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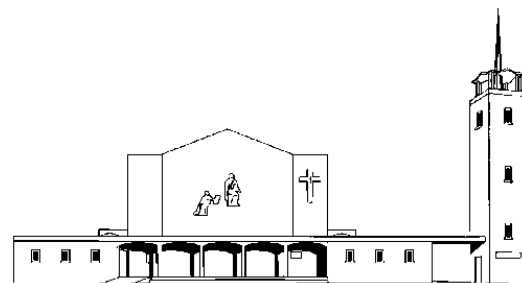
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Year B

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4TH JULY 2021

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6 – *A prophet is only despised in his own country.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS are finally going ahead for our parish children who began preparing in autumn 2019. We pray for them and their families as they continue their Christian initiation and enter more fully into the sacramental life in Christ. This year these will be *small* celebrations, spread over the next 3 weekends, 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.)



PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT "DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES":

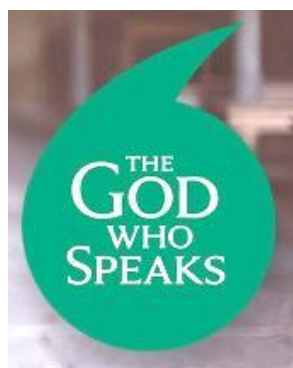
(1) Weekend of 24th-25th July: we will have a parish visitation by Bishop Paul McAleenan, our auxiliary bishop in Herts, who will celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. (I envisage that the Sunday 5pm Mass will not take place that weekend, or thereafter.) Do please come in good numbers that weekend to hear and greet Bishop Paul who has not been able to visit his parishes for a long while.

(2) Bank Holiday Monday at the end of the summer (**Monday 30th August**): this is the date when I will celebrate a 'leaving Mass' which will be at midday. Afterwards there will be social gathering in the parish garden, to which all are invited, and for 'final farewells.' I shall be departing the following day for my new assignment in London, and Fr Julian will be moving in.

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

I would like to highlight ... the *role of women in relation to the word of God*. Today, more than in the past, the "feminine genius," to use the words of John Paul II, has contributed greatly to the understanding of Scripture and to the whole life of the Church. ... The Synod paid special attention to the indispensable role played by women in the family, education, catechesis and the communication of values. "They have an ability to lead people to hear God's word, to enjoy a personal relationship with God, and to show the meaning of forgiveness and of evangelical sharing." They are likewise messengers of love, models of mercy and peacemakers; they communicate warmth and humanity in a world which all too often judges people according to the ruthless criteria of exploitation and profit.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Luisa-Marie Eastwood who will be baptised this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS SUNDAY'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Daniella Gomez Bolivar, Madison Fiori, Sienna Fiori-Gritton, Antonio Iamarino, Antonia Kilian, Christian Loda, Anya McAteer, Lucy Rainsford, Isla Rivers, Eva Schillaci, Jessica Vignogna, Annabelle Wale & Henry Wynne.

CONFIRMATION: We congratulate and pray for Roman Eastwood 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. 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.

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 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.

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

200 CLUB WINNER for July is no. 49, Tom Smith. Congratulations!

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 3rd July ST THOMAS, Apostle 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i>	PAGE 103 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2–5 <i>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.</i> Ps 122 — <i>Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.</i>
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>	2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7–10 <i>I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.</i> Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia. The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i>
Mon 5th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Angelo De Luca RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	Gospel: Mark 6: 1–6 <i>A prophet is only despised in his own country.</i>
Tues 6th July ST MARIA GORETTI, virgin martyr 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>John Jones RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)
Wed 7th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>John Whelehan RIP</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)
Thurs 8th July 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Pamela Newell RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration 9am Morning Prayer	1st Reading: Amos 7: 12–15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3–14 Gospel: Mark 6: 7–13
Fri 9th July ST AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG et al, martyrs <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Michael & Jean Weaver RIP anniv.</i> 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.
Sat 10th July OUR LADY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Denis Lynch RIP anniv.</i>	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Brian Moore RIP anniv.</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.
Sun 11th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Trisha Grant RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 5pm Mass <i>Confirmation candidates' intentions 2021</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.
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699

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.*