

The Announcer

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Year B THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15TH AUG 2021

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56 – *The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church. The Roman Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven when her life on earth was over.

The Gospel tells of Mary's visitation to her sister, Elizabeth. In Mary's hymn of praise, the *Magnificat*, we see her faith and complete trust in God.

This week, we may like to ask Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the grace of knowing God's will for us, and to follow her example in always saying an unconditional 'yes.' We also offer thanks for all the great things the Almighty has done for us. Fr Joshy.

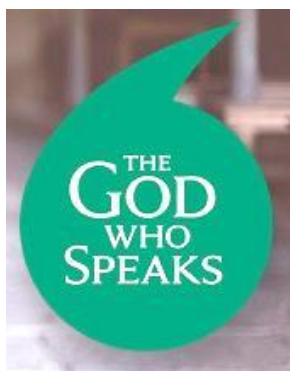


FR PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS AND FAREWELL PARTY will be on **Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August** at 12 noon. Because this will be a very special celebration, it will be a *professionally catered event*, so we need to know numbers of those able to attend. Please therefore **use the cut-out coupon** inside the Newsletter (*print it out* if you're reading this online!) and **please return it to the Presbytery as the deadline is this Sunday, 15th August.**

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 89

As we call to mind the Word of God who became flesh in the womb of Mary of Nazareth, our heart now turns to the land where the mystery of our salvation was accomplished, and from which the word of God spread to the ends of the earth. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word became flesh in a specific time and place, in a strip of land on the edges of the Roman Empire. The more we appreciate the universality and the uniqueness of Christ's person, the more we look with gratitude to that land where Jesus was born, where he lived and where he gave his life for us. The stones on which our Redeemer walked are still charged with his memory and continue to "cry out" the Good News. [We

recall] the felicitous phrase which speaks of the Holy Land as "the Fifth Gospel." ... The Holy Land today remains a goal of pilgrimage for the Christian people, a place of prayer and penance, as was testified to in antiquity by authors like Saint Jerome. The more we turn our eyes and our hearts to the earthly Jerusalem, the more will our yearning be kindled for the heavenly Jerusalem.



PRAYER & LITURGY

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

<p>IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an <i>automatic</i> 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</p>
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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 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-schools-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.

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 or write them and post them through the presbytery letter box by the 27th August. Please mark them for the attention of Dawn Bates. Thank you.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make 'door step' house visits on **Wednesday** afternoon at homes in EN11 8J*.

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.

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."

PEACE COTTAGE (LORD ST): If you would like to give towards the Peace Cottage Community Hub, please visit the website <https://www.gofundme.com/f/peace-cottage-community-hub/>

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.	
<small>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.</small>	

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<p>Sat 14th August ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, Priest 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Sick parishioners' intentions</i></p>	<p>PAGE 180 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6,10 <i>A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.</i></p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 15th Aug ASSUMPTION OF B VIRGIN MARY 9.15am Mass <i>Ken Parker RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Mary Reidy RIP</i> NO 5PM MASS — NOW DISCONTINUED</p>	<p>Ps 44 — <i>On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 <i>Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!</i></p>
<p>Mon 16th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>John Patrick Jones intentions</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56 <i>The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.</i></p>
<p>Tues 17th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Decd members of Hehir Family</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>PREFACE TODAY: ad lib. EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.</p>
<p>Wed 18th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Decd members of Meaney Family</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p>
<p>Thurs 19th August 8.15am Adoration 9.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 6pm Adoration</p>	<p>1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32 Gospel: John 6: 60-69</p>
<p>Fri 20th August ST BERNARD, Abbot & Dr <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>John McGrath RIP</i> 6pm Adoration</p> <p>Sat 21st August ST PIUS X, Pope 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Assunta Cusano RIP rec. dec.</i></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p>
<p>4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i></p> <p>Sun 22nd Aug 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>Enzo Genuardi RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Orsola Scibelli RIP anniv</i> ‡</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>* Vigil Mass of Sunday ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</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.*