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St Augustine's Catholic Church

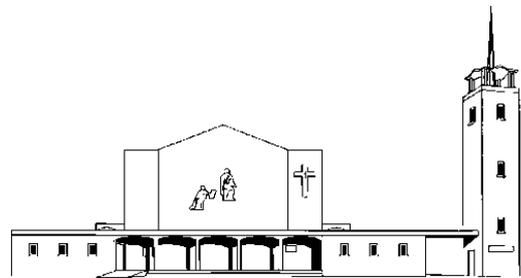
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Year A

ALL SAINTS' DAY

2nd NOVEMBER 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1–12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS WEEKEND WE KEEP THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, usually 1st November but transferred to the Sunday celebration this year. It sums up all our devotion to the saints, named or unnamed, who are in the glory of heaven with God, and from that place pray for us. The feast has its origin in the early Church, around the 4th century, as a way of commemorating all the many martyrs — so many, by then, that they could not all have an individual feast day to themselves. A special place of commemoration of this feast is the Pantheon, in Rome: converted from a pagan Roman temple to “all the gods,” Pope Boniface IV dedicated it in around 609AD to the Blessed Virgin Mary “and all the martyrs.” Even from the 8th century, the feast has been celebrated on 1st November. We have in our mind, today, the “huge number, impossible to count” in heaven, who call us to be with them by holding firm to our faith all the days of our life. The saints are such wonderful examples to us: men and women who, across the 2,000 years of the Church, have won through to heaven, by the grace of Christ, despite the challenges. Let's remind ourselves today of our various patron saints — for example, a saint whom we are named after, or have taken as our Confirmation name — asking their prayers that we also keep the faith, and achieve our heavenly destiny one day, to be with them for ever.



OUR ANNUAL VISIT FOR PRAYER AT THE CEMETERY will take place today (Sunday). Meet me at 3pm just inside the gates of the Ware Road cemetery for our Rosary Procession, Prayers for the Dead, and blessing of graves. This is an important moment of witness to the necessity of prayer for our deceased loved ones, and also a support to parishioners in their bereavements.

AS OF NEXT WEEKEND, THE ITALIAN MASS is moving from Sunday afternoon to Saturday afternoon (4pm). Please note this, and inform anyone who may have missed this. Don Antonio is experimenting with this new time so as to spread his three Italian Masses (Ponders End, Waltham Cross, and Hoddesdon) more sensibly across the weekend.

May all the saints in heaven pray for our parish, encouraging us in faith!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 34:



Far from thinking that works produced by man's own talent and energy are in opposition to God's power, and that the rational creature exists as a kind of rival to the Creator, Christians are convinced that the triumphs of the human race are a sign of God's grace and the flowering of His own mysterious design. For the greater man's power becomes, the farther his individual and community responsibility extends. Hence it is clear that men are not deterred by the Christian message from building up the world, or impelled to neglect the welfare of their fellows, but that they are rather more stringently bound to do these very things.

PRAYER & LITURGY

DANWTA PATTERSON RIP of Ware Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 5th November at 12 noon.**

GIUSEPPE AUGELLO RIP of Whittingstall Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Friday 7th November at 10am** with Don Antonio.

ANTONIO INSALACO RIP of Highlands Road, Nazeing died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 12th November at 11.30am** with Don Antonio.

May they rest in peace.

LATIN MASS: monthly Mass, with sung Latin chants, will be this **Sund 2nd November 5.00pm.**

ITALIAN MASS moves to a **new time of Saturday 4pm**, as of next weekend.

PRAYERS AT THE CEMETERY: Fr Philip will lead the annual visit to the cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish **this Sunday 2nd November.** Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

FIRST FRIDAY: The first Friday Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 7th November.** This will be followed by the Holy Hour at 8pm, which is always prayed for the pro-life cause.

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now available from the back of the church. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR: **Sat 15th November, 6.30pm Mass** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. All who have lost a dear one in the past year may wish to make their Sunday Mass that weekend. **Volunteers are needed to help with the refreshments in the crypt after Mass. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.**

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 16th November.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 21st November.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel to

reflect on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

FAITH SHARING GROUPS: diocesan faith-sharing resource for this autumn is *Jesus My Lord.* Books £2 at the back of church.

PARISH MISSION: St Patrick's Community Mission team will lead us in a parish mission in Advent from **Monday 8th to Friday 12th December.** The team will include the famous speaker John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land." **We will need volunteers to help put flyers in envelopes on Wednesday 19th November at 10.15am** in the crypt and tea/coffee will be provided. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

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. **Chaplains are: Lister, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek Jedrych 01279-426017**



Prior to the summer we had received committed pledges of **£173,000** (leading to £42,000 for the parish project). It is still important and necessary that we top up this amount, and Fr Philip asks those who are able to, especially those who committed to pledging back at the 'commitment weekend' but have not yet returned their official pledge form, to do so soon. Pledge forms are still available in the porch, alongside the Newsletters.

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.

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 3rd Nov** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for **candidates and parents**. The candidates will need to have **read chapters 5 & 6 of the Gospel of Mark** before the meeting.

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The second meeting for parents will be on **Wed 5th Nov 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 8th Nov 10–12 noon**.

"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 4th November at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 19th and Friday 28th November** from **7.30–9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism is arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary schools requires the Parish Priest to provide a priest's reference as testimony of **Catholic practice, i.e attendance, every week, at Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass**. This accords with the diocesan guidance for priests, <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/fileupload/upload/prf4117200691341.pdf>. In order to help him be just and fair to the practising Catholics of our parish, Fr Philip will continue to adopt the pattern of occasionally in the next few months asking those who will require a priest's form to be signed to come and see him briefly (each and every time he asks) after Sunday Mass. **This concerns those whose children are now in nursery-year in 2014/15.**

ST CROSS SCHOOL Firework night is on **Sat 8th Nov**. Doors open from 5pm, fireworks to start at 7pm. Licensed bar and hot food available.

Adults £6, Children £3. Any queries please email friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

ST CROSS SCHOOL will be holding an open day on **19th & Nov at 9.30am & 27th Nov at 2pm**. All new parents are very welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding an open day for new reception and nursery Sep 2015 parents on **Thursday 4th Dec** from 10-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

THANK YOU: The Hunter family would like to thank Gemma and all the flower ladies for the fantastic flowers for Monica's funeral. Thank you also to all those who helped with the refreshments, the seating in the church and Ellen Bartlett and Anne and Margaret Byrne.

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in Kennedy Avenue and Lord Street on Wednesday afternoon this week.

"FIRE-WARDEN" TRAINING — to ensure our parishioners' safety in the unlikely event of a fire — will be held at 7.30pm on **27th Nov** in the crypt. Volunteers have already offered for 9.15am Mass. **A couple of volunteers are needed for the 6.30pm & 11.15am Masses.** If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: raised £526.72. Thank you!

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS ORDERS: I am happy to include any orders from parishioners in my next order. Please email, or ring me with the details, by Mon Nov 17th at the latest. The goods will be ready for collection at Milly's Charity Fair (29/30th Nov). I shall only be ordering a very small selection of cards so if you would like specific designs, or advent calendars, it would be best to place an order. The catalogues can be found at the entrance of the church. Please return them as soon as you are finished with them as there are only a few copies. Maria Hunt (01992 421048/07790453378) maria.hunt2@ntlworld.com

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip thanks all the parish households to which he has been invited, and would like to meet 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, 23rd & 30th November.

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

Masses this week	Today's Liturgy												
Sat 1st Nov 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 184 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2–4, 9–14 <i>I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.</i></p> <p>Psalms 23 — Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–3 <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 5: 1–12 <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Glory of Jerusalem (p. 71) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p.18)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</p> <p>1st Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1–2, 8–9, 12 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 9–11, 16–17 Gospel: John 2: 13–22</p>												
6.30pm* Balaho, Ratna, Nicoletta Martin & M Hills Sun 2nd Nov ALL SAINTS 9.15am** <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at <i>any other time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>												
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<p>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: <i>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.</i></p>													