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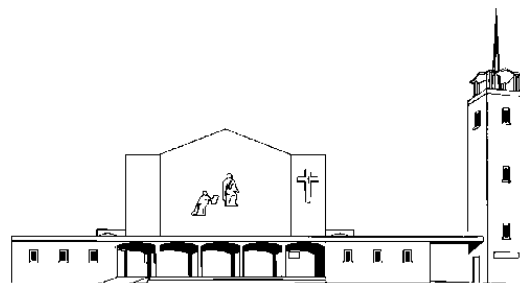
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Year B ST AUGUSTINE – PARISH PATRON SAINT 29th AUGUST 2021

Gospel: Matthew 23: 8-12 – *The greatest amongst you must be your servant.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AFTER PROBABLY ALMOST 700 PARISH NEWSLETTERS, I come to my last one. What a happy coincidence that my final weekend in the parish is also our patronal feast-day of St Augustine of Hippo! St Augustine is an inspirational saint, who, having struggled with faith in his early decades, gradually converted to Christ – with the aid of his mother's utter commitment to him, her prayers and tears, and the powerful witness and preaching of St Ambrose of Milan. He became a devoted writer, preacher, bishop and leader of Catholics in North Africa in the early 5th c., and one of the most famous saints of all time. He knew both personal and political turmoil, but came to understand that the only rest and solace in life lay in knowing Christ Jesus.



MY LEAVING MASS will be on Monday at 12 noon, and I look forward to celebrating that occasion with all who are able to come, including some of the Deanery priests. I am afraid it is *no longer possible* to request attendance at the garden buffet after Mass, as numbers have already been submitted to the caterer. Also: PLEASE, NO GIFTS, as my belongings have already all been taken to London and there is no way that I can transport anything new!

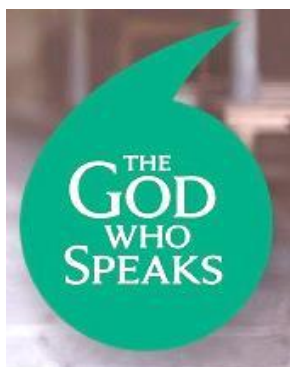
FR JULIAN DAVIES begins as the Parish Priest on Wednesday 1st September – please not only welcome him here into his new position amongst you, but assist him generously in as many ways as possible, because it always takes a while to orient oneself and find one's feet in a new place.

May the prayers of St Augustine help both me and you as we give our lives to Christ. Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 91

The word of God has bestowed upon us the divine life which transfigures the face of the earth, making all things new. His word engages us not only as *hearers* of divine revelation, but also as its *heralds*. The one whom the Father has sent to do his will draws us to himself and makes us part of his life and mission. The Spirit of the Risen Lord empowers us to proclaim the word everywhere by the witness of our lives. This was experienced by the first Christian community, which saw the word spread through preaching and witness. ... What the Church proclaims to the world is the *Logos of Hope*; in order to be able to live fully each moment, men and women need "the great hope" which is "the God who possesses a human face and who 'has loved us to the end.'" This is

why the Church is missionary by her very nature. We cannot keep to ourselves the words of eternal life given to us in our encounter with Jesus Christ: they are meant for everyone, for every man and woman. Everyone today, whether he or she knows it or not, needs this message.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sienna Ednie and Siena Amico who will be baptised this weekend.

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

FR PHILIP'S LEAVING MASS will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday 30th Aug at 12 noon**.

ADORATION: There will be no 6pm Adoration on **Monday evening**.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Westminster diocesan priest Fr Dennis Touw, 20th-24th September by air from Heathrow to Toulouse. There will be a 4-night stay in the 4* Eliseo hotel. There will be Mass in the Shrine of Lourdes and you will be able to enjoy the processions and say prayers at the Grotto. To book call Tangney Tours on 01732-886666.

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/bishopstortford>

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 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.

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/>

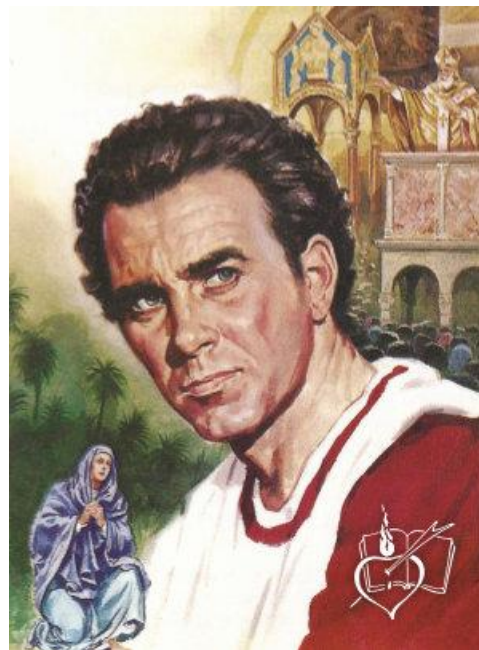
CHURCH CLEANERS are **urgently** needed to help clean the church for 1 hr per month. After interim arrangements over the past year, we are now returning to our volunteers' rota but due to the ongoing pandemic risks the church must still be regularly cleaned. If you can help in any way, please contact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

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Pina Pegna, Romeo Rodrigues & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

St Augustine – 28th August



From St Augustine's Confessions

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed Your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace."

(bk X, xvii, §38)

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 28th August ST AUGUSTINE, bishop & Dr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Tom Breen RIP anniv</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yellow sheets</p> 1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7–10, 15–16 <i>I loved Wisdom more than health or beauty.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i> Sun 29th Aug ST AUGUSTINE'S FEAST 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Deceased of parish 2008–21</i> † 5pm Holy Hour	Ps 118— Lord, teach me Your statutes. 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 8–12 <i>Proclaiming to the pagans this infinite treasure of Christ.</i> Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia. You have only one Father, and He is in heaven; You have only one Teacher, the Christ. Alleluia!</i>
Mon 30th August 12 noon Mass <i>Fr Philip's intentions</i> NO Adoration Tues 31st August ST AIDAN, bishop 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Margaret & Allan Lawlor RIP</i> 6pm Adoration Wed 1st September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Jimmy Kelly RIP</i> 6pm Adoration Thurs 2nd September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Philomena Robb RIP anniv</i> NO Adoration Fri 3rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Dr <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Peter & Margaret White RIP</i> 6pm Adoration Sat 4th September ST CUTHBERT, bishop 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Simon Bird RIP anniv.</i>	Gospel: Matthew 23: 8–12 <i>The greatest amongst you must be your servant.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Pastors (p. —) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p. 18) <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4–7 2nd Reading: James 2: 1–5 Gospel: Mark 7: 31–37
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Patrick Malone RIP</i> Sun 5th September 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Melania Pinto RIP</i> †	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time. <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass. <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</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. <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">† 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 ciascun 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.*