"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 27th Jan, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 4th Feb, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt and will cover **chs. 13 & 16** of their workbook. Do keep signing up for your slots to volunteer for the Night Shelter set-up each Sunday (12.15pm) till the 29th March.

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 has 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

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!

TRAIDCRAFT stall will be at the back of the church next weekend after all Masses.

FAIRTRADE: When we buy products with the Fairtrade Mark, we support farmers and workers in the developing world, as they work to improve their lives and their communities. The Mark means that the Fairtrade ingredients in the product have been produced by small-scale farmer organisations / plantations that meet Fairtrade social, economic and environmental standards. The standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Wage and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects. Pope Francis' message in support of small farmers on the Vatican website, earlier this month, encourages them in CAFOD's work to promote Fairtrade.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip is not able to make house this week, and will resume the week after.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended Kevin's funeral last Monday. It was lovely to see so many parishioners there. Thank you also to everyone who made a donation as £1,580 was raised for the TRACERx Research Study, which is fantastic. Thank you also for all the cards & all your prayers. Lynn O'Bryan & family.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More cleaners are needed for the Wednesday afternoon team at 1pm. This involves one hour per month. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tiina Pegna, Tony and Linda Barrell. Thank you!

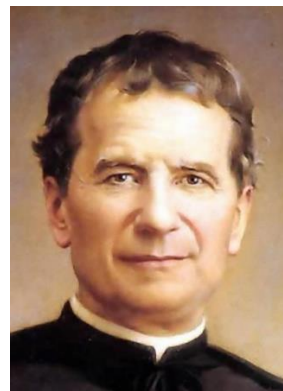
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 2nd, 16th & 23rd Feb.

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 JOHN BOSCO

Saint John Bosco, popularly known as 'Don Bosco,' was an Italian priest, educator and writer of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.



Pray for us, and for our young people!

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Carmelo Ventura RIP	<p align="center">PAGE 127 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23–9:3 <i>In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.</i></p> <p>Psalm 26 — The Lord is my light and my help.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10–13, 17 <i>Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 4: 12–23 <i>He went and settled in Capernaum; in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</p> <p>1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1–4 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14–18 Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Tanina, Francesco & Frank Ciraolo RIP Sun 26th Jan THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** For the Parish 11.15am Giovannina Minichiello RIP ‡	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p align="center">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <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> <p align="center">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Mon 27th January 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Anthony Mbonu RIP 9am Morning Prayer Tues 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Angela Smith RIP 9am Morning Prayer Wed 29th January 8.15am Adoration 9.15 Mass Maria-Teresa Distefano RIP — followed by coffee in the crypt 9am Morning Prayer 1pm Funeral Vincenza Provenzano RIP Thurs 30th January NO Mass Fri 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO, Priest (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Funeral Connie Murphy RIP Sat 1st February 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP	<p align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p> <p>Mon 27th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 28th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Wed 29th 6pm Brownies, crypt</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* Mark Campany RIP anniv. Sun 2nd Feb THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 9.15am** Maureen O'Neill RIP 11.15am Ian & John Laydon RIP 5pm Latin Mass For the Parish ‡	
<p 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>	

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.*