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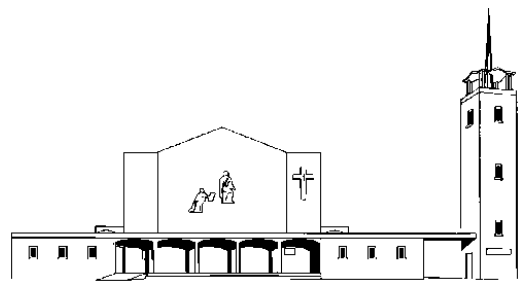
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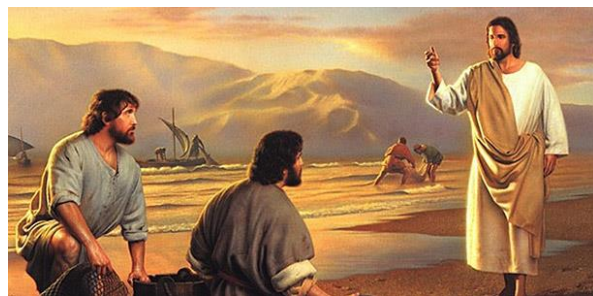
Year A

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JAN 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12–23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.



My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL GIVES US THAT BLESSED OCCASION when Our Lord calls to Himself His first apostles, the two pairs of brothers, Simon (Peter) & Andrew, James & John. We know from John's Gospel that He had already encountered Andrew — previously a disciple of John the Baptist — and also Peter; but that doesn't take away from the apparently radical, and sudden, nature of their decision to follow Him at His call. The fact of the matter is, that even the Son of God did not 'go it alone,' but made use of colleagues and friends to further His divine mission. It's a beautiful indication of the vocation we have to be the Lord's instruments in proclaiming His Gospel. It's also a timely reminder, that more help in the parish mission would be of such benefit to us all — hence our 'local parish project' for *Growing in Faith* (details inside ...).

THREE WEEKS IN TO OUR PARISH'S EMBRACING OF GROWING IN FAITH, and I am happy to say that I have already been able to share the vision — and the needs — of *Growing in Faith* with some 40 individuals, couples and families. This I shall continue for some weeks to come, mostly on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Thank you to all those who have already chosen to commit to a 5-yr pledge to support our parish and our diocese; and I am happy to know that many more are presently considering the level at which they can help fund our campaign. Knowledge of, and understanding of, the campaign will gradually widen in the weeks to come as I, and other parishioners, help spread the idea of *Growing in Faith*, and in particular how it will benefit our own parish of St Augustine. There are more details inside the Newsletter today — and website links to learn more. Please note a date for your diary: ***** evening of March 12th *** when Bp John Sherrington** will come and explain further about the campaign, and will give us all the opportunity to ask questions and consider giving to the scheme.

May God bless us as we work as His disciples in spreading the Gospel by our lives. Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 10:



The Church firmly believes that Christ, who died and was raised up for all, can through His Spirit offer man the light and the strength to measure up to his supreme destiny. Nor has any other name under the heaven been given to man by which it is fitting for him to be saved. She likewise holds that in her most benign Lord and Master can be found the key, the focal point and the goal of man, as well as of all human history. The Church also maintains that beneath all changes there are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever. Hence under the light of Christ, the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of every creature, the Council wishes to speak to all men in order to shed light on the mystery of man and to co-operate in finding the solution to the outstanding problems of our time.

PRAYER & LITURGY

VINCENZO GIARDINA RIP of Ashfield Nursery, Goffs Oak died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 28th January at 11am** with Don Antonio.

PHYLLIS LAWLOR RIP of Brickendon Court, Chapel End, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Wednesday 29th January at 10am. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.**

May they rest in peace.

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

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place 5pm on **Sunday 16th February.** This is an evening of Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 21st February.** 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 are needed to assist at the 11.15am Mass. If you can help please contact Claire Hay 07971-063520.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Sat 8th Feb.** Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside, and as in previous years, the Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome and there are no seat reservations or tickets. If you are bringing a wheelchair, please advise Fr Philip so that he can arrange a reserved space for those in wheelchairs and their carers.

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.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our parishioners and friends who are sick: 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, 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: QEII, Jacqueline Humphreys and John Paul Lyttle 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Slawek Jedrych 01279-426017



We began our **Growing in Faith** season recently, with the letter from Archbishop Vincent. If you missed the letter, then further copies are available by the Newsletters (on yellow sheets). We will focus on **Growing in Faith** up to Easter here in Hoddesdon.

The aim of *Growing in Faith* is to provide three-fold support for the work of the Catholic Church in our diocese and parishes:

1. To build up parish life.*
2. To support priests' welfare, in particular the funding of priestly training for our nearly-40 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 work 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 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 with more parishioners, but please contact him if you would like to know more sooner!

*** BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON WILL VISIT US
RE **GROWING IN FAITH** ON 12TH MARCH ***

<http://rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith/>

CATECHETICS

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The fifth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 5th February** from 8–9pm in the crypt. The fifth meeting for the children will be on **Saturday 8th February at 10am**.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on **Monday 3rd February at 7-9pm** for candidates only.

“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 28th January at 7pm.**

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

TRAIDCRAFT: The stall will be at the back of the church this weekend, **25th/26th Jan** after all Masses.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL will be holding a ‘First Holy Communion Fayre’ on **Tuesday 6th February** from 3.30-5.30pm. There will be dresses and suits on sale together with many other stalls. Entry is free and all are welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

200 CLUB: The winner for January was Mrs M Tink No 175. Congratulations!

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7th-14th February: As Marriage Week is approaching, at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 8 Feb** couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows during the Mass and there will be prayers of thanksgiving for the sacrament of Matrimony. After this, there will be a shared table supper for all in the crypt. Please come along if you are free; bring a plate or two of food and something to drink – everyone is welcome. Bring along a copy of a wedding photo, so we can have a go at guessing “Who’s who?!”

STANDING ORDER: If you are currently using the offertory envelopes, to make life easier, you may wish to consider changing over to standing order instead. If you wish to do so, please collect a form from the back of the church, the presbytery or alternatively you can email the parish office hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk, or download one from the parish website under ‘Donate to Our Parish.’

WEEKEND RETREAT for men will be held from **25th-27th July** at High Leigh Conference Centre. The retreat will be led by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, the Preacher to the Papal Household. Booking forms should be sent off as soon as possible and can be found at the back of the church. For further details visit <http://www.harvesters.org.uk>. Fr Cantalamessa is an *outstanding* preacher, and even gives the

retreats to the Pope at the Vatican! Really worth being there to hear him!

LADIES’ GUILD: A new Treasurer and Secretary are needed to help run the Ladies’ Guild. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Mary Briggs on 01992-534891.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE (www.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon, same address as before), if you have not yet done so. It is much more flexible than the old, with greater ease of adding information. Please think of *signing up for e-alerts* on the parish website, then you will get notified about any new information/event added to it.

CYCLE OF HOMILIES: if you missed any of Fr Philip’s ‘Year of Faith’ homilies on the *Catechism*, you can read them at: <http://yofhomilies.wordpress.com>.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER in on **7th March** A new rep. is urgently required to join the committee which organises the services for the day. If you can help, please contact Janet Lampard on 428490.

CENSUS CARDS: If you have still not completed a census card, please do fill one in and hand it in to the presbytery. The cards are at the back of the church alongside the newsletters. Thank you.

CRYPT: The freezer & fridges in the crypt hall and kitchen are in need of defrosting/cleaning. They will therefore be switched off after 9.15am Mass on **Sunday 2nd Feb**. Anything that has not been removed from them by that date will be disposed of. At the same time we will be revamping the space under the stairs in the crypt: any non-crypt catering items that are not removed will be disposed of.

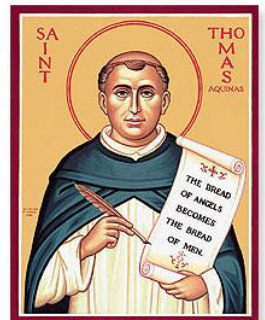
SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting further parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 16th February and 2nd March.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of St Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God:
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.



Masses this week

Sat 25th January CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

10am Mass *Giuseppe Tambuzzo RIP*

6.30pm* *For the Parish*

Sun 26th January 3RD SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am** *Johanna Doyle RIP*

11.15am ** *Daniela Ruggiero RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

Mon 27th January

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Vera Brown RIP*

Tues 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest & Dr

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Giuseppe Palminteri RIP*

11am Funeral *Vincenzo Giardina RIP*

Wed 29th January

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

10am Funeral *Phyllis Lawlor RIP*

Thurs 30th January

9.15am Mass *Christopher Cowley-Freeman RIP Anniv*

Fri 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO, Priest

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Kathleen Parkin RIP*

Sat 1st February

10am Mass *Antonio Terranova RIP*

6.30pm* *Giovannina Minichiello RIP*

Sun 2nd Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.15am** *Elaine Heathley's ints*

11.15am** *Russell Radford RIP*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5pm 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: Isaiah 8: 23–9:3

In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.

Psalms 26 — The Lord is my light and my help.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10–13, 17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Gospel Accl: **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12–23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 32)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1–4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14–18

Gospel: Luke 2: 22–40

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

Tues 28th 2pm Ascent, crypt

Tues 28th 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 29th 6pm Brownies, crypt

Thurs 30th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery

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.*

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