

The Announcer

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Year B

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11TH JULY 2021

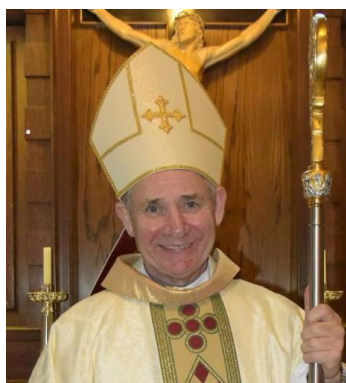
Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13 – *He began to send them out.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

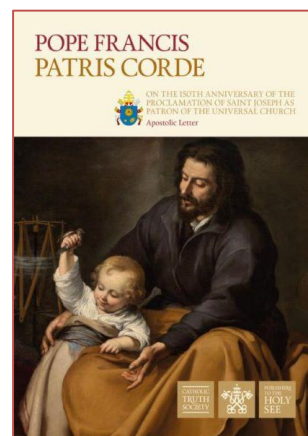
JULY IS PROVING TO BE A VERY BUSY MONTH IN THE PARISH! The First-Holy-Communion celebrations continue this weekend, and we also have further ceremonies of Confirmation. Additionally, I am celebrating a couple of weddings this month, one of which has been deferred several times since last year. It is lovely, finally, to celebrate these blessed Sacraments with the various children, candidates, and couples! We have all had to be exceedingly patient, but the

Lord continues to provide us with the sacramental grace of His Holy Spirit for the stages of life, and for its challenges.

JULY WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE PARISH VISITATION OF BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN, our auxiliary bishop in Herts, who for the weekend of **24th-25th July** will celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. (I envisage that the Sunday 5pm Mass will *not* take place that weekend, or thereafter.) Do please come in good numbers that weekend to hear and greet Bishop Paul who has not been able to visit his parishes for a long while.



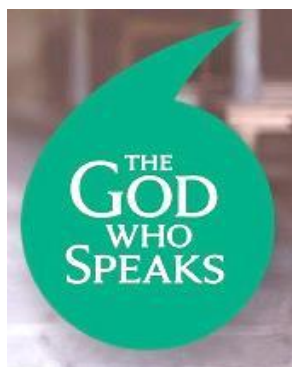
I ALSO INTEND TO GIVE A TALK ON ST JOSEPH – IN THIS 2020/21 'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH' – drawing on the lovely Apostolic Letter issued last year by Pope Francis, [Patris Corde](#). Its opening line is "With a father's heart: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as 'the son of Joseph'." St Joseph is a very special saint in the life of the church, so do come and hear my presentation which will begin after the 6pm evening Adoration at **7.30pm on Tuesday 20th July**, in the church.



May the Lord bless us all in this month as society opens up further post pandemic! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 86

The *privileged place* for the prayerful reading of sacred Scripture *is the liturgy*, and particularly *the Eucharist*, in which, as we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacrament, the word itself is present and at work in our midst. In some sense the prayerful reading of the Bible, personal and communal, must always be related to the Eucharistic celebration. Just as the adoration of the Eucharist prepares for, accompanies and follows the liturgy of the Eucharist, so too prayerful reading, personal and communal, prepares for, accompanies and deepens what the Church celebrates when she proclaims the word in a liturgical setting. By so closely relating *lectio* and liturgy, we can better grasp the criteria which should guide this practice in the spiritual life of the People of God.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Kieran Ball and Teresa Castronovo married here in the church this weekend. May God bless them in their married life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Marco Adamo, Gabrielle Akintokunbo, Arthur Brown, Nancy Coleman-Green, Brandon Ferlisi, Sarah Gonsalves, Ruairi Hankins, Millie Hatch, Jack Higgins, Sofia Hooker, Alicia Insalaco, Alexia Katiba, Amelia Konopka, Sienna Lampitt, Shanyln Laserna, Elena Mantio, Jude McGarvey, Cory McNamara, Callan Moynihan, Elise Padurariu, Olivia Polla, Leo Raat, Lorenzo Rooney, Sofia Rubino, Nathan Rusak, Renata Simmons, Leonardo Urso & Borys Wyremblewski,

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for Lauren Gaiteri & Sofia Tammuzzo who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend

ANGELA McINTYRE of Osborne Road died recently, aged 91. Her funeral will be held in private.

EVELYN FAULKNER of Goldington Close died recently, aged 80.

Our sympathies go out to their families. *May the rest in peace.*

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.

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 probably cease after the 18th July.

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

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN will be visiting our parish on the weekend of the **24th/25th July** and will be celebrating all the Masses.

FR PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday 30th Aug at 12 noon**. This will be followed by refreshments in the garden. Please keep the date free as all are welcome!

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.

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 have had this opportunity during school.)

FIRST-COMMUNION MASSES: these are *small* celebrations, to which *only the immediate household* of the First-Communion children can attend. This is to keep the numbers in church under the safe capacity of the church given the ongoing restrictions. Please *do not* try to attend these Masses unless you are of the First-Communicants' immediate household.

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 BODY 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 to commence 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. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the DBS.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for an enthusiastic assistant to join the lunchtime team: helping set up and tidy the dining room, supervising the children whilst eating and out at play, & providing basic playground first aid. First-aid and Safeguarding training will be given. 1.15hrs/per day, 12-1.15pm, Mon to Fri, term-time only. Please contact the school office via e-mail: admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk for application form.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

FR JOHN BAPTIST writes; "Heartfelt greetings from Uganda. The situation is not good. We are experiencing the second wave of the virus. Our medical facilities are overwhelmed and currently under total lockdown. We need to pray for God's intervention so please kindly offer some prayers for Uganda and the entire world to overcome the pandemic. Under normal circumstances around this time I would be at St. Augustine's. Convey my fraternal greetings to the parishioners."

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 **Tuesday** afternoon at homes in EN11 8Q* (Saffron Close, Jersey Close, Taylors Ave etc.) and, if time, EN11 8P* (Park Road etc.)

PEACE COTTAGE OPEN DAY (LORD ST): on **Sat 14th August from 12 noon** to show the renovations and transformation of this property (former Quaker church). For more info e-mail hoddesdonqmh@gmail.com.

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 10th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Denis Lynch RIP anniv.</i>	PAGE 106 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Amos 7: 12–15 <i>Go, prophesy to my people.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Brian Moore RIP anniv.</i>	Ps 84 — Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Sun 11th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Tricia Grant RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass Confirmation candidates' intentions 2021	2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 13–14 <i>Before the world was made, God chose us.</i> Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Mon 12th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: Mark 6: 7–13 <i>He began to send them out.</i>
Tues 13th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Christopher Whelehan RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 7 (p.55) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Wed 14th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1–6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13–18 Gospel: Mark 6: 30–34
Thurs 15th July ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop & Dr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Evelyn Faulkner RIP rec. dec.</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	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 16th July OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 17th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary Spicer 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>David Green RIP 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.
Sun 18th July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Nicola & Margherita Barone RIP</i> 5pm Mass <i>Catherine Robson RIP rec. dec.</i>	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 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.*