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St Augustine's Catholic Church

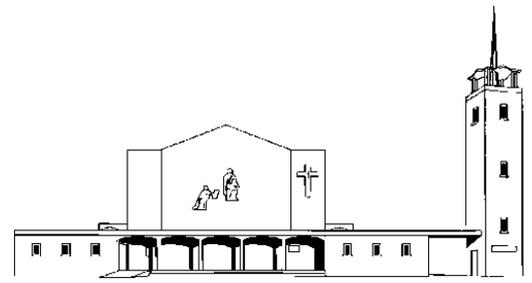
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Year A SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd FEBRUARY 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 38–48

Love your enemies.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

WE CONGRATULATE OUR ARCHBISHOP, VINCENT NICHOLS, on his being elevated this weekend to the position of Cardinal of the Church. For your interest, I have copied the letter which the Pope addressed to the new cardinals last month, in which the Pope reflects on the role of a Cardinal as being “not a promotion, an honour, or an award; it is simply a service which calls for a broader vision and a more expansive heart.” In other words, our new Cardinal will have a role at the service of the Universal Church, and not just within our own diocese. It doesn't make him any more (or less) the Archbishop of our diocese, nor give him any jurisdiction over other dioceses in our country. But it will mean he will be called on to go to Rome sometimes, to assist the Pope in his pastoral, ‘Petrine,’ ministry to the whole world.



In recognition of Archbishop Nichols's being made a Cardinal, we and the other dioceses in which he has served (Liverpool and Birmingham) are making a donation to his nominated charity, ‘The Friends of the Holy Land.’ I have contributed to this collection from the normal, annual, charitable giving of this parish — and for your interest, I enclose some information on its work. When I was in the Holy Land last November, I was able to see some of the charity's work in rather deprived parts of the Palestinian Authority areas.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT FOR OUR GROWING IN FAITH CAMPAIGN — the diocesan scheme to support our **parishes**, our **priests**, and our **diocesan Caritas** (caring for the poor and needy). I will continue to be inviting parishioners to come and hear about the needs of our Diocese and the parish project; and I am extremely grateful that some parishioners are now assisting me in this task of reaching out into the parish to share this, and inviting your involvement. If you get a request to have a visit from a parishioner, do be generous in letting them come to fill you in on *Growing in Faith* and what we can do with the money raised. Let's do our best, please, all of us, together, to make this a success! *** **On the evening of March 12th (8pm) Bishop John Sherrington** — our auxiliary bishop in Hertfordshire — will come and address an open meeting of the parish, and explain further about the campaign. Please keep this date free to meet the bishop. ***

May God bless our new Cardinal, and unite our Diocese, with him, in God's service. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on ‘The Church in the Modern World,’ n. 13:



Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God. Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, but their senseless minds were darkened and they served the creature rather than the Creator.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Sophia-Lily Bailey, Isabella Harris and Matteo Moruzzi who will be baptised this weekend.

TERRY MCINTYRE RIP of Osborne Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **Details of the funeral will follow in due course.** *May he rest in peace.*

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm **next Sunday 2nd March.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR — third Sunday of each month. Next date 5pm **Sun 16th March:** an evening of Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 21st March.** 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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More helpers urgently needed to assist at the 11.15am Mass. If you can help please contact Claire Hay 07971-063520.

ARCHBISHOP'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE: The Archbishop invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th+ wedding anniversary to a Mass on **Saturday 7th June at 3pm.** If you qualify, please contact the presbytery with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **by the 28th February.**

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on **Friday 7th March.** The services will be at St Cuthbert's, Whitley Rd, 10am for 10.30am start, and at St Laurence, Church Lane, Wormley at 7.30pm for 8pm start. Please come to support this event.

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday evening/Sunday Mass intentions are now booked up until July. Mass intentions for weekdays have many prior dates free.

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ASH WEDNESDAY is on **5th March** and Mass will be at 9.30am (with both schools) 12 noon and 8pm. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the lists at the back of the church.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for parishioners and friends who are sick: Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jill Logsdail, Joe Barr, Margaret Johns, Jenny Miller, and Joseph Penheiro.

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, 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: QEll, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Slawek Jedrych 01279-426017



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season runs from January–Easter, with our opportunity, along with all the Catholics of the Diocese, to support the needs of the local Church.

The aim of *Growing in Faith* is three-fold:

1. To build up parish life.*
2. To support priests' welfare, in particular the funding of priestly training for our many seminarians; and the care for those priests in retirement and sickness.
3. To further the work of our diocesan *Caritas* (<http://rcdow.org.uk/caritas/>) which promotes initiatives for the poor, needy and vulnerable in our diocese.

* **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.

Fr Philip is gradually sharing this vision one-to-one with more parishioners, and starting this coming week, some other parish volunteers will also begin to share the needs of the fundraising with you.

*** BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON WILL VISIT US RE **GROWING IN FAITH** ON 12TH MARCH 8PM — PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE FREE! ***

<http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith/> — has more information and a video message from Archbishop.

CATECHETICS

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Please note the next meeting for parents will not be until **Wed 23rd April** from 8–9pm in the crypt. The next meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 15th March at 10am**.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on **Monday 24th February 7–9pm** for candidates and parents. **TWO candidates did not collect a letter after the session on Monday 3rd: please contact the presbytery immediately.**

“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 continues on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Monday 3rd and Friday 14th March** 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 24th Feb – 9th March: **St Cross School** is hosting The Big Brew, to be held in the hall on **Friday 7th March, from 1.30 - 3.00pm**. £1 suggested donation for entry, a cup of tea and biscuit. All are welcome!

As a Fairtrade Parish, we endeavour 1) to serve Fairtrade coffee and tea at Parish events, 2) set up a stall of Traidcraft products at the back of church on a regular basis and 3) promote Fairtrade goods during Fairtrade Fortnight. These outline the injustices of unfair trading in the developing world, as well as informing parishioners of the work of the Fairtrade Foundation providing opportunities for them. (See noticeboard).

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL is celebrating this year its 80th Anniversary. To mark this great milestone the school want to develop a Jubilee Peace Garden within their grounds. In order to achieve this, the school will be relying on voluntary contributions. If you would like to help by making a donation, please do contact the school on 467309.

ST AUGUSTINE’S NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2014 for children due to start nursery in Sept 2014, those born between 01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011, are open from **Mon 10th Feb until Fri 21st March**. Applications to be made to School and Herts CC www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions. Application form available from the school office or to download from their website. Please return the completed form with a copy of the Baptism certificate to the school office before Friday 21st March 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS

SPONSORED 10KM WALK will be held on **Sunday 2nd March** to raise funds for the **Nadia Miragliotta Brighter Future Fund** and the **Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund**. You will need to meet at 9.30am for 10am start. The route will be from Hoddesdon Clock Tower into Stanstead Abbots, onto Amwell Hill and along the main road past Van Hages, stopping off at the cemetery and finishing at Hoddesdon Clock Tower. The walk is open to all however, children will have to be with an adult and it is hoped that everyone can stick together. For further info, or if you would like to sponsor/make a contribution, e-mail mruggiero@playfairpartnerships.com. **At the evening Mass the night before (Sat 1st March, 6.30pm) there will be a little rite of blessing at the end of Mass for those taking part in the walk.**

DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2014: Cardinal Vincent invites us to join him on the 4th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy land. 17th – 25th Nov 2014. During the pilgrimage you will follow Jesus’ footsteps from Galilee to Jerusalem and on to Bethlehem. Price: £1495 per person sharing a room. For further details and a booking form contact Gerald Daly at Diocesan Pilgrimage Office 020-7798-9173, geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk, or Gill Didino at Tangney Tours: 01732-886666

RETROUVAILLE – a lifeline for troubled marriages: The next programme begins on the **28th March** at a hotel in Hatfield. If your marriage is in difficulty, or you have already separated, please contact Clive and Kathy Jones on 07973-380443 to discuss in complete confidence how you can be helped to bring healing and a fresh start to your marriage.

ASCENT GROUP: Sr Teresa regrets that she can no longer attend the group anymore due to the distance and for physical reasons. Bridget Newson will continue to run the group and if anyone would like to join please contact her on 465833.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting further parishioners/families in their homes. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 2nd, 16th and 30th March.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

AN ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because in revealing them You can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Masses this week

Sat 22nd February CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
10am Mass *May Adams RIP*

6.30pm* *Mario & Giuseppina Vaccaro RIP*

Sun 23rd Feb 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am** *For the Parish*

11.15am ** *Antonino Martorana RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

Mon 24th Feb

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Justina Ogbodu RIP*

Tues 25th Feb

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Phyllis Lawlor RIP*

Wed 26th Feb

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Maria-Teresa Distefano RIP* followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 27th Feb

9.15am Mass *Josephine Murphy RIP*

Fri 28th Feb

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Giuseppe Palminteri RIP*

Sat 1st March ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales

10am Mass *Phyllis Lawlor RIP*

6.30pm* *Salvatore, Maria & Giuseppe Tona*

Sun 2nd March 8TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am** *Justina Ogbodu RIP*

11.15am** *Francesco Cannatela RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5.00pm Latin Mass *For the Parish*

***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: Leviticus 19: 1–2, 17–18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Psalms 102 — The Lord is compassion and love.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16–23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Accl: ***Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!***

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38–48

Love your enemies.

PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 70)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 28)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 14–15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4: 1–5

Gospel: Matthew 6: 24–34

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.

REGULAR EVENTS

Mon 24th 7pm Confirmation, crypt

Tues 25th 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt

Tues 25th 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 26th 6pm Brownies, crypt

Thurs 27th 1.30pm Padre Pio, crypt

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.*