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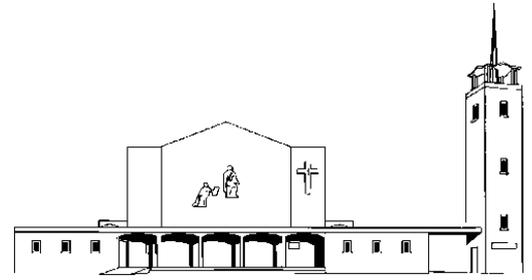
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Year A

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19TH OCT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15–21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

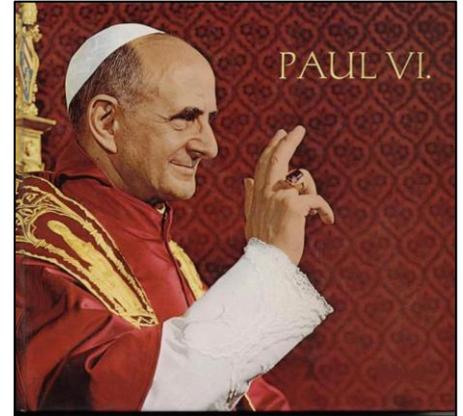
THE EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD IN ROME ON 'THE FAMILY' ends this Sunday with the beatification of Pope Paul VI, Pope from 1963 to 1978. This is a beautiful way for the Synod of Bishops to reach its conclusion, given all the ways that this Pope — the first Pope I remember, from my boyhood! — was able to support and sustain Marriage, Sexual Ethics, and the Family, by his papal teaching.

When Pope Paul VI visited the Holy Land in January 1964, in the middle of the years of the Second Vatican Council, he gave an address in Nazareth, at the Basilica of the Annunciation, which is very beautiful. You can read it, for example, at the website: <http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Paul06/p6reflect.htm>. He reminds us, there, of the beauty of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the lessons for the family to be learnt at this "school of Nazareth."

We have much to be thankful for, in the life and papacy of Paul VI, who was Pope at a very difficult and turbulent time in world and Church history. He inherited the Council, Vatican II, and steered it to its conclusion in 1965. He oversaw changes to the liturgy that were contentious, and yet necessary. And he stood firm against many huge pressures to 'conform to the world' in the area of sexual/moral teaching — and his prophetic voice in this regard has proved itself true in the past 50 years. May his prayers guide the Church to keep defending Marriage and the Family!

I SHALL BE AWAY IN ROME THIS WEEK, Monday–Friday, at a conference that the diocese is paying for me to attend. Mgr Peter Wilson will be here to celebrate Mass on the weekdays, Mon–Thurs, and Canon Brendan Alger will be here on Friday to conduct the funeral of his dear and longstanding friend, Monica Hunter. I am sorry that I shall be away for the funeral on Friday, as Monica has been a committed parishioner here at St Augustine's over many decades, not least in her leadership of the flower-arrangers for many years. I shall be keeping her and Ian and all Monica's family in my prayers whilst in Rome — *may she rest in peace.*

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



From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 33:



In the face of these immense efforts which already preoccupy the whole human race, men agitate numerous questions among themselves. What is the meaning and value of this feverish activity? How should all these things be used? To the achievement of what goal are the strivings of individuals and societies heading? The Church guards the heritage of

God's word and draws from it moral and religious principles without always having at hand the solution to particular problems. As such she desires to add the light of revealed truth to mankind's store of experience, so that the path which humanity has taken in recent times will not be a dark one.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Bella Brown baptised this weekend.

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.

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

MONICA HUNTER RIP of Church Lane Wormleybury died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 24th October at 10.30am**. Please note there will be **no Adoration or noon Mass that day**.

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

May they rest in peace.

ADORATION/MORNING PRAYER: As Fr Philip is away next week, there won't be any Adoration or Morning Prayer.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is this 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 envelopes are attached to the newsletter and the annual special collection will be taken **next Sunday**.

NOVEMBER LIST OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are now attached to the newsletter. 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. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

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!

ITALIAN MASS: From **Sat 8th November** the Italian Mass will now be on **Saturday at 4pm**.

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.

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.

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 28th October 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/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.**

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 AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding an open day for new reception and nursery September 2015 parents on **Thursday 4th December**. There will be two sessions from 10-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume his house visits in the week commencing 26th October.

REPOSITORY: Volunteer(s) are urgently needed to help open and run the shop after the 11.15am Mass on Sundays. If you can help, please contact Carol Grimley on 07976-950359. Training will be given.

"FIRE-WARDEN" TRAINING — to ensure our parishioners' safety in the unlikely event of a fire — will be held at 7.30pm on **27th November** 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.

JUMP LEADS: A parishioner very kindly lent their jump leads to the Walsingham Walkers on Sunday 5th October. The jump leads are available to collect from the presbytery.

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: Judy Livingstone and Eddie & Eileen Linford. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

ACN Prayer for Christians in the Middle East

Lord, the plight of your people in the Middle East is grave. And the suffering of the Christians is terrible and frightening. Therefore, we ask you, Lord to save your people from all fear and violence; Grant them patience and courage to continue to witness to their Christian values with faith, hope and charity. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; give them peace and stability; Help them to live with one another without fear and anxiety, with dignity and joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of this world. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 18th Oct ST LUKE, Evangelist 10am Mass <i>Richard Norman RIP</i>	<p align="center">PAGE 143 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4–6 <i>I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.</i></p> <p>Psalms 95 — Give the Lord glory and power.</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–5 <i>We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 22: 15–21 <i>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 5 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 1 (p.18)</p> <p align="center">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20–26 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5–10 Gospel: Matthew 22: 34–40</p>
6.30pm* For the Parish 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 †	
Mon 20th Oct 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Ashcroft's Intentions</i>	<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p 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 align="center">ROSARY</p> <p>Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p 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 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 align="center">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
Tues 21st Oct 9.15am Mass <i>Frances Pugh RIP</i>	
Wed 22nd Oct 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Nainthy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	
Thurs 23rd Oct 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Norman RIP</i>	
Fri 24th Oct <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 10.30am Funeral <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i> NO 11am Adoration or 12noon Mass today Sat 25th Oct 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes's Intentions</i>	
6.30pm* <i>Pasquale Ricotta RIP</i> Sun 26th Oct 30TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am** <i>Eileen Carolan RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass †	
<p align="center">*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)</p>	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 21st 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt	Wed 22nd 6pm Brownies, crypt Thurs 23rd 7pm Italian Rosary

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.*