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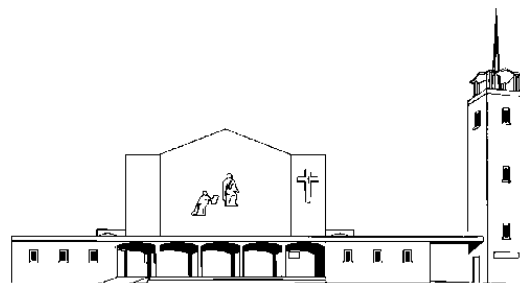
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Year B

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20th JUNE 2021

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41 – *Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE ANNUAL 'DAY FOR LIFE' IS THIS WEEKEND, a chance to pray about, and be informed about, 'life' issues in the Church. This year, the 'Day for Life' (<https://www.dayforlife.org/>) focusses our attention on the threat of euthanasia



and assisted suicide. It is our firm belief that it is *God alone* who gives life – only He can create the immortal soul that is the sacred, spiritual core of each and every human person conceived – and that it is *God alone*, too, who may take life. This means that it is never our right to deliberately take our own life, or ask others, e.g. doctors or relatives, to do so, for example by administering lethal drugs. Bishop John Sherrington, one of our Westminster auxiliaries, has issued this fuller message on the matter of 'assisted dying': <https://www.dayforlife.org/article/life-bishops-message-for-day-for-life-2021/>. See also the sheet that is enclosed in the Newsletter, and please if possible use the QR code on the sheet – or via the website – to make a donation.

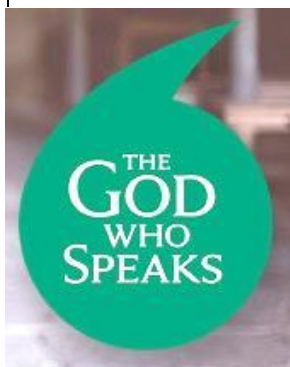
AFTER MY MENTIONING THE JUNE DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS last Sunday, I have procured 100 copies of the picture of the Sacred Heart: available in the church porch priced at just £1. It would be good that any home which doesn't have an image of the Sacred Heart would take one and display it, as an act of devotion in accordance with [Our Lord's promises](#) to St Margaret Mary: "*I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honoured.*"

FR JULIAN DAVIES WAS ABLE TO VISIT US BRIEFLY LAST WEEK, so that I could show him round our church, presbytery and crypt, and begin to introduce him to the parish. He will make further visits over the coming months, prior to his commencing as Parish Priest on 1st September.

May this life we are given by God always be held precious by us! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 85

It must never be forgotten that *the word of God is at the very origin of marriage* and that Jesus himself made marriage one of the institutions of his Kingdom, elevating to the dignity of a sacrament what was inscribed in human nature from the beginning. "In the celebration of the sacrament, a man and a woman speak a prophetic word of reciprocal self-giving, that of being 'one flesh', a sign of the mystery of the union of Christ with the Church." ... The word of God re-affirms the original goodness of the human being, created as man and woman and called to a love which is faithful, reciprocal and fruitful.



PRAYER & LITURGY

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

Rebecca Hayes Gabriele Gregorio
Fabio Martorana Dario Reynolds

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Ava Bronson who will be baptised this weekend.

ROY CLUCAS of River Avenue, died recently, aged 93. His funeral will be held in private. Our sympathies go out to his family.

May he rest in peace.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL'S solemn feast day is **Tuesday 29th June** and Mass will be at 9.30am, 12 noon and 6pm.

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.

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

RCIA: 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 Fr Philip, sooner rather than later, so that he 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.

BAPTISMS are 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

THE 'DAY FOR LIFE' is held this weekend. This day, inaugurated by Pope 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.

SCHOOLS

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 8S*, EN11 8T*, & EN11 8U*.

APF RED BOX MEMBERS: The summer edition of Missio Today is now available. If you have *moved* in the last year, please do let me know a.s.a.p. on 464677. There are many ways to pay donations shown in the summer magazine. Ellen Bartlett.

LONDON MARATHON: Chris O'Bryan writes: "My Dad, Kevin O'Bryan, passed away from cancer in January last year. Prior to this he received several treatments that included spending time at UCLH in London where he was involved in the TRACERx lung study, undertaken by Cancer Research in the fight against cancer. I will be running the London Marathon on the 3rd October in memory of my Dad to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you would like to sponsor me, please use the link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/christophers-london-marathon-10?feed=7775403d-fadc-4e02-97e1-b1f744119446>. Thank you."

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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 19th June OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maygirl & Melrine Pereira RIP</i></p>	<p>PAGE 98 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8–11 <i>Here your proud waves shall break.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>Ps 106 — O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14–17 <i>Now the new creation is here.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i></p>
<p>Mon 21st June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, religious 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Dec'd members of the Stickland Family</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Gospel: Mark 4: 35–41 <i>Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.</i></p>
<p>Tues 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE, martyrs 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Allan Connolly RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 4 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)</p>
<p>Wed 23rd June ST ETHELDREDA, abbess 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>John & Winnie McDonagh & Family int's</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p> <p>1st Reading: Wisdom 1: 13–15, 2: 23–24 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13–15 Gospel: Mark 5: 21–43</p>
<p>Thurs 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick McDonagh's intentions</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Fri 25th June <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>Sat 26th June OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>William Coffey RIP anniv.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Roy Clucas RIP rec. dec.</i></p> <p>Sun 27th June 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Croce Cuffaro RIP anniv.</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i></p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* 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:** *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.*