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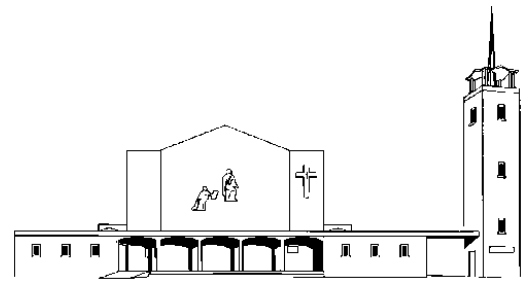
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Year A

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

26TH OCT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34–40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD ON 'THE FAMILY' reached its end last weekend in Rome, although this Synod is but the preparation for a fuller Synod in a year's time when the

**SYNOD ON
THE FAMILY**

8 - 19 OCTOBER



themes of this Synod — after a year's reflection and prayer — will be re-visited by a larger assembly of the world's bishops. At the end of the Synod last Saturday a Message was released which is beautiful in its tender celebration of faithful married love which is the bedrock of family and society, as well as compassionate in its acknowledgment of the difficulties and challenges which beset family life. I have run off copies for you, since I really think that what the Synod has addressed "to the whole People of God" is worth reading by each of us. The Church, reflecting as always the love of God for mankind, expresses in this Message the love of Christ for His holy people, calling us to strive always towards the ideal. Some words about married love that were for me particularly striking in the Message are these: "Such love, of its nature, strives to be for ever, to the point of laying down one's life for the beloved. In this light, conjugal love, which is unique and indissoluble, endures despite many difficulties. It is one of the most beautiful of all miracles and the most common."

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL KEEP THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, usually 1st November but transferred to the Sunday celebration this year. It is a beautiful feast, and also serves as a reminder — especially for those of you with young(ish) children — that Hallowe'en should have a Christian basis to it (the "eve of All Hallows," i.e. of All Saints), and that it should *not* be a time to reinforce ideas of witchcraft or wizardry, or things of a ghoulish nature, even if intended innocently. As Christians our reinforcement should be of the heroes of our faith, the saints in heaven, who are our guide, inspiration, and encouragement to strive for heaven. Let's not, any of us, place any focus whatsoever on things linked to the occult, as this can always be risky and at some point lead someone astray into spiritually dangerous practices. We must strenuously avoid all contact with things like mediums and clairvoyants, and counsel anyone we know of to steer well clear of the sort of 'psychic nights' that are, sadly, all too common in local pubs and restaurants. Instead, let us commend ourselves to the powerful prayers of the holy ones of God: Our Lady and all the saints.

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. 34:

**VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION**

Throughout the course of the centuries, men have laboured to better the circumstances of their lives through a monumental amount of individual and collective effort. To believers, this point is settled: considered in itself, this human activity accords with God's will. For man, created to God's image, received a mandate to subject to himself the earth and all it contains, and to govern the world with justice and holiness; a mandate to relate himself and the totality of things to Him Who was to be acknowledged as the Lord and Creator of all. Thus, by the subjection of all things to man, the name of God would be wonderful in all the earth.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Cillian Cormack and Alonso Goncalves baptised this weekend.

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**. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday.

DANWTA PATTERSON RIP of Ware Road, Hoddesdon died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. *May they rest in peace.*

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was last Sunday, a special day that united 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 this Sunday.**

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

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 on **Sunday 2nd November**. Please meet inside the main gate at Ware Road at 3pm.

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. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

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. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but 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!

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 Slawek 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.

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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/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 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 intends to visit parish homes in Taylors Avenue, Oxenden Drive and Park View on **Monday** afternoon this week.

BROWNIES and leaders would like to thank all the parents for helping to make last Sunday's Harvest Lunch such a success.

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.

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pele De Luca. Thank you!

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 25th Oct 10am Mass <i>Adam Daynes Intention</i>		PAGE 146 in the Mass books	
6.30pm* Pasquale Ricotta RIP & Rosalia Dilena RIP		1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20–26 <i>If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.</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 †		Psalm 17 — I love you, Lord, my strength. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5–10 <i>You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.</i>	
Mon 27th Oct 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Richard Norman RIP</i>		Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!	
Tues 28th Oct SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 11.00am Funeral <i>Richard Norman RIP</i>		Gospel: Matthew 22: 34–40 <i>You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.</i>	
Wed 29th Oct BL. MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Maria Teresa & Giuseppe DiStefano RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt		PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 6 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p.23)	
Thurs 30th Oct 8.30am Mass <i>Monica Hunter RIP</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS ALL SAINTS	
Fri 31st Oct <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <i>Roy de Mel RIP</i>		1st Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2–4, 9–14 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1–3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1–12	
Sat 1st Nov 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>		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.	
6.30pm* Balaho, Ratna, Nicoletta Martin & M Hills		ROSARY	
Sun 2nd Nov ALL SAINTS 9.15am** <i>Girolamo Ferraro RIP</i> 11.15am <i>Holy Souls</i> 3.30pm Italian Mass † 5pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>		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.	
		SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.	
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 28th 1.30pm Guild tea and chat, crypt		Thurs 30th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presb. Thurs 30th 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.*