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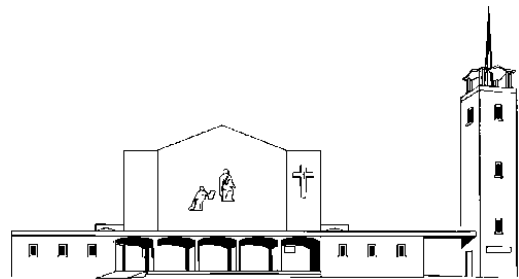
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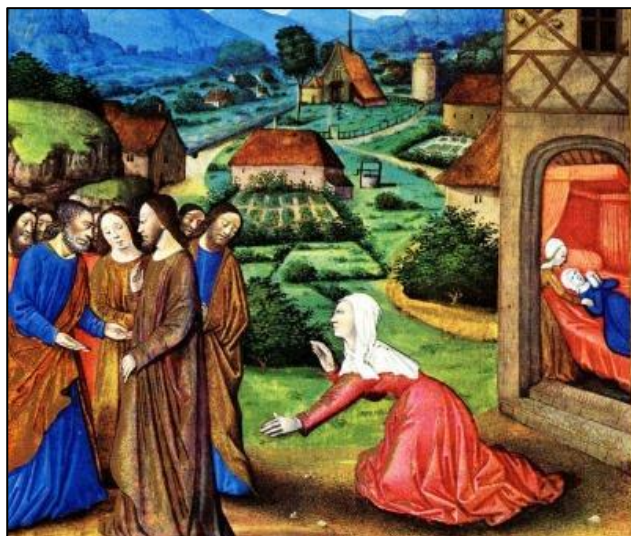
Year A TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th AUGUST 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21–28

Woman, you have great faith.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY gives us the example of persistent faith and prayer of the Canaanite woman whose daughter is sick. The woman came from outside Israel, beyond the bounds of the 'Chosen People,' showing that the Messiah — the Christ — indeed came into the world not just for the salvation of the Jews, for the people who were longing for centuries for the Messiah, but for the whole of humanity. Jesus tests her faith by His first comment, but her faith and persistence is strong, and Our Lord heals her daughter of her affliction. It was an important



lesson for the apostles to see that Christ's mission was not only to Israel, but that He would build a 'new Israel' founded on the 12 of them, a new 'People of God' which would embrace the world.

POPE FRANCIS IS IN SOUTH KOREA THIS WEEKEND, and we pray for the success of his pastoral visit there, to a place where the Church is growing fast. His Mass in Seoul will include the beatification of 124 more Korean martyrs, to add to the 103 Korean martyrs canonized in 1984 by Pope John Paul II and whose feast we keep on 20th September. May the Church in Asia continue to flourish and bring the Gospel to ever more people, so that they can know life and salvation in the holy Son of God. The Lord simply wants us to have great faith, as He told the Canaanite woman, and for which He rewarded her. May Pope Francis's example strengthen the faith of us all!

IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE PARISH after my pilgrimage with the diocese to Lourdes, and my times away as chaplain at Palazzola and on holiday with friends. I am very grateful to Fr John Baptist Kitembo for his weeks' supply — he will continue to supply in Hertford for the next two weeks until his return to Uganda at the end of the month. Special thanks, too, to all those in the parish who have worked extra during my absence.

May the Lord bless us during this summer with His Spirit who restores our hearts. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 27:



In our times a special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbour of every person without exception and of actively helping him when he comes across our path, whether he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign labourer unjustly looked down upon, a refugee, a child born of an unlawful union and wrongly suffering for a sin he did not commit, or a hungry person who disturbs our conscience by recalling the voice of the Lord, "As long as you did it for one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me" (Matt. 25:40).

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Madison and Rocco Fiori who will be baptised this weekend.

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

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.

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!

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will not meet 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.

ITALIAN MASS: 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, Peter Tanner and Sylvia Mullick.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015: application forms for preparation for the Sacraments of

Confession and Holy Communion (for children in Yr 3 and above) will be available after Saturday evening/Sunday Mass in September.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit the parish homes this Wednesday afternoon in Middlefield Road, Dorchester Avenue and Barnfield Close.

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.**

THANK YOU FROM PETER TANNER: I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and good wishes. I am now home after my operation and my recovery will be ongoing for the next 6 to 8 weeks. Peter Tanner.

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 WINDOWS: If you 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 CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE

WEEK

POPE ST PIUS X

21st August



Pope Pius X, born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was the 257th Pope of the Catholic Church, reigning from 1903 to 1914. He was the first pope since Pope Pius V to be canonized. Pius X rejected modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to publish the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was a pastoral pope, encouraging personal piety and a lifestyle reflecting Christian values.

Personally, Pius combined within himself a strong sense of compassion, benevolence and poverty, but also stubbornness and a certain stiffness. He wanted to be pastoral and was the only pope in the 20th century who gave Sunday sermons every week. His charity was extraordinary, filling the Apostolic Palace with refugees from the 1908 Messina earthquake, long before the Italian government began to act on its own. He rejected any kind of favours for his family; his brother remained a postal clerk, his favourite nephew stayed on as village priest, and his three sisters lived together close to poverty in Rome. He often referred to his own humble origins, taking up the causes of poor people. *I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor.* Considered a holy person by many, public veneration of Pope Pius began soon after his death. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification.



Masses this week

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 †

5pm Adoration, Evening Prayer, Benediction

Mon 18th August

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Ron Stickland RIP*

Tues 19th August

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *John Driscoll RIP*

Wed 20th August ST BERNARD, ABBOT & DR

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *John McGrath RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 21st Aug ST PIUS X, POPE

9.15am Mass *Rosaria Giardina Papa RIP*

Fri 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Stanley Abrahams RIP*

Sat 23rd August

10am Mass *Mary & Crystal O'Driscoll Int*

6.30pm* For the Parish

Sun 24th August 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.15am *Baby Owen Ingram*

11.15am *Gaetana Conti 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: Isaiah 56: 1, 6–7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Psalm 66 — Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13–15, 29–32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21–28

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PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19–23

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 33–36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

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.*