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St Augustine's Catholic Church

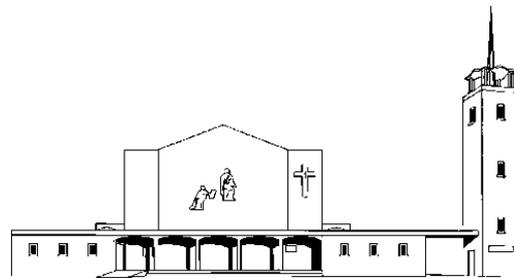
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Year A NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10th AUGUST 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

This Sunday's Gospel calls upon us to have confidence in Jesus Christ our Saviour. You can go through the worst that life can throw at you, just think of all the things we are worried about: parents worried about their children, people worried about their health or that of others, farmers worrying about the weather or their livestock, financial worries, worries about relationships, worries about so many different things, survival in developing countries like Uganda. If only you keep up your contact with God in prayer, you will be rescued. The moment you take your eyes off of Jesus, just like Peter, you will sink. Soon, you will only be able to hear the screaming wind, the awful noise, and the roar of the storms and winds that shake the very foundations of your life.

Does the Lord seem distant when trials or adversity come your way? Do you look for the Lord's presence when you encounter difficulties or challenges? The Lord keeps watch over us at all times and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm us with confidence, we should call upon Jesus to save us.

The disciples in the boat in today's Gospel were frightened by the storm; they called upon Jesus to come to their rescue. Indeed, Jesus came to their aid. Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid. Therefore, when we are worried, let us turn to Jesus and continue to trust in him, he will certainly save us.

Farewell and appreciation: I will be leaving the parish on the 13th August to go to Hertford until the 31st August and then I will return to Uganda. Farewell to all of you and thank you for making me feel so welcome and showering me with your love. I am very grateful to Fr Philip for having invited me to cover for him whilst he was on holiday and I am very grateful for all your kindness and generosity as I have enjoyed my time here with you. May God reward you abundantly.

Fr John Baptist.

*****15TH AUGUST: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*****

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at 9.15am, 12 noon and 8pm

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 26:



The social order requires constant improvement. It must be founded on truth, built on justice and animated by love; in freedom it should grow every day toward a more humane balance. An improvement in attitudes and abundant changes in society will have to take place if these objectives are to be gained. God's Spirit, Who with a marvellous

providence directs the unfolding of time and renews the face of the earth, is not absent from this development. The ferment of the Gospel too has aroused and continues to arouse in man's heart the irresistible requirements of his dignity.

PRAYER & LITURGY

FR MICHAEL ARCHER RIP who lived at Westminster Cathedral died recently. As many of you will recall, Fr Michael was a curate here when the church was built. Fr Michael had recently returned from the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our sympathies go out to his family. Fr Michael's body will be received into Westminster Cathedral at 4.30pm on Monday 11th August and **Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Fr Michael's Funeral Mass on Tuesday 12th August at 10.30am.** *May he rest in peace.*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION is this **Friday 15th August** for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **There will be Mass at 9.15am, 12 noon and 8pm.** If you are a reader, Minister of Holy Communion or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please do sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

SUNDAY MASS ON HOLIDAY: Even when on holiday we are bound to attend Sunday Mass every weekend, whether we are in this country or abroad. If you need help in locating a church in another part of this country, please feel free to phone the Presbytery and we'll happily look it up for you in the Catholic directory.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **next Sunday 17th August;** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Please note there will be no meeting in July or August, but the group will resume again on **Thursday 25th September** at 1.30pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to join.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 19th September.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel once a month to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be **NO Italian Mass** now until **Sunday 21st September.**

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark

Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jill Logsdail, Joe Barr, Jenny Miller, Joseph Penheiro and Peter Tanner.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain, as this information is now systematically withheld from Chaplains. 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. **The Chaplains are: QEII, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek Jedrych 01279-426017**



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season has run from January–Easter, giving us the chance, along with all Westminster Catholics, to support the needs of the local Church.

So far we have received committed pledges of **£173,000** (£42,000 for parish), but there are still parishioners who have indicated that they wish to give, but have not yet filled in pledge forms. I urge that they do so at the earliest opportunity in order for us to be sure of reaching our target, so we can move on to seeking an employee with confidence.

Our local parish project is a very important one: to employ a part-time parish catechist to add to the great work already going on at St Augustine's in First Holy Communion and Confirmation, RCIA etc. by wonderful volunteers. There are so many other opportunities for catechesis and work amongst the youth & young adults of our parish which we could begin through a new employee. **PLEASE PRAY that the right person can now be sought.**

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held

on **Monday 15th September** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates and parents.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 10th and 17th September** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

“RCIA” – The ‘Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults’ is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion). **The course will begin on 9th September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic who wishes to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip soon. There are also some green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

JUSTICE & PEACE

CAFOD: We have all watched the conflict in Gaza escalate in recent weeks, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without food, water, shelter or medical care. Thousands have been killed and injured. We urge you to ask the Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, to push for a comprehensive ceasefire and humanitarian access, and long-term measures to end the suffering and deal with the root causes of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Please visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Gaza> for further information on writing to Mr Hammond.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his visits after his summer holidays.

CHURCH WINDOWS: If you do open any windows in the church, can you please ensure that you shut them before leaving the church as the rain and birds can cause a lot of damage. Thank you.

CHURCH: Please note that the church may be closed at various times due to the holidays.

BROXBORNE FOODBANK will be collecting food at Morrisons in Hoddesdon on **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th August**. Please email volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com or phone Elaine Batten on 01992 428926 if you can help.

FR JOSEPH THAYIL MATHEW has been appointed Assistant Priest to the Brook Green parish alongside continuing his ministry among

the Syro-Malabar-rite community. He will move to his new residence at the beginning of September. **On St Augustine’s Day (28th August) we will have a reception in the garden after 10am Mass, and wish Fr Joseph all the best in his new posting.**

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund has now been changed to **Friday 26th September** due to holidays. It will be held in the crypt and please join us for a night of fun, £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table. If you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash or a bottle for the winning team then please drop that in at the presbytery.

WALSINGHAM WALK – 4TH TO 12TH OCTOBER

2014: We urgently need a male driver for our support vehicle (a minibus). You only need to have category ‘D1’ noted on your driver’s licence (which should include anyone who qualified to drive before 1992). This is a unique and historic pilgrimage that provides a real opportunity for spiritual renewal in good company. If you can help, please contact Peter Walters, the Walk administrator, on: 01799 550398 or: jpw33@live.co.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Joanne Dawes, Lena Tona, Carmela Tona and Giuseppina Tuzzeo. Thank you!

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Assumption of Our

Lady – 15th August

On November 1st 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus, he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain, the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place – only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition.



Masses this week

Sat 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10am Mass *Emmie Kavanagh RIP*

6.30pm* For the Parish

Sun 10th August 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am** *Mr Dileto RIP*

11.15am** *Frederick Dale RIP*

3.30pm NO Italian Mass †

Mon 11th August ST CLARE, VIRGIN

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Pat Gudgin Int*

Tues 12th August

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Terry Cahill RIP 1st Anniv*

Wed 13th August

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Gaetano & Maria-Rosa Tambuzzo, Maria Cuzumano and Francesco DiStefano*— followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 14th Aug ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE,

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Eileen McNicholas RIP Anniv*

Fri 15th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY (*Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+*)

9.15am Mass *Peter Tanner Int*

12 noon Mass *Bridget Daly RIP & Kathleen Lee-Lozone*

8.00pm Mass *Mary Waters*

Sat 16th August

10am Mass *Deceased members of the Gorry Family*

6.30pm* For the Parish

Sun 17th August 20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am** *Nicola Barone RIP*

11.15am** *Assunta Nolewajka RIP*

3.30pm NO Italian Mass †

***Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)**

† There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

Psalm 84 — Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Tell me to come to you across the water.

PREFACE TODAY: ad lib.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ad lib.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

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.

ROSARY

Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — THANK YOU. 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 your 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.*