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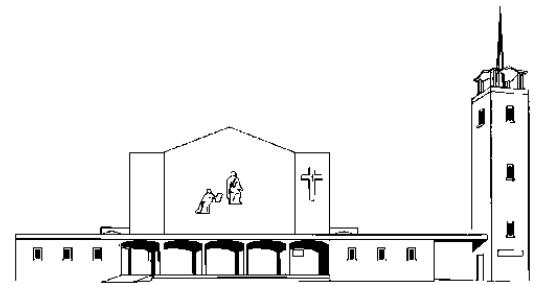
## St Augustine's Catholic Church

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**Year C**

**ST AUGUSTINE - PARISH PATRON SAINT**

**28TH AUGUST 2022**

Gospel: *Matthew 23: 8-12*

*The greatest among you must be your servant.*

Happy St Augustine Feast Day! Why should we remember our patron saints? Not only to give thanks for their great Christian witness and charism, but to recollect with gratitude the dedication and consecration of both building and souls in this place over several generations. Our patron is Augustine of Hippo, who lived in the fourth century, and not the later Augustine of Canterbury, the sixth century missionary to these shores who was named after the earlier Augustine. Our connection with St Augustine of Hippo is profound and it stems partly from his guidelines for community life (gleaned from his words) which became known as the Rule of St Augustine. Two groups of religious follow this rule.....the Augustinian (Austin) Friars and the Augustinian Canons and Canonesses. In 1898 Augustinian Canonesses moved to Rawdon House (which still stands) where the first mass was held in Hoddesdon since the Reformation. Eight years later the Augustinian Canons of the Lateran purchased the neighbouring Esdaile House, which they renamed St Augustinian Priory. When the Augustinians left in 1958, the diocese took over the parish, knocked down the Priory and built the present church on the site, dedicated naturally to St Augustine. St Augustine was a Christian colossus, one of the greatest teachers of the faith, whose prayerful reading and exposition of God's Word informed so many different aspects of the Christian life. In this parish which bears the name of Christ's faithful disciple, how might we become more faithful to the deposit and tradition of the faith which Augustine professed? We might prayerfully consider this in our forty hours of devotion which we are currently observing before the Blessed Sacrament leading up to St Augustine's Day. Entering into the silence of contemplation before the Lord enables us to access the necessary oxygen of life. We do this not to honour St Augustine but to honour our Lord. How might our patron saint spur us on in this place? Augustine for certain would want us to become more of a loving community, glorifying Christ and supporting and serving one another in love. A great lover, he would invite us to fall in love with Christ. 'To fall in love with God' he said is 'the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement'. As someone who knew the power of forgiveness, in what had often been a wayward life, he would ask us to consider that 'there is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future'. He would encourage us to stop searching for peace in the wrong places... 'as God has made us for himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him'. He would encourage us to be more discerning about our times and more embolden to witness to the truth, not putting any trust in the God forsaken city of man but looking instead to the eternal values of the city of God. He would also wish us to enter more deeply into authentic worship: 'Whoever sings prays twice', adding that we sing not just with our lips, but with our lives. Above all he would wish us to chill out, take to the floor, know the freedom of God and move in tune and time to God's steps. 'Learn to dance', he told some Christians, so that 'when you get to heaven, the angels know what to do with you'!



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## PRAYER & LITURGY

**MASS** on Bank Holiday Monday will be at 9.15am and the church will remain open after Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** will be on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 7pm.

**JUBILEE MASS:** The Cardinal will be here with us on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 11.15am Mass**, to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup>-anniversary of the church. Please do put the date in your diary.

**WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** We

have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The



theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Mary Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy'. For our troubled world in a year of turmoil, confusion, and the continued war in Ukraine, we bring our prayers and intentions to Our Lady of Walsingham. The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for 12 noon Mass. After a picnic lunch we walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction at the old Priory shrine. We have a 49-seater coach, with a toilet. **There are now only 9 spaces left on the coach.** To book a place on the coach, fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and give it in with the £28 (£23 coach + £5 pilgrims' levy) cost, either as cash or a cheque payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic Church,' to The Presbytery.

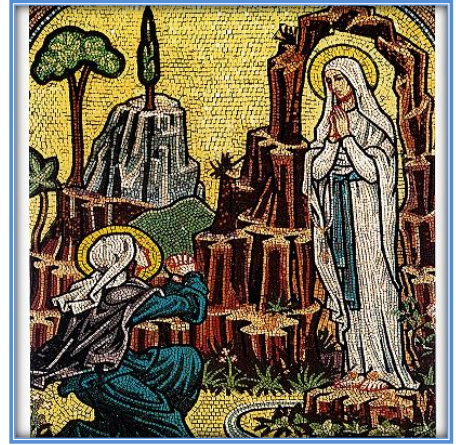
**ALTAR SERVERS:** As well as the yr-6 Secondary school age servers who do a great job each and every week serving, we also need some Yr 3, 4 or 5 children to join the serving team, especially as we will need them to serve School Masses in the coming year. Please contact the presbytery if you are interested.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church **this weekend**. The sign-up sheets to offer to pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are on the blue boards at the back of church. **Please do come along as this is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the church.**

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL** will be

from **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 1pm**  
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6am.**

There is no need to book and visitors are invited to go at a time suitable for them & join the queue on the Piazza



for entry via the West Doors. Please note that at peak times, especially before or after liturgies, there will be long queues. [The Cathedral website](#) will provide the most up-to-date information for all those planning to visit+ during the weekend. The relics will also go on tour around England and details of the itinerary can be found at [stbernadette.org.uk/prayers](http://stbernadette.org.uk/prayers). (They will be visiting St Joseph's at Stevenage on the 17<sup>th</sup> October).

'**THE JOURNEY WE SHARE**' are the autumn faith-sharing booklets from the diocese. This new resource will explore over 5 sessions some of the emerging themes of our recent Synodal Pathway. If you would like a booklet for £3, please contact the presbytery by the **9<sup>th</sup> September**, so an order can be made.

## FINANCE

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. 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>

**CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS:** There is 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.

## 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:** 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**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently including Giuseppa Cuffaro and Luigi Masucci and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Isabella Bennett, Bridget Hegarty, Nora Warren, Laura Cacciatore, Giuseppe Palminteri, Mary McCarthy and Francesca Cicchirillo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

**CATECHETICS**

**BAPTISM COURSE:** The next course will be held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

**RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022/2023:**

application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. This is on the assumption that you regularly attend weekly Mass. Please complete the form and post it into the presbytery together with a photo of the candidate. More information about the programme will follow in due course.



**CHURCH CLEANERS** are urgently needed to join the Wednesday morning cleaning team, as there are now only 2 members! If you can help clean for just 1 hour per month, please contact the presbytery.



**SUNDAY COFFEE** is still being served in the crypt during August. Please do pop down to the crypt for a coffee and a chat. **Next week** there will be bacon & sausage sandwiches.

**RETROUVAILLE** is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow the marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. To register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 13-16<sup>th</sup> Oct or face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24-26<sup>th</sup> Feb email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Cheshunt will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** with a special Mass said by Bishop Paul followed by a picnic lunch. Past and present pupils, families and friends of the school are welcome. Please contact the school office: [01992 63560](tel:0199263560) [admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk).

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Pat Kavanagh & Sue Alvey. Thank you for your help.

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**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Name: .....

Contact no.: .....

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:  
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Please return to the presbytery in an envelope with your name on together with the £28.

**PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY**

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

**SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS**

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August St Monica</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Giannia Galelli RIP</b>	<b>Yellow sheets</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 7: 7-10, 15-16 <i>I loved Wisdom more than health or beauty.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <b>Bill Pollard RIP</b>	<b>Ps 118 — Lord, teach me Your statutes</b>
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Aug ST AUGUSTINE – PARISH PATRON SAINT</b> 9.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b> 11.15am Mass <b>Wilfried Maciel &amp; Stanley Almeida RIP</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Ephesians 3: 8-12 <i>Proclaiming to the pagans this infinite treasure of Christ</i>
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August The Passion of St John the Baptist</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Michael Whyton RIP</b> 7pm Exposition	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, and He is in heaven; You have only one Teacher, the Christ. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> August Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Margaret &amp; Allen Lawlor RIP</b> 7pm Exposition	<b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 23: 8-12 The greatest amongst you must be your servant.  <b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b> <b>23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>(YEAR C)</b>
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> August St Aidan, Bishop</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Giuseppe Distefano RIP</b> followed by coffee in the crypt 7pm Exposition	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 9: 13-18 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philemon 9-10, 12-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14: 25-33
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <b>Alfonso D'Onofrio RIP</b> NO Exposition	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <b>Deceased members of Broxbourne Catenians</b> 7pm Mass <b>Kathleen, Jimmy, Sonny, Maria &amp; Baby ints</b> 8pm Exposition	<b>ROSARY</b> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.  <b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope &amp; Dr</b> 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <b>Matthew Breen RIP anniv</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm* Mass <b>Rabin Pinto's intentions</b>	<b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b> <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b>
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.15am Mass <b>Simon Bird RIP</b> 11.15am Mass <b>For the Parish</b>	
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	

**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.*