

# The Announcer

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**Year A**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

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

POPE FRANCIS ISSUED HIS LATEST ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *FRATELLI TUTTI*, last weekend on the feast of St Francis, having celebrated Mass at his tomb on the Saturday and signed the document there. The full text is available on the [Vatican website](http://www.vatican.va), or from the [CTS](http://www.cts.org.uk), but I offer within the Newsletter for you today a [short summary](#) provided by Vatican News. It is a wide-ranging document, aimed at reminding us that God created humanity as one race, and that in the name of Christ, the Son of God, therefore, we need to act to promote peace and fraternity, in politics, economics, healthcare etc. May the Pope's words reach into the hearts of many, across the world.



OUR LORD'S NEXT PARABLE IN THE CYCLE FROM ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL also reminds us that Jesus calls all humanity to Himself, and to the heavenly banquet. Sadly, not all hear or heed His call! Sadly, in the parable, many find excuses and find themselves 'too busy' to bother with the call to the wedding banquet which signifies blessed communion with the Son of God.

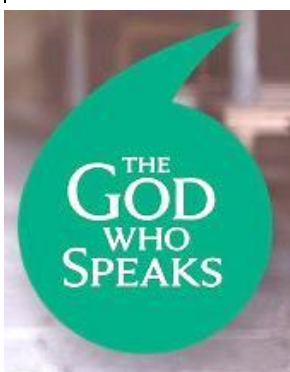
OUR CAFOD FAST DAY FOR AUTUMN WAS ON FRIDAY – even more crucial this year, to support the poorest communities affected by the pandemic – and we take the collection this Sunday. As you leave Mass, please place your envelope/donation in the relevant basket at the exit doors. This will be alongside the usual donations boxes for your weekly offering to the parish. Do be as generous as you can.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AT SUNDAY MASS. We had c. 230 last weekend across all the Masses including the Italian Mass, so, by a long way, we have not reached safe capacity: we can easily fit 70-90 in the church. As a result, I am *removing* for a trial period the 'alphabet restriction' on surnames that we have had since July on Sundays for Mass. **All weekend Masses, therefore, are now once again open to all.** I will continue to monitor numbers, ensuring we gather safely for the sacred mysteries of the Holy Mass.

**Let's honour our Lord, caring for humanity created in His image! Fr Philip**

**2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 44**

Christianity ... perceives *in* the words [of Scripture] *the* Word himself, the *Logos* who displays his mystery through this complexity and the reality of human history. The true response to a fundamentalist approach is "the faith-filled interpretation of sacred Scripture". This manner of interpretation, "practised from antiquity within the Church's Tradition, seeks saving truth for the life of the individual Christian and for the Church. ... Precisely because of the tradition's value as an historical witness, this reading seeks to discover the living meaning of the sacred Scriptures for the lives of believers today."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**ANTHONY CLAYTON** of Taylors Avenue died last week at 87 yrs. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral Mass will be held in church in private shortly.

**A DECADE OF THE ROSARY** will be recited before each Sunday Mass in this month of October, month of the holy rosary.

### **RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS:**

- **The restriction by alphabet has been removed.** Attendance at all Sunday Masses is now NOT restricted by surname.
- 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 is shortened*, to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There is 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 for the time being.
- *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 grateful for the many new Standing Orders that have helped parish finances during the pandemic. September's income was also up, so thank you! However, the covering of parish costs is still a big problem. The parish bank a/c has decreased by about £13k since the start of the year.

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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>

## 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

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY helps people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of the envelopes which is attached to the newsletter and will be collected after Mass. You can also give easily via text: text "CAFOD" to 70085 to donate £10.

**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. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** Governing Body 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](mailto: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. October issue now available.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his new round of house visits (door-step visits) this week (**Monday afternoon**) at the top end of the parish: EN11 9Q\* and EN11 9P\*.

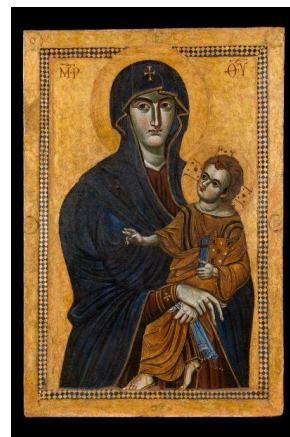
**200 CLUB WINNER** for October is number 159, Patrick Hourihan. Congratulations!

**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.*

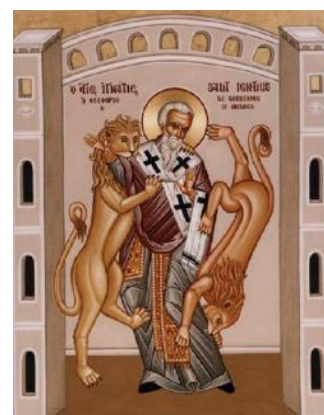
## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH**

(*feastday 17<sup>th</sup> October*)

St. Ignatius was Bishop of Antioch after Saint Peter. Besides his Greek name, Ignatius, he also called himself Theophorus

("God Bearer"), and tradition says he was one of the children Jesus took in His arms and blessed. He based his authority on being a bishop of the Church, living his life in the imitation of Christ. It is believed that St. Ignatius, along with his friend Polycarp, with great probability were disciples of the Apostle St. John. He died a martyr's death in Rome, devoured by two lions in one of the cruel demonstrations of Roman excess and animosity toward the true faith.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
<p><b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October ST PAULINUS OF YORK</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP anniv.</i></p>	<p><b>PAGE 140 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 25: 6–10  <i>The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 22 —</b> <i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 4: 12–14, 19–20  <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22: 1–14  <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Sundays no. 4 (p. 67)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 2 (p. 24)</p>
<p>4pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass* <i>Helen &amp; Michael Sherman RIP</i></p> <p><b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YR</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Jackie, Mary, Ted, Bella, Tom &amp; Richard McGrath</i>            11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>            5pm Mass <i>Richard &amp; Maureen Norman RIP</i></p>	<p><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 45: 1, 4–6  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–5  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22: 15–21</p>
<p><b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October ST WILFRID, Bishop</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Chris Ayerst RIP</i>            6pm Adoration</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b>            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></p>
<p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Hannah Scott RIP</i>            6pm Adoration</p>	<p><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>
<p><b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Henryk &amp; Assunta Nolewajka RIP</i>            6pm Adoration</p>	<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS</b> Please take a parish membership form &amp; information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. <b>MOVING HOME?</b> Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. <b>PARROCCHIANI:</b> <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>
<p><b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> October ST TERESA OF JESUS, Virgin &amp; Dr</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv.</i>            6pm Adoration</p>	
<p><b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> October ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE</b>  <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i>            11am Adoration / 11.45am Benediction            12 noon Mass <i>Esther Blake RIP</i>            6pm Adoration</p>	
<p><b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Carlo &amp; Francesca Di Maria RIP</i></p>	
<p>4pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p>	
<p><b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF YR</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Patrick White</i>            11.15am Mass <i>Filippo Adamo RIP</i>            5pm Mass <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP anniv.</i></p>	
<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	