

# The Announcer

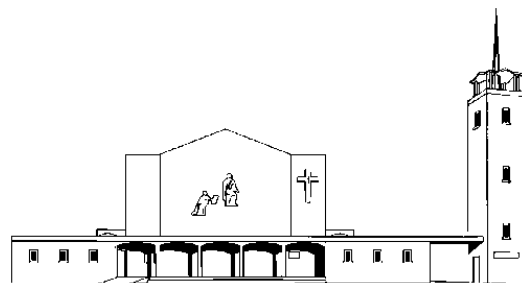
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

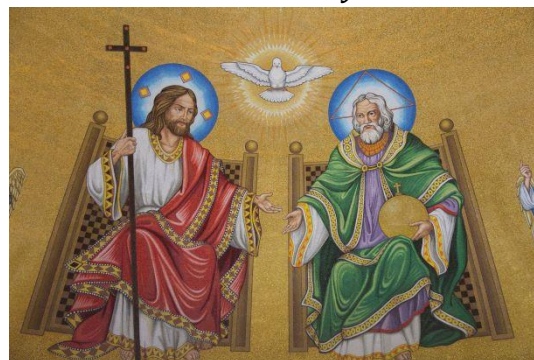
**7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

*God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

TRINITY SUNDAY TODAY CONTINUES THE GREAT CYCLE OF FEASTS following on from Easter. It gives us a chance to reflect on the sacred mystery at the heart of the Godhead, namely the fact that He is Three-in-One, a communion of loving divine persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.



FROM THURSDAY, ADORATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GARDEN GROTTTO, weather permitting, both morning and evening: 9-10am and 6-7pm, for up to 6 people, spread out.

THERE IS AS YET STILL NO DATE for the unlocking of the church doors, but as soon as the 'green light' is given, I will have the church opened. I envisage opening the church 8.45am-7pm each day, with an early period of quiet Eucharistic adoration (till 10am) and another one later (6-7pm). Obviously, even for the use of the church just for private prayer there will be: (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.

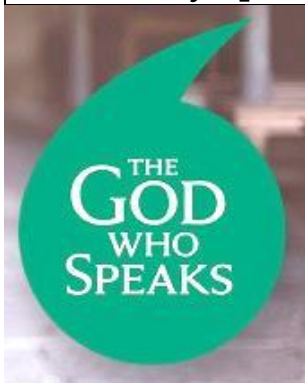
THE PARISH FUNDS ARE CONTINUING TO DIMINISH, owing to almost 3 months of no Sunday collection – the parish bank account having fallen by £13k since the start of the year – despite the kindness of many parishioners setting up Standing Orders or dropping off Offertory Envelopes through the Presbytery door. This is even with the reduced outgoings, and the rebate from Government for our furloughed staff. So, please, do remember to support our parish financially throughout these difficult weeks: your parish needs your generous support! <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/>. Thank you!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faith; kindle in them the fire of Your love! Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 25**

" 'The obedience of faith' must be our response to God who reveals. By faith one freely commits oneself entirely to God, making 'the full submission of intellect and will to God who reveals' and willingly assenting to the revelation given by God." In these words the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* gave precise expression to the stance which we must have with regard to God. *The proper human response to the God who speaks is faith.* Here we see clearly that "in order to accept revelation, man must open his mind and heart to the working of the Holy Spirit who enables him to understand the word of God present in the sacred Scriptures." It is the preaching of the divine word, in fact, which gives rise to faith, whereby we give our heartfelt assent to the truth which has been

revealed to us and we commit ourselves entirely to Christ: "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the word of Christ."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**ADORATION AT GARDEN GROTTTO:** with the possibility of having up to 6 people in an outdoor garden setting, if spread out, we intend to offer **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Garden Grotto starting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** This cannot begin sooner next week, owing to the low morning temperatures forecast for Mon-Wed. From Thursday, Adoration will be **9-10am and 6-7pm.** 6 people at most can be present in the garden at any one time; if more come, then parishioners will simply have to take it in turns.

**CATHEDRAL MASS ON RADIO:** On **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June,** feast of *Corpus Christi*, the 'Sunday Worship' programme, which is aired at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal from Westminster Cathedral. Please share this welcome news with parishioners, and family and friends especially who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch live-streamed Masses.

**PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS:** Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private, plus they pray for the needs of the parish in their twice-daily Holy Hours with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

- The suspension of public Mass by the bishop means that the *obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed* for the duration of the suspension.
- *Parish Masses*, for the intentions requested, will be offered without fail, even though in private. Please continue to ask for Masses to be offered, and these will be published in the Newsletter as usual. Fr Philip will also add in 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>

- You don't have to be a FaceBook user to view our parish page, as it's open-access: [www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon) – I am adding a *video* of my homily to this page, so that I can continue to offer you my reflections on the Sundays and feasts of this holy season.
- 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.

## 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 weekly can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box – ONLY if you are passing; please make NO special outing. We still rely on your giving! NEW BOXES FOR APRIL ONWARDS available for collection from the Presbytery, if you are passing, 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/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" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION:** classes all suspended for now. The celebration of Confirmation will be rescheduled by Bp McAleenan 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](http://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. PLEASE BRING ANY ITEMS FOR THE FOODBANK TO THE PRESBYTERY FRONT DOOR – as long as Fr Philip is in, he will add them to the FoodBank box which is now moved to the Presbytery entrance hall.

### 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](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk)

**ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL, ENFIELD** has a number of teacher vacancies coming up for the autumn term: Teacher of English; Music Teacher. Website for details of the roles and application pack: <http://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/291/careers-at-st-ignatius-college>

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

**200 CLUB:** the April and May draws for the 200 Club have produced the following winners: April – no. 24, Kay Reddington; May – no. 51, Claire Kilduff. Congratulations to them both!

**CHURCH CLEANING** is suspended whilst the church is closed.

**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
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> Private Mass <i>Ellen &amp; Daniel White</i>	<b>PAGE 81 in the Mass books</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 34:4–6, 8–9 <i>Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.</i>
Private Mass* <b>Ted Leatherbarrow RIP</b>	<b>Dan 3 — to You glory and praise for evermore!</b>
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Private Mass <i>Ryan &amp; Edward McGrath</i> Private Mass <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 13: 11–13 <i>The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.</i>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> Private Mass <i>Bernadette Kavanagh RIP rec. dec.</i>	<b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> Private Mass <i>William &amp; Isabel Magill RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Mrs Hudson 94<sup>th</sup>-birthday intentions</i>	<b>Gospel:</b> John 3: 16–18 <i>God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.</i>
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> Private Mass <i>Rev S Morgan's intentions</i>	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Holy Trinity (p. 64) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June ST BARNABAS, Apostle</b> Private Mass <i>Maura Hudson RIP rec. dec.</i> Private Mass <i>Philip McMichael RIP rec. dec.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>CORPUS &amp; SANGUIS CHRISTI</b></p>
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Benedict &amp; Elizabeth Hince wedding intentions</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deut 8: 2–3, 14–16 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Cor 10: 16–17 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6: 51–58
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June ST ANTHONY OF PADUA</b> Private Mass <i>McGrath family intentions</i>	<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.
Private Mass* <b>Hester Counsell RIP rec. dec.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p>
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June CORPUS CHRISTI</b> Private Mass <i>Giuseppe Diesi RIP</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></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.
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> 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>

**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.*