

# The Announcer

## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year B**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021**

Gospel: John 6: 24-35 – *He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

**My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,**

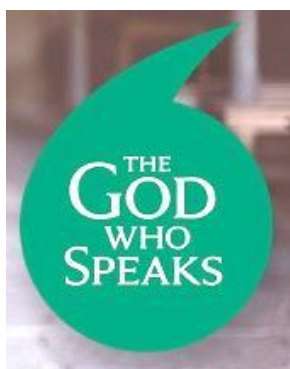
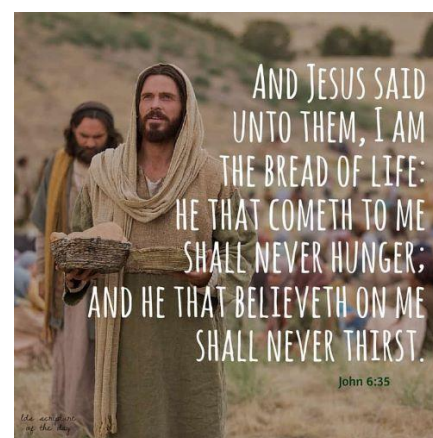
FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, BEGINNING LAST SUNDAY, we have Sunday Gospel passages from Jn 6, the discourse of Jesus on "the Bread of Life." It is a very uplifting chapter, in which Our Lord gradually introduces to His disciples the miracle that He will be offering them, in due course, at the Last Supper: not just Himself in some *metaphorical* way as 'the Bread of Life,' but truly by way of a spiritual food that they can consume, His very Presence.

I do encourage you, now that restrictions are easing further, gradually, to return not only to Sunday Mass, but also to *weekday Mass*, which has sadly seemed very empty for some weeks now. I also ask you again to be requesting for Mass to be offered for your various intentions through the week. Some weeks – such as the one ahead – I have to allocate several Mass intentions myself, that would otherwise have been blank! It is far more appropriate that you yourselves are asking for Mass to be offered here in our church at the daily Mass.

I AM TAKING A COUPLE OF WEEKS' HOLIDAY IN THIS FIRST HALF OF AUGUST, and I am extremely grateful to Fr Joshy for covering me for this fortnight across all the weekday and Sunday Masses. I ask you to assist in whatever ways possible, please, to help make it easier for him, especially at the weekends.

**MY LEAVING MASS AND FAREWELL PARTY** will be on **Bank Holiday Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 88**

Mindful of the inseparable bond between the word of God and Mary of Nazareth, along with the Synod Fathers I urge that Marian prayer be encouraged among the faithful, above all in life of families, since it is an aid to meditating on the holy mysteries found in the Scriptures. A most helpful aid, for example, is the individual or communal recitation of the Holy Rosary, which ponders the mysteries of Christ's life in union with Mary, and which Pope John Paul II wished to enrich with the mysteries of light. It is fitting that the announcement of each mystery be accompanied by a brief biblical text pertinent to that mystery, so as to encourage the memorization of brief biblical passages relevant to the mysteries of Christ's life.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:** Bianca Di Piazza, Maria Di Piazza & Tristan Orgill-Faulkner.

**EVENING ADORATION:** There will be **no Adoration** on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August**.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** (Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction) will take place at **5pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**.

**URGENT! MASS INTENTIONS:** there are very 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.

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

**FR PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS** will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>WRCDT Hoddesdon</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>40-05-20</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>31264370</b>



You can also give by Virgin Money Giving: by using this link [tiny.cc/8xn0tz](https://tiny.cc/8xn0tz), or by using the QR code alongside:

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: Ian Witham, John Lumley, Tallulah Scott, and Ray & Anne Smith.*

**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.

**CAFOD WESTMINSTER** is looking for a well-organised, friendly person to help co-ordinate its school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools and also in using spreadsheets and databases. If you are interested, please contact Chris Driscoll on 07776-493162 [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk)

### **SCHOOLS**

**ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS** has some vacancies in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. Contact the Herts in-year admissions team: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/in-year-admissions-change-school-during-the-year/in-year-admissions-change-school-during-the-year.aspx> and the School Office for a school application form as you will need to complete both.

**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](mailto: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/>

**FR PHILIP'S LEAVING COLLECTION:** If you would like to donate to the collection, please put your donation in an envelope, write on it "Fr's leaving collection" and post it through the presbytery letter box. If you would also like to write a few lines for Fr's leaving card, please either email them to [hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk) or write them and post them through the presbytery letter box. Thank you.

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will resume 'door step' house visits after his holiday.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> August from 12 noon** to show the renovations and transformation of this property (former Quaker church). For more info e-mail [hoddesdonqmh@gmail.com](mailto: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 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Priest</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Patrick Wyndham RIP anniv.</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 114 in the Mass books</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 16: 2–4, 12–15 <i>I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Patrick Farrell RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> August 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Larry O'Neill RIP anniv.</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> <b>NO 5PM MASS — NOW DISCONTINUED</b>	<b>Ps 77 — The Lord gave them bread from heaven.</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 4: 17, 20–24 <i>Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.</i>  <b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Doreen Willis RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<b>Gospel:</b> John 6: 24–35 <i>He who comes to me will never be hungry, he who believes in me will never thirst.</i>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Enzo Elio RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> ad lib. <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> ad lib.
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> August ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Tess Pearson RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>  <b>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>  <b>(YEAR B)</b></p> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Kings 19: 4–8 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 4: 30–5:2 <b>Gospel:</b> John 6: 41–51
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> August DEDICATION OF MARY MAJOR'S</b> 8.15am Adoration <span style="float: right;">9am Morning Prayer</span> 9.15am Mass <i>Gerald Cookson RIP anniv.</i> 6pm Adoration	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b> <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> NO Adoration	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> August OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b> 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Sick parishioners' intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b></p> 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>For the Parish</i>  <b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> August 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Wilfred Maciel &amp; Stanley Almeida RIP</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.  <b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> † There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)	

**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.*