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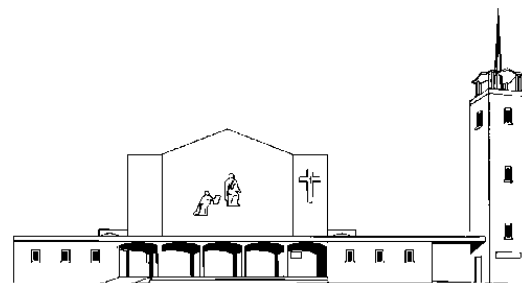
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Year A

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26th JULY 2020

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52

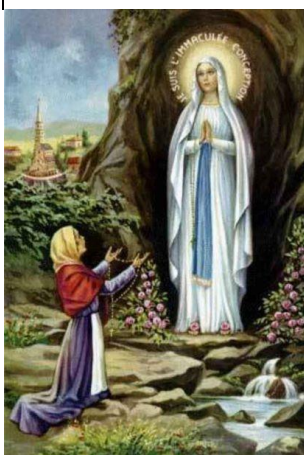
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ATTENDANCE AT MASS LAST WEEKEND WAS ABOUT 180, which represents an ongoing increase week-on-week this month as we have resumed public Masses, but still leaves *lots* of space. Attendance at the Sun 9.15, 11.15, and Sat Italian Masses was in the 40s; attendance at Sat 6.30 and Sun 5pm still only very low, c. 20. Therefore, from this weekend **the restriction on surnames (A–K / L–Z) will only apply to the 9.15 & 11.15 Masses**. Attendance at Sat 6.30pm & Sun 5pm Masses will be open to all. So:

ONLY 9.15 & 11.15am Sundays: Surnames L–Z: 25th/26th July, 8th/9th Aug; Surnames A–K: 1st/8th 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.

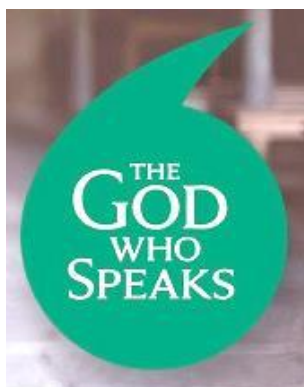


IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD NOW HAVE BEEN ARRIVING IN LOURDES, to participate with hundreds of other Westminster pilgrims in the annual visit to Our Lady's peaceful shrine. Along with so much else, sadly, this is not possible, and won't now take place until 2021. Meanwhile, this week, you can participate in some of the prayers and reflections that are taking place in the 'virtual pilgrimage' online – details are here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/> with a link to the [YouTube channel](#) where everything will be broadcast. Personally it will be a great sadness not to be in Lourdes – I have been on pilgrimage to Lourdes pretty much every year since 1988. Let us invoke the healing love and prayer of Our Blessed Mother for the communities and parishes of our diocese as our nation continues its recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

May the Lord remind us of the treasure, the 'pearl of great price' that is our faith! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 30

The Pontifical Biblical Commission, echoing an accepted principle of modern hermeneutics, has stated ... "As the reader matures in the life of the Spirit, so there grows also his or her capacity to understand the realities of which the Bible speaks." The intensity of an authentic ecclesial experience can only lead to the growth of genuine understanding in faith where the Scriptures are concerned; conversely, reading the Scriptures in faith leads to growth in ecclesial life itself. Here we can see once again the truth of the celebrated dictum of Saint Gregory the Great: "The divine words grow together with the one who reads them." Listening to the word of God introduces and increases ecclesial communion with all those who walk by faith.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Rocco Morreale who will be baptised this weekend.

PATRICIA CONNELL of Lammasmead, Broxbourne died on 5th July aged 69.

PATRICIA GRANT of Ware Road, Hoddesdon died on the 14th July aged 66.

DAVID GREEN of Eversley Lodge, Park View, Hoddesdon, died on 17th July, aged 90.

Their funerals will be held in private with Mass in church. Our sympathies go out to their families. *May they 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 26th 9.15/11.15am Masses: L-Z only.** Surnames A-K the w/e of 1st/8th 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/bishopsstortford> 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.

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/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 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. 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 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.

200 CLUB: the July draw for the 200 Club has produced the following winner: no. 2, Pat DiMaggio-Hunt. 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

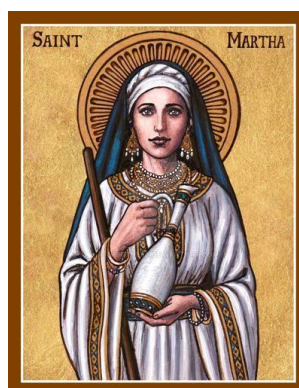


O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.

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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

ST MARTHA – 29th JULY

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the Resurrection and the Life"; and faith let you see beyond His humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that You are the Messiah, the

Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever You ask of Him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home.

Friend and servant of our Saviour, I too am "troubled about many things." (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 25th July ST JAMES, Apostle 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Kathryn Hall's intentions</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 108 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7–12 <i>You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.</i></p> <p>Ps 118 — Lord, how I love your law!</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28–30 <i>God intended us to become true images of his Son.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52 <i>He sells everything he owns and buys the field</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 1 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)</p>
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Erick Laffan RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Edward & Richard Mates</i> 5pm Mass <i>Patricia Connell RIP rec. dec.</i>	<p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1–3 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37–39 Gospel: Matthew 14: 13–21</p>
Mon 27th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Adoration	<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>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>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>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>
Tues 28th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jimmy & Family intentions</i> 6pm Adoration	<p align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p>
Wed 29th July ST MARTHA 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Fergal Lawlor RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<p align="center">* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)</p>
Thurs 30th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<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 new details through the presbytery letterbox. PARROCCHIANI: <i>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.</i></p>
Fri 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest <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	
Sat 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP rec. dec.</i>	
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Tim Slevin RIP rec. dec.</i>	
Sun 2nd Aug EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Trish Grant RIP rec. dec.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Rose McCafferty RIP anniv.</i>	