

# The Announcer

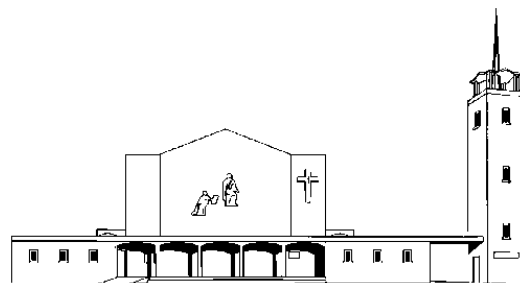
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year A**

**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**8th NOVEMBER 2020**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

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

**CARDINAL VINCENT & THE OTHER ENGLISH BISHOPS**, following the Bill passed in Parliament last Wednesday, have accepted the guidance of Government, and once again suspended the public liturgy of the Church for 28 days till Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. inclusive. The [letter to the Catholic community](#) is included in your Newsletter today. It is a great sadness that once again I am unable to celebrate the daily Mass with you all, but be assured that Fr Joshy & I will be celebrating all the Masses requested, including the daily Mass intention in November for the Holy Souls, your departed loved ones whose names you have submitted and which lie on the altar. Let us be close in prayer for one another despite this situation!

**THE CHURCH IS NOT CLOSED, HOWEVER!** I will open the church c. 8.30am weekdays (8.45am Sundays) after celebrating Mass, and Adoration will follow for quiet prayer until 10am. The church will remain open until 7pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament again in the final hour before closing. Please do come and use the open church for prayer – this is a Government-acknowledged reason for being away from your home in these days. I am grateful to all the parish volunteers who continue to supervise the church's opening safely throughout each day.

**IF YOU WISH TO FOLLOW MASS ONLINE** over the next few weeks, I would suggest:

*Bishops Stortford*, the parish of our local Dean: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

*Westminster Cathedral*: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

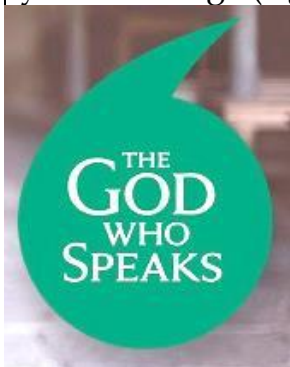
*The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham*: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

**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 Benedict, in his *Rule*, refers to Scripture as "a most perfect norm for human life." Saint Francis of Assisi ... "upon hearing that the disciples of Christ must possess neither gold, nor silver nor money, nor carry a bag, nor bread, nor a staff for the journey, nor sandals nor two tunics ... exulting in the Holy Spirit, immediately cried out: 'This is what I want, this is what I ask for, this I long to do with all my heart!'"



## PRAYER & LITURGY

### **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). 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 seasons and her devotional life.
- *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](http://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 **20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) or use the QR code alongside:



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## 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 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>

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



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Ian Witham, John Lumley, Tallulah Scott.*

**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](http://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk). Applications for the September 2021 intake open on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 and the deadline for return is 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 on 467309 for further information.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2021-22:** If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st

August 2017, you can apply for a Primary School place to start in September 2021. The application process opens **2nd November 2020** and closes on the **15th January 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](http://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk) for the link to the sign-up form, dates, and times. Application forms can be downloaded from:

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

### SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

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

**200-CLUB WINNER** for November is no. 182, Mr Jim Crotty. 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.*



<b>Masses this week</b>	<b>Today's Liturgy</b>
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> November ST WILLIBRORD, Bishop</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>PAGE 152 in the Mass books</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 6: 12–16 <i>Wisdom is found by those who look for her.</i>  <b>Ps 62 — For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18 <i>God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</i>  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 1–13 <i>The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.</i>  <b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)
Private Mass <b>Vincent Byrne RIP</b>  <b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YR</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Private Mass <i>Esther Blake RIP</i>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25: 14–30
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> November DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> November ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November ST MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November ST JOSAPHAT, Bishop</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> (Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+) Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>  <b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> November SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.  <b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.  <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.  <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>
Private Mass <i>Deceased of the past year</i>  <b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Nov THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YR</b> Private Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> Private Mass <i>For the Parish</i> Private Mass <i>Nevan &amp; Maughan family intentions</i>	<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</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:** *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.*