

# The Announcer

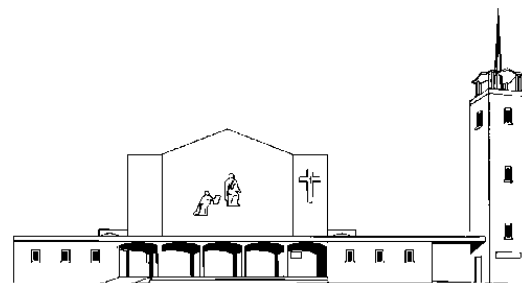
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**Year B**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

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

THE 'SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' as Pope Francis has now designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is a moment to reflect on the central place that Sacred Scripture holds in the life of the Church. Each year, the relevant Gospel for the year (this year, St Mark's, for Year 'B') has started to be read by this Sunday in the year. As you see, that's some verses in Mk ch. 1 today – Our Lord

beginning His ministry at the Sea of Galilee, with an urgency: giving his essential message, "Repent and believe the Good News," and calling the first four of His Apostles from their fishing.

**BELMONT ABBEY IN HEREFORD** ([www.belmontabbey.org.uk](http://www.belmontabbey.org.uk)) has a lovely set of [reflections on the Gospel of Mark](#) – a series of 5 short videos totalling about an hr. They would be well worth watching, as they give a great insight into the nature of the Gospel we hear in the year ahead.

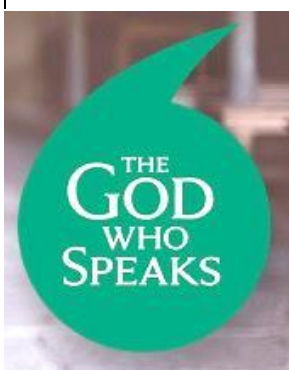
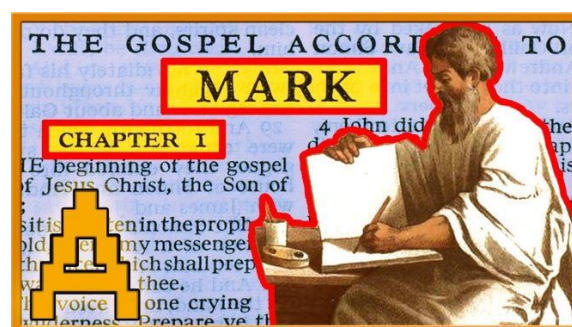
**WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF KEITH NEWELL.** For very many years Keith has been a key member of the Sunday 9.15am Folk Group, setting up and playing guitar every fortnight for us, and being the organiser of the group for several years, too. Our sympathies go out to his family, and we offer many fervent prayers for him, that he may rest in peace.

**NATIONAL TIER-5 RESTRICTIONS** still permit your access to Mass and the church, which is open c. 8.15am-7pm daily. We must strictly adhere to the usual hygiene protocols: face coverings to be worn; hand gel to be used on entry & exit; *sitting only with those of our own household or support bubble* and at least 2m from anyone else; and to avoid chatting or gathering together in or outside church. Surfaces that are touched, such as door handles and pews are sanitized regularly.

**May the Lord's Holy Word speak to your heart, give you strength. Fr Philip**

**2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 53**

There is great need for a deeper investigation of the relationship between word and sacrament in the Church's pastoral activity and in theological reflection. Certainly "the Liturgy of the Word is a decisive element in the celebration of each one of the sacraments of the Church"; in pastoral practice, however, the faithful are not always conscious of this connection, nor do they appreciate the unity between gesture and word. It is "the task of priests and deacons, above all when they administer the sacraments, to explain the unity between Word and Sacrament in the ministry of the Church."



## PRAYER & LITURGY

**GIUSEPPE CHIAZZA** of Hailey Lane died recently, aged 60. His funeral will be held in church in private.

**MARY O'DONOVAN** of Jersey Close died recently, aged 87. Her funeral will be held in church in private.

**KEITH NEWELL** of Wulfrath Way, Ware, died recently, aged 76. His funeral will be arranged in due course.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

*May they rest in peace.*

**CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE** will be broadcast on 'Churches Together' FaceBook page THIS SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. <https://www.facebook.com/CTHBW>. You do not need to have a FaceBook account to follow the service.

**CRIB APPEAL: LAST CHANCE!** Crib Offerings are donated to the *Catholic Children's Society*. Since March, the Society has provided emergency food & essentials, as well as mental-health services, for 5,500+ children & their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the pandemic. There are many more families in need of support, so please consider making a donation.

**PARISH TIMETABLE:** sees the church open daily (c. 8.15am - 7pm) and Mass and Adoration at the usual times. Evening **Adoration (6-7pm) continues Monday-Friday.** Low-level supervision operates throughout each day, to ensure that all is safe: volunteer parishioners 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.

### **CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS:**

- Parish volunteer stewards ensure that those arriving at Mass adhere to the protocols regarding hygiene and distancing.
- *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.

- Please note that the toilets will remain CLOSED.
- 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.

## FINANCE

**PARISH FINANCE** is greatly helped by the many new Standing Orders set up last year. However, covering parish costs is still a big problem. The parish bank a/c decreased by about £11.5k across 2020.

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:

<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](https://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. As soon as it seems safe to resume classes and preparation for these sacraments, we will do so, but it is clear that for now this is not yet the case.

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE.** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. The programme has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. **The next 'virtual weekend retreat' takes place 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February.** For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for the next programme, call 07887-296983 or 07973-380443, or e-mail [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **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.

**RACIAL JUSTICE:** This year's Racial Justice Sunday, is 31<sup>st</sup> January. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in his encyclical letter 'Fratelli Tutti,' speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

**CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT – LENT COURSE:** in 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. This Lent, there is a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film resource 'Global Healing.' These documentaries will inform and challenge us to respond to Pope Francis's call to "care for our common home."  
**When?** 6 Thursdays 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30-8.30pm. **How to join?** To register click [HERE](#) or e-mail [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global)  
*"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian*

*experience ... Truly, much can be done!" (Laudato Si', 217, 180)*

### **SCHOOLS**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY 2021:** applications process opens on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January. Now offering up to 30 hrs provision (subject to availability). Videos of nursery-class environment and application form here: <https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions>

**ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL** has a small number of vacancies in years 2, 3, 4 & 5. Please contact the school for more info on 463549.

### **SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**



**GOOD NEWS!!** 'Awards for All' from the National Lottery, has awarded us a £9k+ grant to complete the upgrade of our crypt-hall flooring. The very 'tired' 25-yr-old carpet will be replaced with 2 types of flooring, one part matching the crypt-kitchen floor, for easily-cleaning areas where food is served, and the other for the remainder of the crypt. The work will commence as soon as possible.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will discontinue his house visits for the time being owing to the national Tier-5 'lockdown' restrictions.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS 2021** available to buy for £4.50 from the back of the church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

**MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS:** vaccinations against the virus are taking place in Barclay Hall, by Hoddesdon Anglican Church. The NHS is asking for volunteers to help with marshalling. The session would be for 4 hours (8.45am-1pm or 12.45-5pm. The marshals would need to be outside during this time. If you are interested in volunteering, contact [docforrest@hotmail.com](mailto:docforrest@hotmail.com).

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

**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>
<p><b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>Phil &amp; Leo Cowhig RIP</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>PAGE 129 in the Mass books</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jonah 3: 1–5, 10  <i>The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.</i></p> <p><b>Ps 24 — Lord, make me know your ways.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1Cor 7: 29–31  <i>The world as we know it is passing away.</i></p> <p><b>Gospel Accl:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! <i>The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 14–20  <i>Repent, and believe the Good News.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 32)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 4 (p. 32)</p>
<p>4pm Italian Mass*            6.30pm Mass* <i>Cono Miragliotta RIP rec. dec.</i></p> <p><b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Jan THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YR</b>            9.15am Mass <i>Antonio Mezzullo RIP</i>            11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>            5pm Mass <i>Margaret Gannon RIP</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS            FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME            (YEAR B)</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 18: 15–20  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1Cor 7: 32–35  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 21–28</p>
<p><b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Angelo &amp; Carmela De Luca RIP anniv.</i>            6–7pm Adoration</p>	<p align="center"><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 align="center"><b>ROSARY</b>            The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p align="center"><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 align="center"><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.</p> <p align="center"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust            Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<p><b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> January SS TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS, bishops</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP</i>            6–7pm Adoration</p>	<p align="center"><b>REGULAR EVENTS</b></p>
<p><b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January ST ANGELA MERICI, virgin</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>Maria-Teresa Distefano RIP</i>            6–7pm Adoration</p>	<p><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME &amp; PHONE NO.</b>  <b>— 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 ciascuna 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 28<sup>th</sup> January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, priest</b>            8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer            9.15am Mass <i>In honour of St Lucia</i>            6–7pm Adoration</p>	<p align="center">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>
<p><b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>            11am Adoration/11.45am Benediction            12 noon Mass <i>George Ridley RIP</i>            6–7pm Adoration</p>	
<p><b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Jan SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY</b>            9.30am Adoration            10am Mass <i>R Parker's intentions</i></p>	
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