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Year A

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2nd AUGUST 2020

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

They all ate as much as they wanted.



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL TODAY – THE FEEDING OF THE 5000 – is a powerful passage showing not just the Lord Jesus's divine power as the Son of God, but also His concern for the people, His desire to feed them Himself. Throughout the Old Testament, also, there is a constant theme of God's care for Israel expressed through His feeding them: think of the 'manna in the desert,' as He sustained them through the long years in the wilderness after the Exodus. The 1st Reading today, too, from Isaiah speaks of the Lord's giving us sustenance, nourishing our souls.

Though at present we can't exactly crowd out the church with 5000! ... yet it reminds us that the Lord calls us to be with Him in the Holy Mass, wherein His sacred presence is given to us, His sacrifice offered on the altar, and we can be fed with His saving sacrament. The Mass is the culmination of all God's desire to feed His people; He feeds us *with His very self*, the spiritual food that cannot be bettered!

ATTENDANCE AT MASS LAST WEEKEND WAS ABOUT 170, which as you can tell still leaves *lots* of space in the church for parishioners to come to Sunday Mass. **The restriction on surnames (A-K / L-Z) only applies to the 9.15 & 11.15 Masses.** Attendance at Sat 6.30pm & Sun 5pm Masses is open to all. So:

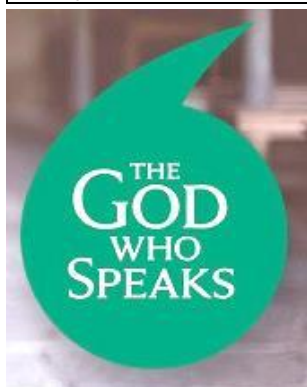
9.15 & 11.15am Sundays ONLY: Surnames A-K: 2nd Aug, 16th Aug. Surnames L-Z: 9th Aug.

I do urge as many as are not frail, elderly, or 'shielding' because of health conditions, to be confident to come to Mass: Sat 6.30pm, Sun 9.15am, 11.15am, 5pm. (Please note the **extra Sunday 5pm Mass.**) We have volunteer stewards on hand at each Sunday Mass to assist you, to guide you to seating, and to space the procession to Holy Communion, and I am extremely grateful to them for their service to you; and to those parishioners who ever since the church re-opened on 15th June have been giving time to be on hand to keep the church a safe space. *Please*, we need more volunteers for this task! – contact the Presbytery.

May the Lord feed us and sustain us through the desert, even when our faith is weak. Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 34

The great principles of interpretation proper to Catholic exegesis [are] set forth by the Second Vatican Council, especially in the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*: "Seeing that, in sacred Scripture, God speaks through human beings in human fashion, it follows that the interpreters of sacred Scripture, if they are to ascertain what God has wished to communicate to us, should carefully search out the meaning which the sacred writers really had in mind, that meaning which God had thought well to manifest through the medium of their words." On the one hand, the Council emphasizes the study of literary genres and historical context ... On the other hand, since Scripture must be interpreted in the same Spirit in which it was written.



PRAYER & LITURGY

DAVID GREEN of Eversley Lodge, Park View, Hoddesdon, died on 17th July, aged 90. His funeral will be held in private with Mass in church. Our sympathies go out to his family. *May he rest in peace.*

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- *The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, so no-one is expected to be at Sunday Mass if they feel it is not yet right for them in terms of their age or health.*
- **SURNAMES FOR Sun 1st Aug, 9.15/11.15am Masses: A-K only.** Surnames L-Z on 9th Aug. Attendance at Sat 6.30/Sun 5pm NOT restricted by surname.
- **Extra Sunday Mass: 5pm Sunday afternoon** for the time being, as long as it is needed.
- The priests and the parish volunteer stewards will have to ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing. This means that *parishioners will have to be patient with any delays* in entering or departing Mass.
- *Please note that the toilets will remain CLOSED.*
- *Sunday Mass will be shortened, to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There will be no congregational singing, no Bidding Prayers, no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will have to be distributed carefully and slowly. You will be invited to give your usual weekly donation as you exit the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.*
- *Confessions – available again in the usual confessional, but only kneeling at the grille/curtain, not face to face. Alternatively, ring Fr Philip for an appointment for confession in the open in the parish garden.*
- *Sunday Mass online: Bishops Stortford <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford> or Westminster Cathedral <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>.*
- *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.*

MASS INTENTIONS: there are currently plenty of spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass to be offered. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

PARISH TIMETABLE: the church is open daily (c. 8am – 7pm) with Mass times and Adoration at the usual times. Additionally, **Adoration at the end of the day (6–7pm) will continue, Monday–Friday.** Low-level supervision operates throughout each day, 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.

BAPTISMS which were missed in the last 3 months can now be re-scheduled. Please feel free to contact the Presbytery regarding this. Baptisms will be celebrated in single-family groups – maximum attendance to be 30.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY on Sundays is suspended for the time being.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE. The parish is very grateful for the 40+ new Standing Orders (set up since March) that have helped the parish finances during the suspension of public Mass.

Outgoings were cut enormously during the past 4 months, but many costs are ongoing, such as the upkeep of our buildings and grounds, to keep them safe. For example, we recently had the costly job of having the trees on Esdaile Lane pollarded, as was essential for their safety and because of their proximity to our neighbours. I do ask as many of you whose finances are stable at present to consider your parish giving, to help the parish out at a difficult time. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). Thank you!

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. First Communion: it is not yet clear when the children's classes can resume for their preparation.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD. What is CAFOD doing to help people survive the coronavirus crisis? "We have joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to scale up our response, ensuring that no one is beyond reach of the aid they need to survive. Our valuable experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities. They are able to respond quickly and are already involved in activities that include: delivering food to where it is needed most; improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitation at the community and household level; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

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 NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. The FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

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/dioocese/jobs>.

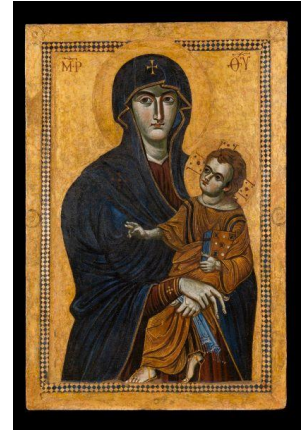
POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO OUR LADY at this time of the virus outbreak

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.

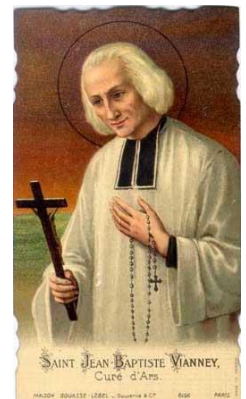
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

**4th August
St John Vianney**

St John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) was born in Lyons, France in 1786. He was ordained in 1815 in Grenoble, and in 1818 was assigned to the parish of Ars, where he spent the rest of his life. He was best known for his steadfast care of souls, for his spirit of prayer and mortification and, above all, for his tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Penance. He spent most of his life in the confessional, drawing energy from his intimate and constant friendship with our Lord in the Eucharist. He died on August 4th 1859 and was canonised May 31st 1925.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP rec. dec.</i>	PAGE 111 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1–3 <i>Come and eat.</i>
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Tim Slevin RIP</i> Sun 2nd Aug EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Patricia Grant RIP rec. dec.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP anniv.</i>	2nd Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37–39 <i>No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.</i> Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!
Mon 3rd August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Francesco Borelli RIP rec. dec.</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: Matthew 14: 13–21 <i>They all ate as much as they wanted.</i>
Tues 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Padraic Wyndham's intentions</i> 6pm Adoration	PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 2 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Wed 5th August DEDIC'N OF MARY MAJOR'S 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11–13 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1–5 Gospel: Matthew 14: 22–33
Thurs 6th Aug THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>David Green RIP rec. dec.</i> 6pm Adoration	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.
Fri 7th August <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration / 11.45am Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Maureen Murphy RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Tony Clayton's intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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.
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Antonino Cicchirillo RIP 1st anniv.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 9th Aug NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Danny, Richard & Grace McGrath RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>NHS and Care Workers of our parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	REGULAR EVENTS

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 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.*