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Year B

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18th JULY 2021

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34 – *They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

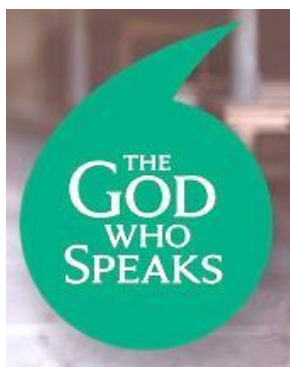
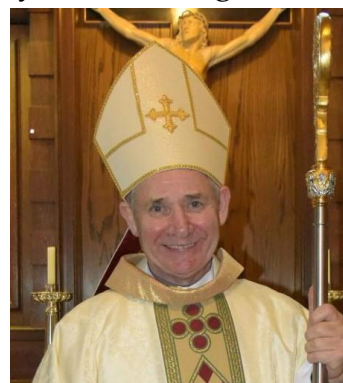
THE PAST WEEKS OF CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS are almost at an end, as of this weekend. Although they have been celebrated without some of the ceremony that would normally accompany these great Sacramental occasions, yet I believe that they have been very dignified, prayerful events, allowing these families a fitting opportunity to accompany their young people in very sacred moments in their developing spiritual relationship with Jesus. I want to express my thanks to Vicky Lee-Lozone, soon to be moving away, for steering the 1st Holy Communion programme to its successful completion this summer.

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL WELCOME BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN ON PARISH VISITATION. He is our auxiliary bishop in Herts, and he will celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. (NOTE: the Sunday 5pm Mass will *not* take place that weekend, or thereafter.) Do please come in good numbers next weekend to hear and greet our spiritual father, Bishop Paul, who has not been able to visit his parishes for a long while.

ON TUESDAY I WILL GIVE A TALK ON ST JOSEPH FOR THE 2020/21 'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH,' drawing on the Apostolic Letter issued last year by Pope Francis, [Patris Corde](#). Do come and hear my presentation (after the 6pm evening Adoration) at 7.30pm on 20th July, in the church. This is the last parish talk I can give before moving on to my new ministry in September.

MY LEAVING MASS AND FAREWELL PARTY will be on **Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August** at 12 noon. Because this will be a very special celebration, I have chosen to make it a *professionally catered event*, so I need to know (approx.) numbers of those able to attend. I would ask you, therefore, to **use the cut-out coupon** inside the Newsletter (*print it out* if you're reading this online!) and return it to the Presbytery in good time before the deadline of 15th August, please.

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. 87

Lectio divina ... is truly "capable of opening up to the faithful the treasures of God's word, but also of bringing about an encounter with Christ, the living word of God." ... It opens with the reading (*lectio*) of a text, which leads to a desire to understand its true content: *what does the biblical text say in itself?* Without this, there is always a risk that the text will become a pretext for never moving beyond our own ideas. Next comes meditation (*meditatio*), which asks: *what does the biblical text say to us?* Here, each person, individually but also as a member of the community, must let himself or herself be moved and challenged.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Rosalia Karnowska, Filomena Lenguito, Amelia Martorana, Giuseppe Martorana, Clayton Pierce, Liana Pierce, Isabella Pledger, Aaron Solanke, Isaac Solanke, Jan Szmaciarski, Max Tambuzzo and Emilia Trzcielinska.

CONFIRMATION: we congratulate & pray for Rosie Cannon, Simona Castiglione, Aurelia El-Ahmadi, Michael James, Fabio Martorana, Dario Reynolds, Kirsty & Joe Tambuzzo, receiving 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 they 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 this Mass will 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 next weekend, **24th/25th July** and will be celebrating and preaching at 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 substantial refreshments in the garden. To help us assess numbers, please complete the cut-off slip if you would like to attend, and return it to the presbytery by 15th August. All are welcome!

FINANCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: we are in need of a parishioner to join the Finance Committee to look after aspects of the premises / health & safety aspects. Help and support would be provided as required. It would involve getting quotations, organising work to be undertaken and completing smaller jobs around the church. The role would be ideal for a retired person. If you think you can help in this crucial role, please talk to Fr Philip or contact the presbytery.

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-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

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 school office for application form: admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

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 make 'door-step visits' this **Tuesday** afternoon at homes in EN11 8N* (Kennedy Ave, Lord Street, Rosehill Close.)

CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently** needed to help clean the church for 1 hr per month. After interim arrangements over the past year, we are now returning to our volunteers' rota but due to the ongoing pandemic risks the church must still be regularly cleaned. If you can help in any way, please contact the Presbytery soon.

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>.

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FR PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS & REFRESHMENTS IN THE GARDEN 30TH AUGUST – 12 NOON

Name:

Contact no.:

No. of adults attending

No. of children attending

Attending Mass? YES/NO

Attending Refreshments? YES/NO

Please return to Presbytery by 15th August.

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Mass your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

**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 17th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Mary Spicer RIP</i>	PAGE 109 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1–6 <i>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.</i> Ps 22 — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 13–18 <i>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>David Green RIP anniv.</i> 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>Peter Zwager RIP anniv.</i>	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Mark 6: 30–34 <i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 8 (p.56) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18)
Mon 19th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Mary McHale RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: Mark 6: 30–34 <i>They were like sheep without a shepherd.</i>
Tues 20th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Andrew Gavin RIP & Lawrence Moore's ints</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42–44 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1–6 Gospel: John 6: 1–15
Wed 21st July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Angela McIntyre RIP</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.
Thurs 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Ida D'Onofrio RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Fri 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Pius Ogbodu's ints</i> 6pm Adoration	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.
Sat 24th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Anthony & Chuchu Mbonu RIP</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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Susan Furey RIP</i> Sun 25th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Donal Kenney RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> NO 5PM MASS — NOW DISCONTINUED ‡	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p>‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	

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.*