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St Augustine's Catholic Church

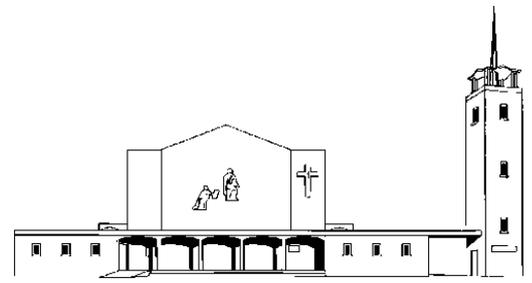
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Year A

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

21ST SEPT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1–16

Why be envious because I am generous?

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE TODAY — THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD WORKERS — is always one that provokes a strong response.

It is a beautifully crafted parable that reminds us of the generosity of God's forgiveness, and His desire that we be with Him. The fact that the landowner chooses to pay the 11th-hour workers the same 1d as agreed with the others is proof that God wants us all to enter into life: that 1d was considered the daily 'living wage,' below which one could not afford to live. There is indignation from the all-day workers that he has paid the last-comers equally, and yet the logic is clear. As he retorts to them, "Why be envious because I am generous?" This is the logic of God Himself, that we are constantly given the chance to enter into God's Kingdom — He never closes the door on us, but keeps inviting us in. Let's hear that message of Christ, and make sure that we are also constantly inviting in to the life of the Church more and more members, without grudges prejudice, or reluctance, but with the generosity of our loving Saviour.



SAVE THE DATE! — please note ahead that the dates for the Parish Mission, in Advent, will be Monday 8th to Friday 12th December. This, I hope, will prove to be a grace-filled week prior to Christmas, for the St Patrick's Community Mission team, including the famous speaker John Pridmore (author of "From Gangland to Promised Land") to lead us in prayer and a deepening of faith. More details nearer the time; and we'll be appealing for help also to assist beforehand with preparation and delivery of mission flyers.

Apologies if we are not running 'at full speed' at the moment in the parish office — frustratingly we have had no internet/network access for over two weeks, and this is hampering us in our usual work, as you can imagine. We can read e-mails via other media, but our responses might be slower. It has also delayed our intended printing of the new issue of the Parish Magazine. Sorry.

May we fall down in praise of the Lord Jesus, lifted high on the Cross for us!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 29:



While there are cultural differences between people, their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

It is up to public and private organizations to be at the service of the dignity and destiny of man; let them spare no effort to banish every vestige of social and political slavery and to safeguard basic human rights under every political system. And even if it takes a considerable time to arrive at the desired goal, these organizations should gradually be brought into harmony with spiritual realities, which are the most sublime of all.

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Elise Preston baptised this weekend.

THURSDAY MASS: now that Fr Joseph has moved, there cannot always be Mass each Thursday, so please check the Newsletter weekly with regard to Mass on a Thursday.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Children (any age) who have at least received their First Holy Communion and wish to become altar servers, please contact the presbytery so that training can be arranged.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR: third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **this Sunday 21st September.** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

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!

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/READERS: The next rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the period Oct 2014 – Jan 2015 is being drawn up. Can you please let Pat Kavanagh know of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by 24th Sept at the latest (final date). Please also advise of any changes in personal details plus provide details of your email address (for sending out future rotas). Please telephone 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please note there will now be no Children's Liturgy at the 11.15am Mass, and efforts will be concentrated on 9.15am Children's Liturgy.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that Saturday evening/Sunday Mass intentions are now booked right up to and including Christmas. weekdays are far less booked up.

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



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.

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.

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Monday 6th October** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates only. The candidates will need to have **read chapters two and three of the Gospel of Mark** (from the book they were given) before the meeting.

FIRST-HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Application forms will be available to collect after all Masses **this weekend.** These are for children in Year 3 and above for the course of preparation for receiving First Confession and First Holy Communion. Forms will only be available after Sunday (or Saturday evening) Masses. **Please return the completed forms to the presbytery by Fri 26th September.** The first

meeting for parents will be on **Wed 1st Oct 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children's meeting is on **Saturday 4th October 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 23rd September at 7pm** but if anyone is considering becoming a Catholic (or is an adult Catholic who wishes to be confirmed), please contact Fr Philip. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

MARRIAGE COURSE: The next course is due to start imminently. Any couples that are hoping to marry next year will need to complete the course, so please do contact the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE AND PRO-LIFE

BROXBORNE FOODBANK A.G.M. takes place on **Wed 8th Oct** at St James's church, Goffs Oak at 10am. All welcome, to hear about its work and think about getting more involved.

SCHOOLS

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be holding their Open Evening on **Tuesday 23rd September** 6–8.30pm. All parents with children in year 6 are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS to our Catholic Primary & Secondary 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 and year 6 in 2014/15.**

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in the following streets this coming Wednesday afternoon: Ware Road (odd nos.), and Taverners Way.

COFFEE MORNING will be held on **Friday 26th September** at 11am in the crypt in aid of MacMillian Cancer. Please do come along to support this worthwhile cause. **ST AUGUSTINE'S**

SCHOOL will also be hosting a coffee morning on the same day and doors will open at 10am. There will be cakes baked by the children and you will be entertained by the children's musical talents. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Tricia Grant, a severely disabled parishioner in a wheelchair with very poor manual dexterity and severely sight-impaired needs help on Saturday afternoons. This would be from 2–6pm and essentially would be to be Tricia's “eyes” for the afternoon, to enable her full-time carer some time off. If you can help, please speak to Tricia after the 9.15am Mass or phone her on 462574.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund is on **Friday 26th Sept** in the crypt; £5 per head – payable on the night – bring your own refreshments & nibbles. Start time 7.30pm. Please call Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023 or 01279-862688 to reserve a table. If unable to make it but would like to make a donation (e.g. cash or a bottle for the winning team), please drop it in at presbytery.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to have the magazine available to purchase very shortly.

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: 21st, 28th September.

CHURCH CLEANING: Judy Livingstone & Eddie & Eileen Linford. Thank you!

SAINT OF THE WEEK OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 24TH SEPTEMBER

Our Lady of Walsingham is a title used for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The title derives from the belief that Mary appeared in a vision to Richeldis de Faverches, a devout English noblewoman in 1061 in the village of Walsingham, Norfolk. Lady Richeldis had a Holy House built in Walsingham which became a shrine and place of pilgrimage. In passing on his guardianship of the Holy House, Richeldis's son left instructions for the building of a priory in Walsingham. Like all religious houses, it was destroyed in the Reformation in the 1530s. The Catholic shrine today is at the Slipper Chapel. www.walsingham.org.uk/romancatholic/

Masses this week

Sat 20th Sept STS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & COMPS
10am Mass *Pat Gudgin RIP*

6.30pm* *Dennis Dempsey RIP*

Sun 21st Sept 25TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am** *For the Parish*

11.15am *Antonio Martorana*

3.30pm Italian Mass †

5pm Adoration, Evening Prayer, Benediction

Mon 22nd September

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Thomas McKeogh RIP*

Tues 23rd Sept ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Benefactors of our Parish*

Wed 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Rosalia & Giuseppe Dinoto RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Fri 26th September

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon *Michael P Turpin*

Sat 27th Sept ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

10am Mass *Catherine & Antonino Soldano 50th Wedding Anniversary*

6.30pm* *For the Parish*

Sun 28th Sept 26TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.15am** *Patricia Finlay RIP*

11.15am *Linda & Vincenzo Tuzzeo*

3.30pm Italian 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)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6–9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm 144 — The Lord is close to all who call him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20–24, 27

Life to me is Christ.

Gospel Accl: ***Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!***

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1–16

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PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. 4 (p. 31)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25–28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1–11

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28–32

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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 23rd 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt

Tues 23rd 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 24th 6pm Brownies, crypt

Thurs 25th 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.*