

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

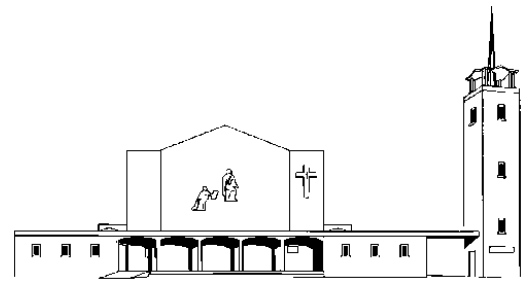
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Year A TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

12TH OCT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1–14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD IN ROME ON 'THE FAMILY' continues, the Holy Father Pope Francis gathered with many cardinals, bishops, and other representatives, to reflect on the challenges that the modern world presents to the family today. We join our prayers with those of the whole Church, that the Church may defend, protect,

and promote the God-given gift of marriage and the family. Many thorny issues arise in this area, but it is the Church's mission to provide a lead in the defence of this foundational unit of society, the place where each of us should find the love and support we need for a blessed life. Let's pray for Cardinal Vincent and all the delegates at the Synod, as they pray, discuss, and reflect in this coming 2nd week. Here is the prayer that the Church has asked us to use at this special time:

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY FOR THE SYNOD

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary — Mother of God — pray for our parish!

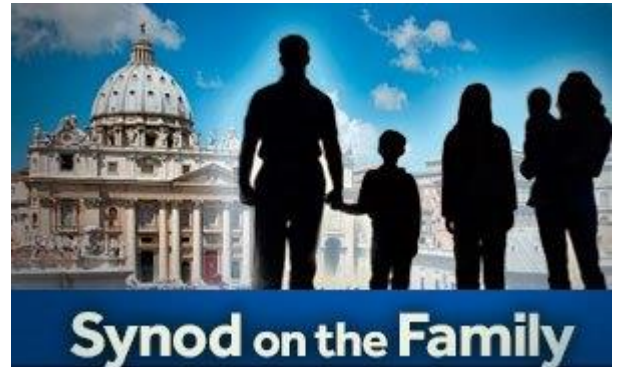
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From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 32:



In His preaching Jesus clearly taught the sons of God to treat one another as brothers. In His prayers He pleaded that all His disciples might be "one." Indeed as the redeemer of all, He offered Himself for all even to point of death. "Greater love than this no-one has, that one lay down his life for his friends." He commanded His Apostles to preach to all peoples

the Gospel's message that the human race was to become the Family of God, in which the fullness of the Law would be love. As the firstborn of many brethren and by the giving of His Spirit, He founded after His death and resurrection a new brotherly community composed of all those who receive Him in faith and in love. This He did through His Body, which is the Church. There everyone, as members one of the other, would render mutual service according to the different gifts bestowed on each. This solidarity must be constantly increased until that day on which it will be brought to perfection. Then, saved by grace, men will offer flawless glory to God as a family beloved of God and of Christ their Brother.



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Maya Appiah and Teddy Gillett baptised this weekend.

THE ROSARY: In October, Fr Philip will lead one decade of the Rosary five minutes before each Saturday evening and Sunday Mass.

CARMELA SCAFFIDI RIP of West Lea Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. The funeral will be on **Tuesday 14th October at 10.30am** with Don Antonio.

MONICA HUNTER RIP of Church Lane Wormleybury died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Details of the funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

RICHARD NORMAN RIP of Wallers Way Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. The funeral will be on **Tuesday 28th October at 11am.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday, a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Through *Missio*, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to this work. The annual special collection will be taken the Sunday after, 26th October.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 17th October.** 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!

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 19th October.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

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 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.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS: diocesan faith-sharing resource for this autumn is *Jesus My Lord*, to explore our understanding of discipleship, and what this means in terms of our daily living. The season runs from **12th October to 22nd November** and **books are £2.** If you would like

to run/join a group, please do sign your name on the list on the table at the back of the church.

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**



The latest newsletter from the Growing in Faith campaign is now available to read and is enclosed with our newsletter.

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 13th October** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for **candidates and parents**. The candidates will need to have **read chapter four of the Gospel of Mark** (from the book they were given) 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 14th Oct 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.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

FAMILY FAST DAY: The total raised was £615.89, so thank you to everyone!

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK: From this week there will be a crate in the church porch to receive **non-perishable** food. The Foodbank serves those in desperate need in our community. Any donations will be gratefully received. Suggestions of types of food can be found listed by the collection crate. Thank you.

HARVEST DISPLAY: The beautiful harvest-time display in the sanctuary reminds us of the abundance of good things we receive. Our thanks to the flower ladies' team for their creation, and may it be a salutary reminder to us of the food we have and should share.

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/prf_4117200691341.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.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIEST'S REFERENCE: Form signing for secondary schools will take place on **Monday 13th Oct 1–3pm** in the presbytery. No appointment times, please just attend. **NOTE: there is ONLY any need to attend if you are applying under criterion '3'.**

ST CROSS SCHOOL invite the Senior Citizens of the parish to their Harvest Tea on **Friday 17th Oct** at 1.45pm. RSVP by contacting the school on 467309.

ST CROSS SCHOOL Firework night is on **Sat 8th Nov**. Doors open from 5pm, beginning with a Children's disco and fireworks to start at 7pm. Licensed bar and hot food available. Adults £6, Children £3. Any queries please email friends@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in the following streets this coming Wednesday afternoon: Westfield Road, Brookside, Cillocks Close, Jersey Close.

A STAR DANCE in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Saturday 25th October** at the Broxbourne Civic Hall, 7.30pm – 12midnight, adults £20, children 12 and under £10. There will be a Grand raffle with great prizes. Dress to impress. Tickets are available from Maria Ruggiero 07813-335703. All funds raised will go towards The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund.

200 CLUB WINNER for October is Keith Newell, number 27. Congratulations!

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: 26th October, 16th November.

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

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 11th Oct 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Mula RIP</i>		PAGE 140 in the Mass books	
6.30pm* For the Parish		1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6–10 <i>The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</i>	
Sun 12th Oct 28TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Annie Doyle RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †		Psalm 22 — In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.	
Mon 13th Oct ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Ashcroft Intention</i>		2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12–14, 19–20 <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i>	
Tues 14th Oct 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Patrick Griffin & Willie McIntyre RIP Anniv</i> 10.30am Funeral <i>Carmela Scaffidi RIP</i>		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!	
Wed 15th Oct ST TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DR 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP 1st Anniv</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		Gospel: Matthew 22: 1–14 <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i>	
Thurs 16th Oct 9.15am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i>		PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)	
Fri 17th Oct ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH Bp & Martyr <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <i>Anna Tomlinson RIP</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 18th Oct ST LUKE, Evangelist 10am Mass <i>Richard Norman RIP</i>		1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4–6 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–5 Gospel: Matthew 22: 15–21	
6.30pm* For the Parish		SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 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>	
Sun 19th Oct 29TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Patrick White RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>Filippo Adamo RIP</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †		ROSARY Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am 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)		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		SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.	
Mon 13th 7pm Confirmation, crypt	Wed 15th 6pm Brownies, crypt	Tues 14th 1.30pm Guild tea and chat, crypt	Thurs 16th 7pm Italian Rosary
Tues 14th 7pm RCIA, presbytery	Fri 17th 7.30pm Prayer Group	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	

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.*