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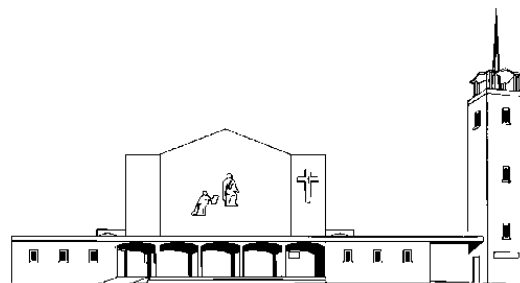
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Year A

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15th NOVEMBER 2020

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

Rosa Augello	Roberta Copuroglu	Rosario Lo Monaco	Ellen Pearson
Sheila Barry	Hester Counsell	Francesca Marino	Elia Peduto
Esther Blake	Antonino Cuffaro	Aldo Mariotti	Vincenza Provenzano
Francesco Borelli	Salvatore Di Maria	Philip McMichael	Liberato Reveglia
Antonia Bruno	Filippa Gaiteri	Antonio Minichiello	Rosa Russo
Battista Bruno	Patricia Grant	Cono Miragliotta	Maria Santaniello
Tony Clayton	David Green	baby Brooklyn Moore	Richard Trebus
Angela Coffey	Maura Hudson	Connie Murphy	Eileen Willing
Giuseppe Cognata	John Kelly	Bridget Newson	Mary Wilson
Patricia Connell	Nicholas Lamb	Kevin O'Bryan	Patrick Wyndham
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.		Angelo Orsini	Molly Zwager

AS USUAL AT THIS MIDDLE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER, we remember and pray especially for those who have died in the past 12 months in the parish. The Saturday evening Mass – sadly, which none of you can attend, because of the current Government restrictions on moving and gathering – will be offered for the 42 parishioners who have died since last November. Please be joined in spirit this weekend for their intentions, and for the comfort of their bereaved families. 2020 has been a difficult year for us all, but in faith we continue to place ourselves, and our loved ones, including the dearly departed, into the loving arms of Jesus our divine Saviour.

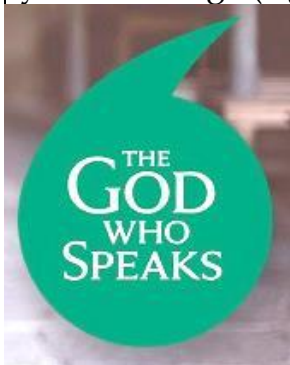
I HAVE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER A [PRAYER SHEET](#), as well as the Sunday readings, to encourage you in your prayer life at home whilst we cannot come to Mass together. I shall prepare one for each weekend until we are able (hopefully from Thurs 3rd Dec) to return to Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE THE PARISH AS YOU ARE ABLE to support our finances, either putting your offerings (e.g. offertory envelopes) through the Presbytery door, or by Standing Order or other online means: details available inside the Newsletter. Thank you!

May the Lord hear our prayers, blessing our parish & our country. Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 48

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus discovered that love was her personal vocation by poring over the Scriptures, especially Chapters 12 and 13 of the *First Letter to the Corinthians*; the same saint describes the attraction of the Scriptures: "No sooner do I glance at the Gospel, but immediately I breathe in the fragrance of the life of Jesus and I know where to run."



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONO MIRAGLIOTTA of Middlefield Road died this week aged 78. His funeral will be held in church in private. Our sympathies go out to his family.
May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls.

CHURCH OPENING: the church is open daily (c. 8.30am-7pm), with **Adoration** at the beginning and at the end of the day for an hour or more. Low-level supervision operates throughout each day, to ensure that all is safe: volunteer parishioners or Fr Philip or Fr Joshy, are available in church/porch. There are hygienic facilities in place, masks are to be worn, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained.

PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private.

- The suspension of public Mass means that the *obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed* for the duration of the suspension.
- *Parish Masses*, for the intentions requested, will be offered without fail, even though in private. Please continue to ask for Masses to be offered, and these will be published in the Newsletter as usual.
- *Sunday Mass can be followed online* from various churches. This is not an obligation, but would be a pious practice in order to stay in touch with the rhythm of the Church's devotional life. E.g., *Bishops Stortford*, <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>; *Westminster Cathedral*: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/>; *The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham*: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>
- *The readings for Mass* can be found every day on the 'Universalis' website <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>
- You don't have to be a FaceBook user to view our parish page, as it's open-access: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon – I will be adding a *video* of my homily to this page, so that I can continue to offer you my reflections on the Sundays and feasts.
- 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.

- *Confessions* – available by request 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.

DRIVE-IN CAROL SERVICE (CHURCHES TOGETHER) will be held at Paradise Wildlife Park on **20th December** at 5.30pm & 7.30pm. Please put the date in your diary and more details will follow in due course.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION would usually be taken at this time of the year. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices & parishes. By supporting the fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or use the QR code alongside:



FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE is greatly helped by the many new Standing Orders set up this year. However, covering parish costs is still a big problem. The parish bank a/c has decreased by about £13k since the start of the year.

We do ask 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

You can also give by Virgin Money Giving: by using this link tiny.cc/8xn0tz, or by using the QR code alongside:



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. Despite looking at options for a suitable space to take classes, there seems still no safe way to pursue **First Holy Communion** class with the children, so this will continue to be suspended until the New Year 2021, after which we will try to resume their preparation.

Confirmation: the intended small-group celebrations of Confirmation have had to be put on hold for now. So sorry about this!

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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 SCHOOL HEADTEACHER, Mrs Joanne Walsh, writes re Reception Intake September 2021: Due to the current restrictions with COVID-19 visits for prospective parents of the Reception intake 2021 are not feasible at present. I am delighted to share with you a video clip of 'a typical day in the life of a St. Cross pupil' which has been uploaded to our school website www.stcross.herts.sch.uk. Applications for the September 2021 intake open on 2nd November 2020 and the deadline for return is 15th January 2021. Application Forms for St Cross School can also be downloaded at www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P42/St-Cross-School-SIF-2021.214052967.pdf.

ST CROSS SCHOOL has a small number of spare places for children in year 3. Please contact the school (467309) for information.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2021-22: If your child was born between 1st Sept 2016 and 31st August 2017, you can apply for a Primary School place to start in September 2021. The application process closes on the **15th Jan 2021**. The school will be providing a virtual video of the Reception class environment and will be setting up remote meetings. Please check the school website www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk for the link to the sign-up form, dates, and times. Application form is available here:

<https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits in December.

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.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 14th November SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	PAGE 155 in the Mass books
Private Mass <i>Deceased of the past year</i>	1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31 <i>A perfect wife – who can find her?</i>
Sun 15th Nov THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YR Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Private Mass <i>Nevan & Maughan family intentions</i>	Ps 127 — O blessed are those who fear the Lord. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6 <i>Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.</i>
Mon 16th Nov ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 17th November ST ELIZABETH IF HUNGARY Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Gospel: Matthew 25: 14–30 <i>You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.</i>
Wed 18th November DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF ST PETER & ST PAUL Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 1 (p. 66) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Thurs 19th November Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (YEAR A)</p>
Fri 20^h November <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11–12, 15–17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 28 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31–46
Sat 21st Nov PRESENTATION OF THE B VIRGIN MARY Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p>
Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Sun 22nd Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING Private Mass <i>Bert Zwager RIP anniv.</i> Private Mass <i>Patricia Castaldi RIP</i> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<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.
REGULAR EVENTS	<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.

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.*