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Year A

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st JUNE 2020

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

JUNE IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS – the feast itself was on Friday, reminding us that it is the divine love burning in the human heart of Jesus that took Him to the Cross on that *Good Friday*. The [Litany of the Sacred Heart](#) is a beautiful prayer that you might wish to add to your devotions this month. May we respond to Jesus in fervent love for His Sacred Heart, whose love for us is undying.

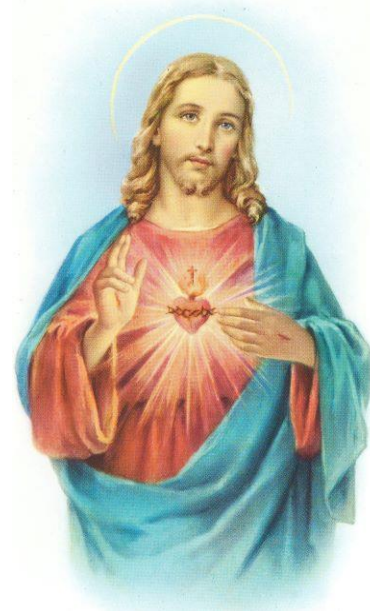
SINCE MONDAY OUR CHURCH HAS THANKFULLY BEEN OPEN AGAIN for private prayer: 8.45am-7pm each day, with an early period of quiet Eucharistic adoration (till 10am) and another one later (6-7pm). I am extremely grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered to be available in 2-hr shifts to be present to provide supervision at this time.

Even for the use of the church just for private prayer there is: (i) sanitiser 'hand gel' available at all the entrance doors; (ii) a requirement that we keep at least 2m away from anyone else in church who is not a member of our household; and (iii) a daily routine of antiseptic cleansing of any surfaces likely to have been touched through the day. Please do not consider coming to church to pray if you have any of the classic symptoms of the coronavirus (fever, cough etc.).

THIS WEEKEND WAS TO HAVE BEGUN THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this year for the children who started preparing in January, and who celebrated their First Confessions at the start of Lent. It is a great shame that First Communion has had to be postponed, and I'm sorry but we don't yet know when classes will be allowed to resume to complete their preparation.

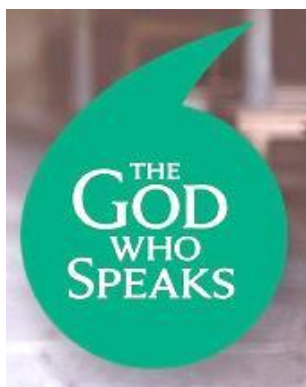
Let us adore and praise the Sacred Heart of Jesus now and for all eternity!

Fr Philip



2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 27

In our day the faithful need to be helped to see more clearly the link between Mary of Nazareth and the faith-filled hearing of God's word. ... Indeed, what the understanding of the faith has enabled us to know about Mary stands at the heart of Christian truth. The incarnation of the Word cannot be conceived apart from the freedom of this young woman who by her assent decisively cooperated with the entrance of the eternal into time. Mary is the image of the Church in attentive hearing of the word of God, which took flesh in her. Mary also symbolizes openness to God and others; an active listening which interiorizes and assimilates, one in which the word becomes a way of life.



PRAYER & LITURGY

ROSA RUSSO of Tregelles Road died on 8th June, aged 93.

GIUSEPPE COGNATA of Stortford Road died on 12th June, aged 85.

Their funerals will be held in private at the Hoddesdon Cemetery. Our sympathies go out to their families. *May they rest in peace.*

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN for roughly the usual times (8.45am – 7pm) with Adoration at the start of the day and end of the day (8.45–10am; 6–7pm). Low-level supervision operates, to ensure that all is safe: Fr Philip or Fr Joshy, or volunteer parishioners, will be available in church/porch. There are hygienic facilities in place, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained.

PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private.

- The suspension of public Mass means that the *obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed* for the duration of the suspension.
- *Parish Masses*, for the intentions requested, are offered without fail, though in private. Please continue to ask for Masses to be offered; these will be published in the Newsletter as usual. Fr Philip will also add a Mass intention for each and every deceased person whose funeral he has had to celebrate at the cemetery/crematorium without Mass.
- *Sunday Mass can be followed online* e.g. at St Joseph & English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford> at: Sat 6pm; Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm; & weekdays 9.30am; or Westminster Cathedral <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster> at: Sat 5.30pm, Sun 10.30am/5.30pm. This is not an obligation, but would be a pious practice in order to stay in touch with the rhythm of the Church's seasons and her devotional life.
- *The readings for Mass* can be found every day on the 'Universalis' website <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>
- I am adding a *video* of my homily to the parish FaceBook page, so that I can continue to offer you my reflections on Sundays: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon –
- A *resource for daily spiritual nourishment* is the '[Pause for Faith](#)' YouTube channel hosted by Westminster priest Fr Stephen Wang: 30-min reflections, very accessible.

'CELEBRATE' ONLINE CONFERENCE 27th – 28th June: Hear from inspiring speakers, take time to prayerfully retreat, get creative, join with live worship and watch Mass together. All the content over the weekend will be hosted on our CELEBRATE Facebook page so make sure you 'Like' and 'Follow' us to not miss anything. Not a Facebook user? Not a problem! You don't need to have an account to access our page. You can join the conference by simply following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity/> If you have friends, family or members of your parish who might like to take part then why not invite them along and send them the details – all are welcome! Over the weekend we'll be releasing everything at specific times but you can replay all our content at any point if you missed it or want to watch again. Here's the full schedule:

Saturday: 10am Listen: A talk from our first keynote speaker; **12noon Pray:** A Guided Prayer session; **3pm Do:** Children's 'Messy Church' + various workshops; **5pm Live Worship;** **6pm An Evening with CELEBRATE;** **9pm Night Prayer.**

Sunday: 10am Listen: Our second keynote speaker; **12noon Pray:** Mass with Bishop David Oakley; **3pm Do:** Interactive Family Prayer; **4pm:** Final session.

You can take part in as little or as much as you'd like. We really encourage you, along with your friends, parishes and families to take the opportunity to approach the CELEBRATE Online Conference as dedicated time for you and the Lord.

FINANCE

APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP: the Finance Committee thanks all who participated in the March 'Planned-Giving' campaign. Please could all other parishioners whose income is not threatened by this virus outbreak consider their regular support for the parish, and maybe increase their giving, doing so by *Standing Order* if possible. Print the relevant inside pages from the [Financial-support form](#) on our parish website, and return the completed form to the Presbytery. The parish relies solely on parishioners' donations. THANK YOU!

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: those who give via Offertory envelopes can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box. We still rely on your giving! NEW BOXES FOR APRIL ONWARDS available for collection from the Presbytery, if you haven't received yours through your letter-box.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

It is vitally important that we 'look out for one another' in this present crisis. We have a number of parishioners offering to assist with shopping or running errands for anyone who is self-isolating, or elderly and choosing to remain safely at home. PLEASE, if you, or anyone you know, is in need of such help, then phone the Presbytery and we will co-ordinate it.

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" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: classes suspended for now. The celebration of Confirmation will be rescheduled in the autumn. It is now clear that the First-Holy-Communion celebrations also cannot take place when originally scheduled, but it is not yet clear when the children's classes can resume for their preparation.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD. We are one global family. Please will you sign the CAFOD petition to ask the government to work with other world leaders to help the most vulnerable people in our world cope with this crisis? To sign the petition visit www.cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Hundreds of people rely on generous donations to the local FoodBank from our parishioners and other local people. The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are now returned to

the church porch in their usual place.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2020/21: We are still accepting applications for places in our Nursery commencing September 2020. Application forms available from the School Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are – in due course – warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the School Office on 463549 or by e-mailing admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume making house visits when it is safe to do so.

200 CLUB: the June draw for the 200 Club has produced the following winner: no. 139, Irayna Coleman-Green. Congratulations to her!

CHURCH CLEANING – a special rota will be devised now that the church is open again.

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

POPE FRANCIS'S

PRAYER

TO OUR LADY

at this time of the virus outbreak

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 20th June Private Mass <i>John Teeling</i>	PAGE 93 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10–13 <i>He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.</i> Ps 68 — In Your great love, answer me, O God. 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12–15 <i>The gift considerably outweighed the fall.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! <i>The Word was made flesh and lived amongst us. To all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Matthew 10: 26–33 <i>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Private Mass* Molly Zwager RIP Sun 21st June TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Private Mass George Daly RIP Private Mass For the Parish	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SS PETER & PAUL 1st Reading: Acts 12: 1–11 2nd Reading: 2Tim 4:6–8, 17–18 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13–19
Mon 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE Private Mass <i>Dec'd members of Stickland family</i> Tues 23rd June Private Mass <i>Mary O'Carroll RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Fr David Sanders OP RIP rec. dec.</i> Wed 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Private Mass <i>Private intention</i> Thurs 25th June Private Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP rec. dec.</i> Private Mass <i>Fr Paul Dynan RIP rec. dec.</i> Fri 26th June <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Laura O'Carroll RIP</i> Sat 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH Private Mass <i>Rosa Russo RIP rec. dec.</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
Private Mass* Enzo & Maria Scozzaro silver wedding Sun 28th June SS PETER & PAUL Private Mass Kathy Rourke RIP anniv. Private Mass For the Parish	REGULAR EVENTS
<p style="text-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.*