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Year A

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9TH FEBRUARY 2020

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-16

You are the light of the world.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE 'YEAR OF THE WORD' this year urges us to take more seriously our relationship with the Holy Scripture. In the light of that, and with the importance of the 'Sermon on the Mount' in St Matthew's Gospel, I intend this Sunday to read the Gospel of the 4th Sunday ('The Beatitudes,' 5:1-12) in addition to the verses allocated to this Sunday (5:13-16), providing the continuity which makes sense of the Lord's teaching. (The feast of the Presentation last Sunday meant that we didn't hear the usual Sunday readings for the 4th Sunday.)



IF YOU STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED A COPY OF ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL, I invite you to do so: a few copies are available by the choir-loft stairs (just £1.50, please). Following the Sunday Gospels – either by reading them ahead, or by going back to them after Sunday Mass – is another ideal way of increasing your exposure to the sacred text. And it will also allow you to read those parts of the Gospel that never do get an airing in the Sundays Gospel readings. Or, as I suggest before, you might want to use the time of Lent (beginning on Ash Wed, 26th Feb.) in order to read the Gospel through, over those 6 weeks. However you use the Gospel this year, may it be fruitful!

I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER on Sundays in this current season, giving a warm bed, dinner, and breakfast, to those who would otherwise be on the streets. Thank you for all your efforts over these 12 weeks January-March.

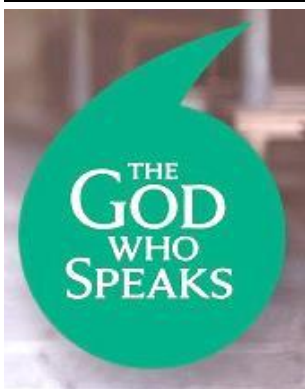
Let us hear the words of Christ in the Beatitudes and be blessed in His name!

Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 13

Saint Paul, faithfully handing on the teaching of the Apostles, stresses that Christ's victory over death took place through the creative power of the word of God. This divine power brings hope and joy: this, in a word, is the liberating content of the paschal revelation. At Easter, God reveals himself and the power of the trinitarian love which shatters the baneful powers of evil and death. Calling to mind these essential elements of our faith, we can contemplate the profound unity in Christ between creation, the new creation and all salvation history. To use an example, we can compare the cosmos to a "book" — Galileo himself used this example — and consider it as "the work of an author who expresses himself through the 'symphony' of creation. In this symphony one finds, at a certain point, what would be called in musical terms a 'solo', a theme entrusted to a

single instrument or voice which is so important that the meaning of the entire work depends on it. This 'solo' is Jesus ... The Son of Man recapitulates in himself earth and heaven, creation and the Creator, flesh and Spirit. He is the centre of the cosmos and of history, for in him converge without confusion the author and his work."



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Tadhg Seekings who will be baptised this weekend.

ANGELA COFFEY RIP of Glamis Close, Cheshunt died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **The funeral will be on Monday 10th February at 11am.**

ROSA AUGELLO RIP of Briscoe Road died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details for her funeral will be posted when they are available. *May they rest in peace.*

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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. **ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT!**

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from **25th–31st July**. The pilgrimage is always looking out for those who are sick within our parish communities who might wish to join. There are currently 22 places available. For further information, please speak to Fr Philip or email the Pilgrimage Administrator, Elizabeth Uwalaka elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk.

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **26th February** and Mass will be at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the lists 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.

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 10th Feb, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 25th 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 29th March.

Parents – please remember that part of the commitment agreed to for the Confirmation programme is to accompany your youngsters to Sunday Mass on a weekly basis.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE:

The second class for the children will be held on **Sat 15th February, 10-12 noon - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF END TIME.** The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 18th March at 8pm** in the crypt.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March & Friday 13th 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.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL are still accepting applications for a place in the Nursery commencing in September 2020. Application forms are available from the School Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are warmly welcome and can be arranged by contacting the School Office on 463549.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

BROXBORNE 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 Lent Fast Day Appeal will be focused on Zimbabwe, supporting the wider, long-term work that is so crucial for many communities worldwide. Food crisis in Zimbabwe and Zambia - For some months CAFOD have been monitoring escalating drought and food shortages in Zimbabwe and Zambia and they want to alert us that they are distributing emergency food aid and, where possible, access to water.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make his house visits on **Monday** afternoon this week to parish

homes in Bell Lane (high nos.), and side roads off Bell Lane.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 13th 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 – either cash, or a bottle of something for a raffle prize – then please drop that in to the presbytery.

LOST PROPERTY from the church is taken into the presbytery and kept for a month. If it has not been claimed, it will be donated to charity. Please claim missed items now!

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: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. 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: 23rd Feb, 1st & 15th 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								
Sat 8th February ST JOSPEHINE BAKHITA 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Nalda Cattini RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 133 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7–10 <i>Then will your light shine like the dawn.</i></p> <p>Psalm 111 — <i>The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1–5 <i>During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 5: 1–16 <i>How happy are the poor in spirit</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 69) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15–20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6–10 Gospel: Matthew 5: 17–37</p>								
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 9th Feb 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Irene Willmer RIP anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Maria & Onofrio Panepinto RIP anniv</i> †	<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 align="center">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 align="center">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 align="center">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>								
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<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.*