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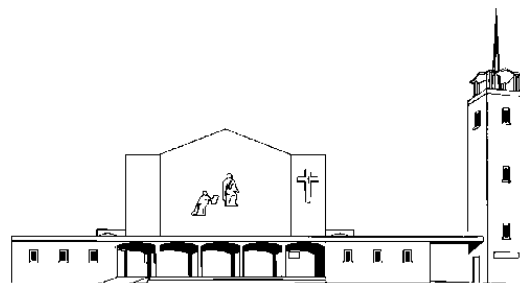
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Year A

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6th SEPTEMBER 2020

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

SCHOOL HAS HAPPILY RESUMED IN OUR PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS, and we pray that the term goes well, under these current circumstances. Whilst life will not be 'back to normal' for a long while to come, our parish and our nation can gain some healing and confidence, please God, as schools return and our children resume their education. Beyond parish Mass and other liturgy in church, much of parish life is sadly suspended, as rules still govern the congregating of groups in enclosed spaces. How and when we can, for example, resume classes for Confirmation and Holy Communion, is yet to be seen. General guidance from the diocese has just been released.

Parish finances have been badly hit over the past few months, so I do ask you – especially if you haven't been able to give your weekly offering to support the parish – to consider resuming / increasing your financial contribution to the parish, preferably via 'Standing Order' (details inside the newsletter). I am really grateful to those who throughout the past 6 months have maintained regularly their parish offering – the parish's survival depends on your giving!

I REMIND PARISHIONERS AGAIN THAT WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AT MASS, so I urge everyone to return to Sunday Mass, (unless you are '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:

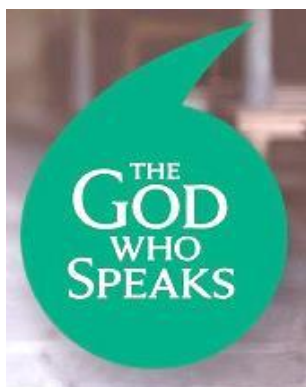
9.15 & 11.15am Sundays ONLY: Surnames L-Z: 6th & 20th Sept. Surnames A-K: 13th Sept.

We'll keep the alphabet restrictions (A-K/L-Z on alternating Sunday mornings) for now, but if by mid-Sept this no longer seems helpful, then I will drop it. What is important is that we now move back as best we can into a sense of Sunday Mass attendance being the norm again.

May the Gospel of today help us be people of reconciliation. Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 40

The New Testament itself claims to be consistent with the Old and proclaims that in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Christ the sacred Scriptures of the Jewish people have found their perfect fulfilment. ... The mystery of Christ stands in continuity of intent with the sacrificial cult of the Old Testament, but it came to pass in a very different way, ... The paschal mystery of Christ is in complete conformity – albeit in a way that could not have been anticipated – with the prophecies and the foreshadowings of the Scriptures; yet it presents clear aspects of discontinuity with regard to the institutions of the Old Testament.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Jensen Wernham who will be baptised this weekend.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- **SURNAMES FOR Sun 6th Sept 9.15/11.15am Masses: L-Z only.** Surnames A-K on 13th Sept. Attendance at Sat 6.30/Sun 5pm NOT restricted by surname.
- **Extra Sunday Mass: 5pm Sunday afternoon.**
- Parish volunteer stewards will ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing.
- *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 Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will be distributed carefully and slowly. You can give your usual weekly donation as you exit the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.*
- *The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended, so those whose health is compromised may still feel it necessary to avoid coming to 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.*

MASS INTENTIONS: there are many spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. 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.

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 6 months, but many costs are ongoing, such as the safe upkeep of our buildings and grounds. We do those 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](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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. Thought will be given to how these catechetics courses can be safely resumed. But participants do now need to return to Sunday Mass in order for this to be possible.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER: The current situation has made planning very difficult due to the uncertainties resulting from the coronavirus. Last year's model, using dormitory style overnight accommodation in churches, will not be possible because of the high risks it poses to guests and volunteers alike. Single-venue options are currently being explored by the Council and the Night Shelter Core Team. It may turn out that we need significantly fewer volunteers compared to last year but we will keep you updated when we know more.

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.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS: The Governing Body of St Cross has vacancies for Foundation Governors, ideally with experience in: Risk, Health & Safety, Business Management or HR. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact Chair of Governors, Cate Campany, on ccampany@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S: The Governing Body of St Augustine's has vacancies for Foundation Governors, ideally with skills in these fields: Legal, Health & Safety and Marketing. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Napier, via her PA on: cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

THE CATHOLIC HERALD is now back on sale in the church porch. No longer a weekly magazine, it is now *monthly*, price £5.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will be making house visits (door-step visits) this week (**Tuesday afternoon**) in: Winford Drive (low nos.), Silverfield, Buryholme, Lammasmead.

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

200 CLUB WINNER for September was no. 87, Franca Potter. 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.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Prayer to Our Lady of
England
for Our Lady's birthday, 8th
September*

O Glorious and blessed Mary, our Mother and our queen, we gladly acclaim you as Our Lady of England. We thank you for all the graces which you have obtained for this country in times past, and ask you to obtain still more.

Grant, that this nation of ours which once worshipped God through one Church, so by your intercession, may all Christians be reunited in the one service of your Son, and may all our fellow countrymen come to the knowledge and love of this same Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 5th September 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Peter & Margaret White</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 125 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7–9 <i>If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.</i></p> <p>Ps 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice! <i>Harden not your hearts.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8–10 <i>Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 18: 15–20 <i>If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p>
4pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Patrick Malone RIP</i> Sun 6th Sept TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YR 9.15am Mass <i>Francesca Crimauo RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo RIP</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30–28:7 2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7–9 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21–35</p>
Mon 7th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Albert Osei-Tutu's intentions</i> 6pm Adoration Tues 8th Sept THE NATIVITY OF THE BL. V. MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Arthur & Iréne Murphy RIP</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>
Wed 9th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Vera Brown RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	<p align="center">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>
Thurs 10th Sept 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Neville & Rose Alles RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	<p align="center">REGULAR EVENTS</p>
Fri 11th September <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration / 11.45am Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Wright family intentions</i> 6pm Adoration Sat 12th September HOLY NAME OF MARY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Patricia Grant RIP rec. dec.</i>	
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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.*