

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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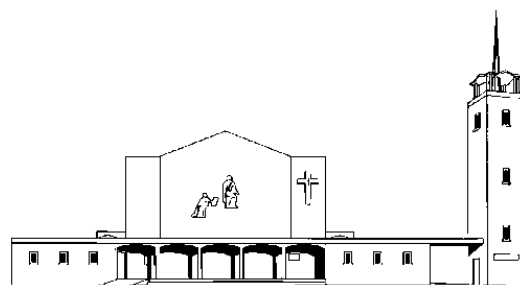
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Year A

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 38-48

*Love your enemies.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

FOLLOWING ON FROM CARDINAL VINCENT'S PASTORAL LETTER LAST WEEKEND I have included with this week's Newsletter an insert so that you can read a bit of the background associated with the Rededication of England to Our Lady next month, and the history of England's being called 'the Dowry of Mary.' There is also much more information on the special website for the Rededication, <https://www.behold2020.com/>



The day of re-dedication will be Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, and we will take time that weekend at Mass to do just that. Prior to that, there will be the 'Dowry Tour' of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at **Westminster Cathedral from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March**. I intend to attend the Cathedral on the evenings of Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> March) and Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March). Those who would like to attend the Friday-evening devotions with me including 5.30pm Mass and talk from the Rector of Walsingham shrine, I will be catching a train at Broxbourne station c. 3pm that afternoon – more precise details to follow. This is a beautiful opportunity to prepare ourselves for the re-commitment of England's Catholics to the service of Christ through Our Lady's prayers.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK WITH THE CELEBRATION OF ASH WEDNESDAY, a day when most Catholics would wish to come to Mass to begin a good Lent and to receive the sign of the ashes on the forehead as a mark of the Lenten commitment. It is also *a day of fasting and abstinence from all meat*. Please come to Ash Wednesday Mass, which will be celebrated at ...

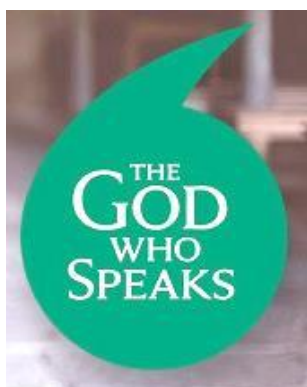
**\* \* \* \* \* 9.30am (with Primary Schools); 12 noon; 8pm \* \* \* \* \***

Let us hear the words of Christ in His sacred teaching and live out His Gospel!

Fr Philip

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 15**

We need to mention the mission of the Holy Spirit in relation to the divine word. In fact there can be no authentic understanding of Christian revelation apart from the activity of the Paraclete. This is due to the fact that God's self-communication always involves the relationship of the Son and the Holy Spirit, whom Irenaeus of Lyons refers to as "the two hands of the Father." ... In the *Acts of the Apostles*, we read that the Spirit descended on the Twelve gathered in prayer with Mary on the day of Pentecost, and impelled them to take up the mission of proclaiming to all peoples the Good News. The word of God is thus expressed in human words thanks to the working of the Holy Spirit. The missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable and constitute a single economy of salvation.



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH** Olivia Spires who will be baptised this weekend.

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

**ROSA AUGELLO RIP** of Briscoe Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am**.

**SALVATORE DI MARIA RIP** of River Avenue died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1pm** with Don Antonio.

**MOLLY ZWAGER RIP** of Oxenden Drive died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**.

**HESTER COUNSELL RIP** formerly of this parish died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will take place **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly prayerful hour!

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (not 20<sup>th</sup> March)**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**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.

**DOWRY OF MARY TOUR** at Westminster Cathedral, 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. Timetable of all the Cathedral devotions over 3 days available on blue sheets by Newsletters, or at <https://www.behold2020.com/westminster>. Fr Philip will attend Thursday and Friday evenings. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> he will leave from Broxbourne station c. 3pm for the Cathedral in order to attend the Cathedral c. 4pm–8pm.

**MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS:** The Cardinal invites couples who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020 to Mass

on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May** at 3pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please contact the Presbytery with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & e-mail, or telephone number if no e-mail.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** of many hundreds from our diocese led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols **25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July**. Fr Philip attends each year, and is involved with the care of the sick. The pilgrimage seeks those who are sick within our parish communities who might wish to join and be cared for at the *Accueil St Frai*: there are 22 places available. For further information, speak to Fr Philip or e-mail Pilgrimage Administrator, Elizabeth Uwalaka [elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk). Booking forms for general booking available here: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-westminster-2020>

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at St Augustine's, CofE, Churchfields, Broxbourne. The service will be at 11am, with lunch at 12.15. There will also be a service at 8pm at the Baptist Church, Burford Street with refreshments at 7.30pm.

## LENT

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on **26<sup>th</sup> February** and Mass will be at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. **Eucharistic Ministers are still needed for the 12 noon Mass**. If you can assist, please sign your name on the list at the back of church. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (for those aged 16–60) and abstinence (for those aged 14+). This means that we consciously choose to eat less – one main meal only – and that (as on all Fridays too) we eat no meat whatsoever.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** the "Way of the Cross" prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm after Mass) & Saturday (9.30am, before Mass) and in Italian at 4.30pm each Friday.

**LENT SCRIPTURE PRAYER MEETINGS:** using the booklets *A Word For Lent* developed for spending time with the Lent-Sunday Gospels (£3 each, available in the porch – please place your money in the newspaper box) we will meet for **6 Wednesdays after morning coffee (c. 10.15–11.15am) beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

**PARISH "PENANCE" FOR LENT:** In Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and

then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

'LENT EXTRA' booklets with daily Lent meditations are now available to buy for £2.25. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

LENTEN ALMS BOX will be in front of the lectern throughout Lent in support of charitable causes: this year we'll be supporting **the Cardinal's Lenten charity**.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm in the Presbytery**.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt and will cover **chs. 14 & 15** of their workbook. Do keep signing up for your **slots to volunteer for the Night Shelter set-up** each Sunday (12.15pm) till the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the bishop who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, will come for the candidates'

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:** the children's 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March as already indicated, at the times they have received. The third class for the children

will be held on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May 10-3pm**. The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm** in the crypt.

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** from 7.30-9pm. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

### JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - 8<sup>th</sup> Mar.** In Fairtrade Fortnight, we need to stand up for exploited cocoa farmers, particularly in West Africa. They are struggling to earn a living income and women are often the worst afflicted. Don't feed exploitation, choose Fairtrade!

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume his house visits to parish homes **on Wednesday afternoon** in Baas Hill Close, Baas Lane, & Carnaby Road.

**200 CLUB RENEWALS** on the **29<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March & 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March** after all Masses.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March** in the crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 to reserve a table. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation – cash, or a bottle of something for a raffle prize – then please drop that in to the presbytery.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna & 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Patrick &amp; Jean Walsh RIP</i>		<b>PAGE 139 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Leviticus 19: 1–2, 17–18 <i>You must love your neighbour as yourself.</i> <b>Psalm 102 — The Lord is compassion and love.</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 3: 16–23 <i>All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.</i> <b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5: 38–48 <i>Love your enemies.</i> <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i>		<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 2: 7–9, 3: 1–7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 5: 12–19 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 4: 1–11	
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Alberto &amp; Maria Beschizza RIP</i> ‡			
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Kevin O'Bryan RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer		<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. <b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. <b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> 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. <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> 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>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Josephine Murphy RIP</i> 9am Morning Prayer			
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February ASH WEDNESDAY (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+; fasting for those aged 16-60)</b> 8.15am Adoration 9.30am Mass with both schools <i>Theresa Delaney's intentions</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Pepita Pros</i> 8pm Mass <i>Terry McIntyre RIP</i>			
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Hester Counsell RIP rec. dec.</i>			
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Carmelo Ventura RIP</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross			
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Giorgio Schia RIP</i>			
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>William Phelan &amp; Denis O'Donovan RIP</i>			
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am** <i>Beanie Souch RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Angela Smith RIP</i> 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery <b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt	<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7pm Confirmation, crypt <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></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.*