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Year B

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

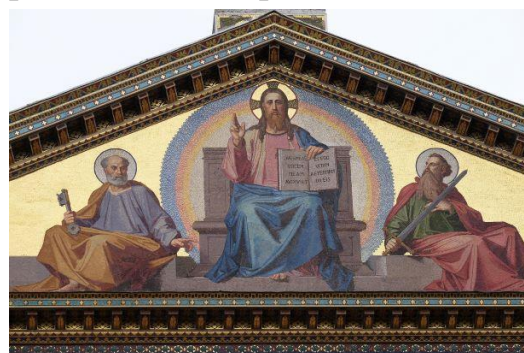
27th JUNE 2021

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43 – *Little girl, I tell you to get up.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL OF THIS SUNDAY continues our reading of Mark's Gospel in its early chapters. Today we hear of a double healing – both Jairus's recently-dead daughter, and the woman with chronic bleeding. In all our health concerns, therefore, and indeed our fear of death, we know that Our Lord Jesus can give us relief and can guide us in prayer to accept His will with peacefulness.

TUESDAY IS THE SOLEMN FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL, foremost of the apostles, and in normal times this would be a *Holy Day of Obligation*. I urge you to come to Mass this Tuesday, to celebrate this great feastday which honours St Peter and St Paul jointly as they both died a martyr's death in Rome: Peter in c. 64AD and Paul in c. 67AD. Their lives, their ministries, and their first-hand witness of Jesus laid the foundations for the early Church – no wonder Emperor Nero knew that to try and eliminate Christianity he had to get rid of St Peter and St Paul. But in fact their martyrdoms gave even more impetus to the growing Church, and it became a motto for the Church of Rome: "*The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church.*" Let us celebrate the honour of these great saints with our prayerful presence at Mass this Tuesday:



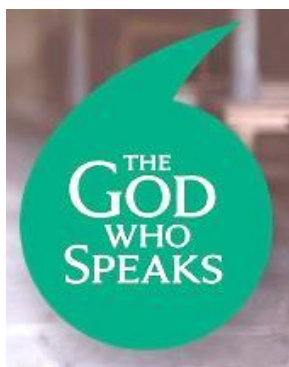
******* Masses for SS Peter & Paul: 9.30am, 12 noon, 6pm *******

IN THE WARM SUNSHINE OF A SUNDAY AFTERNOON recently, I was able to thank, with a garden drinks party, many of those who had been open-church supervisors over the 48 weeks (June 2020 – May 2021). As a parish we are very grateful to them for keeping our church open for prayer all day, every day, when we were obliged to have someone 'on the door.' We continue to appreciate all those who assist with stewarding at Sunday Mass, which for now is still a necessary part of our worshipping safely at Mass.

May the Lord lead us in all things to give our lives entirely to Him! Fr Philip

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

The great mystery of marriage is the source of the essential *responsibility of parents towards their children*. Part of authentic parenthood is to pass on and bear witness to the meaning of life in Christ: through their fidelity and the unity of family life, spouses are the first to proclaim God's word to their children. The ecclesial community must support and assist them in fostering family prayer, attentive hearing of the word of God, and knowledge of the Bible. To this end the Synod urged that *every household have its Bible*, to be kept in a worthy place and used for reading and prayer.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for Dario Sanzeri who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend:

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

ANGELA McINTYRE of Osborne Road died recently, aged 91. Her funeral will be held in private. Our sympathies go out to her family.

May she rest in peace.

NO 6PM ADORATION on Thurs or Friday this week: neither Fr Philip nor Fr Joshy is available.

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/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: 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 whose children are not at St Cross or St Augustine's Primary schools: please endeavour to bring your child to have Confession again with Fr Philip at some point prior to their First-Holy Communion day. (Those at the Catholic schools will have this opportunity during the school day.)

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

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

GOVERNING BODAY OF ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor, ideally with legal skills. Training provided. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Napier, via her Secretary: cbranch@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL: BREAKFAST / AFTER-SCHOOL-CLUB PLAYWORKER: We are looking for a Breakfast/After-School-Club Play Worker to commence from 2nd September 2021. This post is for term time only and on a casual contract. Please contact Mrs Branch, Headteacher's Secretary on 463549 for further information. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the DBS.

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/>

THE UNIVERSE weekly Catholic newspaper has gone out of business, therefore there will no longer be copies for sale. The monthly Catholic Herald magazine will continue to be stocked.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue to make door-step visits this **Wed** afternoon at homes in EN11 8R*, Foxton Rd, Winterscroft Rd etc.

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
Sat 26th June OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>William Coffey RIP anniv.</i>	PAGE 100 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 1: 13–15, 2: 23–24 <i>It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.</i> Ps 29 — I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Roy Clucas RIP rec. dec.</i> 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>	2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13–15 <i>In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need.</i> Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Mon 28th June ST IRENAEUS, Bishop & Martyr 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: Mark 5: 21–43 <i>Little girl, I tell you to get up.</i>
Tues 29th June SS PETER & PAUL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 12 noon Mass <i>Angela McIntyre RIP rec. dec.</i> 6pm Mass <i>Our Holy Father Pope Francis's intentions</i>	PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Wed 30th June FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patricia Connell RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2–5 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7–10 Gospel: Mark 6: 1–6
Thurs 1st July DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP anniv.</i> NO 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 2nd July <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Paul McGrath</i> NO 6pm Adoration	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 3rd July ST THOMAS, Apostle 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker 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>Nadia Miragliotta RIP</i> Sun 4th July 14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Lisa O'Sullivan RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Pietro Dileto RIP</i> 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</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:** *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.*