

The Announcer

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Year B

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25th JULY 2021

Gospel: John 6: 1-15 – *Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN. He is our auxiliary bishop in Herts, and he will celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Our spiritual father, Bishop Paul – who represents for us in Herts the Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent – has not been able to visit many of his parishes for a long while. So I am very happy to be able to welcome him here again to celebrate the holy Mass with us before I leave St Augustine's.

ALTHOUGH IT IS 'YEAR B' (THE YEAR OF ST MARK), yet in the summer of this year we always have a few Sundays hearing from

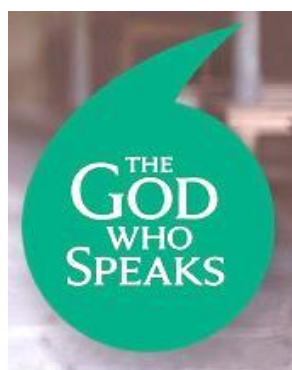
the great chapter in St John's Gospel, chapter 6, the chapter on the 'Bread of Life.' That begins this weekend with the events surrounding the miraculous 'multiplication of loaves' on the hillside above Lake Galilee. Our Lord's miracle is immediately recognised as a Messianic action, on a par with God's having fed the people of Israel with manna in the wilderness after the Exodus – this is why those who witnessed this feeding wish to "take Him by force and make Him King." What will follow over subsequent Sundays is the 'unpacking' of this sign of bread: Jesus will reveal more about His intentions to feed His people, not with bread but with the Holy Eucharist.

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 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 a.s.a.p., and certainly in good time before the deadline of 15th August, please.

May the Lord truly bless us every time we come to be fed by Our Lord with Himself! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 87

Lectio divina ... Following this comes prayer (*oratio*), which asks the question: *what do we say to the Lord in response to his word?* Prayer, as petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise, is the primary way by which the word transforms us. Finally, *lectio divina* concludes with contemplation (*contemplatio*), during which we take up, as a gift from God, his own way of seeing and judging reality, and ask ourselves *what conversion of mind, heart and life is the Lord asking of us?* ... Contemplation aims at creating within us a truly wise and discerning vision of reality, as God sees it, ... We do well also to remember that the process of *lectio divina* is not concluded until it arrives at action (*actio*), which moves the believer to make his or her life a gift for others in charity.



PRAYER & LITURGY

BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN will be visiting our parish this weekend, **24th/25th July** and will be celebrating and preaching at all the Masses.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Reo Verde and Kayana Osbon who will be baptised this weekend.

EVELYN FAULKNER of Goldington Close died recently, aged 80.

Our sympathies go out to her family.

May she 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:

- There *can* now be congregational singing, but we will continue with no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace for now. 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 ceased on the 18th July.

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

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.

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 **Wednesday** afternoon at homes in EN11 8J* and 8L* (Warners Ave, Sheredes Dr, The Knowle, Duke St etc. as time permits).

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>.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

ST MARTHA - 29TH JULY

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home. Friend and servant of our Saviour, I too am "troubled about many things." (*Pause for silent prayer.*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen

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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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 24th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Anthony & Chuchu Mbonu RIP</i>	PAGE 112 in the Mass books 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42–44 <i>They will eat and have some left over.</i>
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	Ps 144 — You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires. 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1–6 <i>One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.</i> Gospel Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!
Mon 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Angela McIntyre RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel: John 6: 1–15 <i>Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.</i>
Tues 27th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Evelyn Faulkner RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	PREFACE TODAY: Sunday no. 1 (p. 54) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)
Wed 28th July 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ena McLeod RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2–4, 12–15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20–24 Gospel: John 6: 24–35
Thurs 29th July SS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</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 30th July <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Fergal Lawlor RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration Sat 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Patrick Wyndham RIP anniv</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. 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>Patrick Farrell RIP anniv</i> Sun 1st August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> NO 5PM MASS — NOW DISCONTINUED †	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
<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.*