

The Announcer

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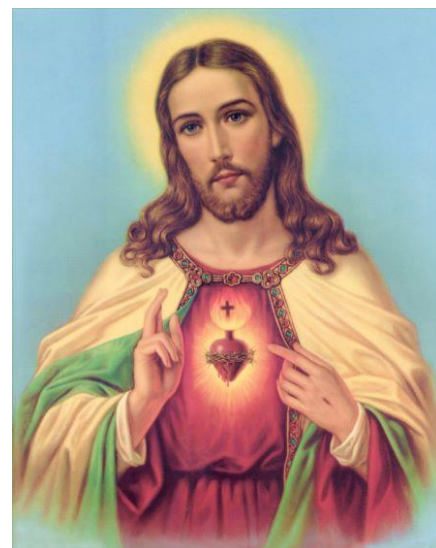
ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13th JUNE 2021

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34 – *It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, and Friday last saw the actual feast of the Sacred Heart. It's a beautiful devotion, which received a special impetus when Our Lord appeared a number of times to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in her convent in Paray-le-Monial in eastern France in the 1670s. By the mid-19th century it had become a feast celebrated across the entire Church, and associated with it was the tradition of the 9 'First Fridays,' on which we are encouraged to attend Mass. There are many lovely prayers to Jesus, invoking the love of His Sacred Heart, for example, the powerful *Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*: <http://www.catholictradition.org/Litanies/litany8.htm>



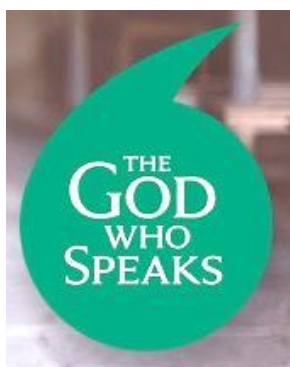
I MENTIONED AT PENTECOST that it would be good to hear from any adult who wishes to think about being Baptized, becoming a Catholic, or being Confirmed if they 'missed out' at a younger age. Do get in touch with me, sooner rather than later, so that I can begin to form a group that in the autumn would gather and receive instruction and formation in the Catholic faith with a view to receiving the Sacrament(s) at Easter.

I WAS ABLE TO MAKE MY FIRST VISIT TO NEWMAN HOUSE Student Chaplaincy in London last week, to see where I will be ministering from September, and I shall visit again this week. Additionally, your new Parish Priest, Fr Julian Davies, will make an informal visit here to St Augustine's in the week coming. Please pray for us as we get used to the idea of moving and taking on new ministries after the summer.

May the boundless love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for us give us great spiritual joy! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 84

The laity [have a] generous activity in spreading the Gospel in the various settings of daily life, at work and in the schools, in the family and in education. This responsibility, rooted in Baptism, needs to develop through an ever more conscious Christian way of life capable of "accounting for the hope" within us. In the *Gospel of Matthew*, Jesus points out that "the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the Kingdom." These words apply especially to the Christian laity, who live out their specific vocation to holiness by a life in the Spirit expressed "in a particular way by their *engagement in temporal matters* and by their *participation in earthly activities*." The laity need to be trained to discern God's will through a familiarity with his word, read and studied in the Church under the guidance of her legitimate pastors.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for the 4 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

Vincenzo Graffato	Oliver Miragliotta
Christian Wojtkiewicz	Oliver Wojtkiewicz

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Kane Collins and Blousey Harrison who will be baptised this weekend.

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.

CHURCH OPENING: c. 8.15am-7pm, with **Adoration** at the beginning and at the end of the day (Mon-Fri). 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:

- *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.*
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the grille/curtain*, not face to face.

5PM SUNDAY MASS: Please note that the 5pm Mass will continue for now, but will cease from August, or sooner if we are allowed to resume using all the pews.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH declared by Pope Francis (8th Dec 2020-21) – [prayer cards](#) are available.

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER ON CARE FOR CREATION: this was included at Pentecost as an insert in the Newsletter, but if you missed it, you can read it on the parish website here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/2021-05-23-pastoral-letter-pentecost/>

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them, there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the **LEFT HAND** exit door from church as you leave Mass.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope throughout this critical time. 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/bishopstortford>

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

BAPTISM COURSE the second part of the course will be held on **Fri 18th June** in the church, **7.30-9pm.**

BAPTISMS are now permitted with up to 30 attendees. If you have completed a Baptism

course with Fr Philip *previously*, then be in touch with the Presbytery to arrange a Sunday date for your child's baptism.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 2020 **First-Communion** families know their groups and class dates in June for the resumed programme, with 1st-Communion Masses to follow in July.

CONFIRMATION: 2020 candidates who have been regularly attending Mass are being invited over the coming months to be confirmed at parish Sunday Masses in groups of 3 or 4.

WEDDINGS: If you intend to get married in the second half of this year, please contact the Presbytery as soon as possible as dates for the next Marriage-Preparation course are being set.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

THE 'DAY FOR LIFE' is to be held during the weekend of **19th/ 20th June**. This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists prolife organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference. Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when.' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. The Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Thank you to parishioners who give so generously for the local FoodBank! 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. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL – NURSERY ADMISSIONS. Applications are still welcome for Nursery Class (Sept 2021) from families whose child reaches their third birthday between 1st Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021. There are still spaces available in our afternoon Nursery. For more details and to access the application form, please visit: <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions> or contact the School Office on 463549.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY: Fr Philip's new posting is to Newman House, London's Catholic Chaplaincy for students. If any students expecting to be resident in London for studies next year would like to live in the Catholic Chaplaincy, they should apply here: <https://www.universitycatholic.net/accommodation/newman-house-residential-community/>

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue to make door-step visits this **Wed** afternoon at homes in EN11 9A* (Ware Rd odd nos.)

200 CLUB WINNER for June is no. 8, Martin Brown. Congratulations!

APF RED BOX MEMBERS: The summer edition of Missio Today is now available. I need help with vetting "red box holders." If you have moved in the last year, please do let me know on 464677. There are many ways to pay donations shown in the summer magazine. Ellen Bartlett.

MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS: Vaccinations against the virus are still taking place at Barclay Hall, next to Hoddesdon Anglican Parish 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 might need to be outside during this time. The NHS would draw up a rota of volunteers, so people could volunteer for just one session a week. If you are interested, please contact denise.benfield2@nhs.net.

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

SCHOOLS

**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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 12th June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP anniv.</i>	PAGE 95 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22–24 <i>I make low trees grow.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i>	Ps 91 — It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
Sun 13th June 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>McGrath Family intentions</i> 5pm Mass <i>Private intention</i>	2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6–10 <i>Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.</i> Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia
Mon 14th June 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Women's Catholic Bible Study, the poor & priests</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: Mark 4: 26–34 <i>It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.</i>
Tues 15th June 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration	PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Wed 16th June ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, bishop 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8–11 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14–17 Gospel: Mark 4: 35–41
Thurs 17th June 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Simon Bird RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Fri 18th June <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>John Teeling RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 19th June OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maygirl & Melrine Pereira RIP</i>	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 20th June 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Molly & Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Martin Moxham's intentions</i> 5pm Mass <i>John Kelly RIP 1st anniv.</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
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: <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>	