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Year A

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9th AUGUST 2020

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL PASSAGE TODAY FROM ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL is the famous moment on Lake Galilee when Our Lord, having walked on the water Himself, causes St Peter also miraculously do the same. But Peter's faith in Jesus's almighty power fails, and he begins to sink; Jesus catches him, and leads him safely to the boat, and the storm is stilled.

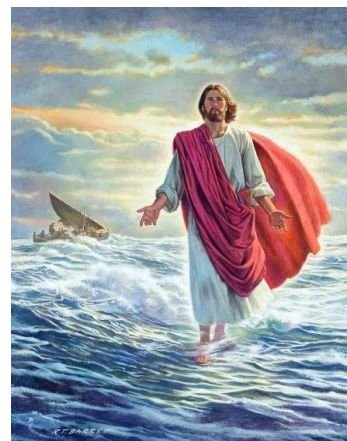
This surely is a timely reminder that we can have complete trust in the Lord – He leads our life safely 'to harbour' in heaven, and despite the storms of life, the upsets and disappointments, He is always ready to catch us, even if our faith falters. Many times a day we can utter simple words as a prayer of trust, such as 'Lord Jesus, bless me and help me.' Like St Peter, we need to renew our faith in Our Lord Jesus *often* – daily, in fact! Simple, daily, honest, open prayer to the Lord is the very best way of offering our life in a trusting way to the all-holy guidance of Jesus. He does not wish us to 'sink,' but to walk with Him above the trials of life, not unfeelingly, but simply with our heart set peacefully on the haven that He has prepared for us at the end of life.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AT SUNDAY MASSES, so I do urge you – if you have not already done so – to return to attending Sunday Mass, unless you are frail, elderly, or 'shielding' because of health conditions. Saturday evening (6.30pm Mass) and Sunday evening (5pm) Mass are open to all, whilst Sunday morning Masses are currently restricted to surnames as follows, on an alternating (fortnightly) basis:

9.15 & 11.15am Sundays ONLY: Surnames L-Z: 9th Aug, 23rd Aug. Surnames A-K: 16th Aug.

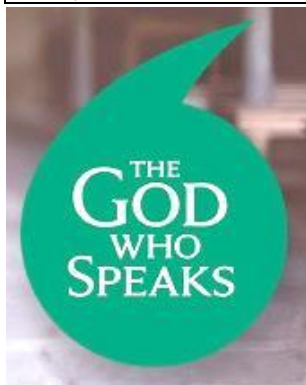
We have volunteer stewards on hand at each Sunday Mass to assist you, to guide you to seating, and to space the procession to Holy Communion. **Government regulations now require Mass-goers to wear a face covering inside church as of 8th August, so I ask you please to comply with this.**

May the Lord hold us by the hand, catch us when we fall, and lead us to stillness. Fr Philip



2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 37

The patristic and mediaeval tradition could recognize the different senses of Scripture, beginning with the literal sense, namely, "the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation." Saint Thomas of Aquinas, for example, states that "all the senses of sacred Scripture are based on the literal sense." It is necessary, however, to remember that in patristic and mediaeval times every form of exegesis, including the literal form, was carried out on the basis of faith, without there necessarily being any distinction between the *literal sense* and the *spiritual sense*.



PRAYER & LITURGY

ELLEN PEARSON of St Catherine's Residential Home, Broxbourne, died on 4th August, aged 90. Her funeral will be held in private with Mass in church. Our sympathies go out to her family. *May she 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 9th Aug, 9.15/11.15am Masses: L-Z only.** Surnames A-K on 16th 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 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/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 has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to scale up the response to the pandemic, ensuring that no one is beyond reach of the aid they need to survive. Their valuable experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities and 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.

UNDER-5's 200 CLUB – the winner for August is no. 130, Mrs Michelle Grifi. Congratulations!

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

14th August

St Maximilian Kolbe

St Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Catholic priest and

Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. He had been active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, founding and supervising the monastery of Niepokalanów near Warsaw, operating an amateur-radio station (SP3RN) and founding or running several other organisations and publications. On 10th October 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized Father Kolbe and declared him a martyr of charity and "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century."



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 8th August ST DOMINIC, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Tony Clayton's intentions</i>	PAGE 114 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11–13 <i>Stand on the mountain before the Lord.</i> Ps 84 — <i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</i> 2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1–5 <i>I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.</i>
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Antonino Cicchirillo RIP 1st anniv. Sun 9th Aug NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass Danny, Richard, Grace McGrath RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish 5pm Mass Margaret O'Sullivan RIP anniv	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Matthew 14: 22–33 <i>Tell me to come to you across the water.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 3 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Mon 10th August ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Eddie Ogbodu's intentions 6pm Adoration	Next Week's Readings THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1st Reading: Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1–6, 10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26 Gospel: Luke 1: 39–56
Tues 11th August ST CLARE, Virgin 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Joe Ryan's intentions 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. ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Wed 12th August 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Terry Cahill RIP 6pm Adoration	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.
Thurs 13th Aug 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass Tess Pearson RIP rec. dec. 6pm Adoration	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
Fri 14th August ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, Priest <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration / 11.45am Benediction 12 noon Mass Anne Murphy RIP anniv. 6pm Adoration	
Sat 15th August 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Ken Parker RIP	
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* Private intention Sun 16th Aug ASSUMPTION OF BL. V. MARY 9.15am Mass Thanksgiving from the Byrne Family 11.15am Mass For the Parish 5pm Mass NHS and Care Workers of our parish	
* 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.*