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Year A

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8th MARCH 2020

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9 *His face shone like the sun.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT sees us at the Mount of the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Our Lord lets three of the Apostles glimpse something of His divine glory. Let us, too, feel *bathed* by this holy light and love of Jesus, as we let Him draw us closer in this season.

USUALLY I WOULD HAVE ISSUED 'IDEAS FOR LENT' with suggestions for keeping the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving in the season. Given the number of 'inserts' already in your Newsletter today, I haven't added to that! But I would remind you of the following possibilities:

Prayer: regular weekday Masses; reading our pocket copies of St Matthew's Gospel 'day by day'; Friday 11am Adoration; Sunday Holy Hour (15th March); Stations of the Cross (Fri 12.30pm, Sat 9.30am).

Fasting: refraining from meat on extra day(s) in the week, not just Friday; 'giving up' some of the classic treats such as sugar, cakes, chocolate, alcohol; fasting from the use of TV, social media, internet, etc.

Almsgiving: CaFOD Fast Day (collection this weekend); Lenten Alms (collection box by lectern in church); Broxbourne FoodBank (collection box in porch); establishing a 'Charity account' with C.A.F. for regular charitable giving; wall boxes for 'CaFOD,' 'Poor & Needy,' and 'World Missions.'

Reconciliation (as well as the regular times): after every Sat eve/Sunday Mass in Lent; Parish Penitential Service, Tuesday 7th April, 7.30pm.

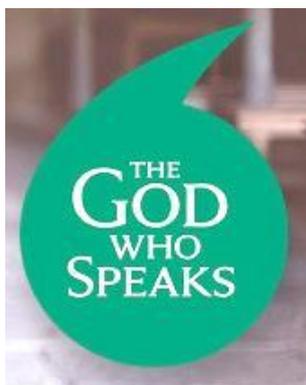
OUR 2020 'PLANNED GIVING' CAMPAIGN is also a part of this Lent, and today we will hear briefly from Matt Morrissey, Chair of the Finance Committee. Please read and reflect on the inserted sheet, setting out our 2019 income and expenditure. **Next weekend at Mass** we will have the opportunity to make a renewed commitment to our offertory giving to support our parish.

Let us heed the Father that we listen to His beloved Son!

Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 16

I would like to emphasize the very significant witness to the relationship between the Holy Spirit and Scripture which we find in the texts of the liturgy, where the word of God is proclaimed, heard and explained to the faithful. We find a witness to this in the ancient prayers which in the form of an epiclesis invoke the Spirit before the proclamation of the readings: "Send your Paraclete Spirit into our hearts and make us understand the Scriptures which he has inspired; and grant that I may interpret them worthily, so that the faithful assembled here may profit thereby."



PRAYER & LITURGY

HESTER COUNSELL RIP formerly of this parish died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 20th March at 12 noon.** *May she rest in peace.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will take place next **Sunday 15th March 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 Fri 27th (NOT 20th) March** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

DOWRY OF MARY TOUR at Westminster Cathedral, 19th to 21st 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 20th he will leave from Broxbourne station 3pm** in order to attend the devotions at the Cathedral c. 4pm–8pm. If you would like to attend, then just assemble at Broxbourne station at 3pm in the ticket office.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY: this will take place across the country in parishes and homes on Sunday 29th March. See also: <https://www.behold2020.com/>

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 **by Wed 25th March.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES of many hundreds from our diocese led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols **25th–31st July.** Fr Philip attends each year, and is involved with the care of the sick. Additionally, the pilgrimage takes some who are sick in our parish communities who are cared for at the *Accueil St Frai*: there are 22 such places available. For further information, speak to Fr Philip or e-mail Pilgrimage Administrator, Elizabeth Uwalaka elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk. Booking

forms for general booking available here: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-westminster-2020>

If young adults (18+) would wish to come and assist the more-sick members of the pilgrimage, then please speak to Fr Philip. He is the lead chaplain for the Westminster group at the *Accueil St Frai* each year, with its wonderful group of voluntary helpers working alongside the doctors and nurses that come with us.

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

LENT

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

LENT SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP: 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 on **Wednesdays after morning coffee (c. 10.15–11.15am) continuing 11th 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! **Fr Philip will endeavour after each and every Sunday Mass in Lent to be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Penance.**

‘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.**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY (Friday 6th March): The envelopes are attached to the newsletter and **will be collected after Mass this weekend.** Through CAFOD’s global Church network, your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

‘STUDENT CROSS’ HOLY WEEK WALKING PILGRIMAGE will be held from **3rd–12th April** to Walsingham. It’s open to students & non-

students, those of all ages & all denominations. For more info, e-mail info@studentcross.org.uk

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Ian Witham, John Lumley, Bridget Newson, Judith Lloyd-Jones & Tallulah Scott.

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 9th March, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

CONFIRMATION 2020: next class for the candidates will be **Tuesday 10th March, 7-8.30pm** in the crypt. Bishop Paul McAleenan, the bishop who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 26th April, will come to visit for this session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: The third class for the children will be held on **Sat 16th May 10-3pm**. The fourth meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 18th March at 8pm** in the crypt.

BAPTISM COURSE: The second part of the course will be held on **Friday 13th March** from 7.30-9pm in the church.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: (24th Feb - 8th Mar) The average female cocoa farmer is paid as little as 23p a day, highlighting a gender pay gap in

the global chocolate industry according to Fairtrade Foundation. That figure is well below the extreme global poverty line of £1.40 a day and average farmer pay of 75p a day. Don't feed exploitation, choose Fairtrade!

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits to parish homes **on Wednesday afternoon** in Trafalgar Ave, Graham Road (sorry - the rain prevented much visiting last Wednesday!)

200 CLUB RENEWALS this weekend will be after **all Masses this weekend**. The winner for March was no. 84 Aidan Keane.

CHARITY BALL: The ball last weekend was a huge success and a total of £3,864 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society, in memory of my Mum. Thank you to everyone who attended the ball and to all those who made donations. We really appreciate it. Dawn Bates.

REMINDER: EU, EEA & SWISS CITIZENS living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. Deadline for applications is 30th June 2021. Details & links to the process can be found at: www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus.

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: 15th & 29th March.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/dioocese/jobs>.

**CAFOD
FAST DAY
PRAYER**



God of all wholeness, heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers, excluded by poverty and prevented from living a full and healthy life. This Lent, may we: implore justice through our prayer, stand in solidarity through our fasting, and reach out through our giving. Send your life-giving power to revive the weary, restore the broken and renew the face of the earth.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 7th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Marina Rocchi</i>		PAGE 155 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1–4 <i>The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.</i> Psalm 32 — <i>May you love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</i> 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8–10 <i>God calls and enlightens us.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i> Gospel: Matthew 17: 1–9 <i>His face shone like the sun.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Transfiguration (p. 72) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 25)	
4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 8th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9.15am** <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Antonia Damian RIP</i> ‡		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3–7 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1–2, 5–8 Gospel: John 4: 5–42	
Mon 9th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Connie Murphy RIP</i> Tues 10th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ann-Marie Lynch RIP</i> Wed 11th March 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>Angelo De Luca RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 12th March 9.15am Mass <i>Marion Corrigan RIP</i> Fri 13th March (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Milly Yarwood RIP</i> 12.30pm Stations of the Cross Sat 14th March 9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Mass <i>Maria Petrarca RIP</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. 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	
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* 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 9th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery Tues 10th 12.30pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 10th 7pm Confirmation, crypt	Wed 11th 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 11th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt Fri 13th 7.30pm Baptism course, church		

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 ciascuna 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.*