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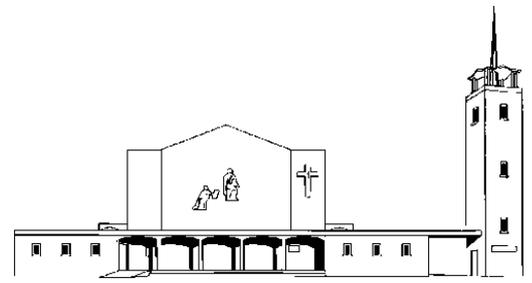
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Year A

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7TH SEPT 2014

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15–20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

SEPTEMBER HAVING STARTED, AND SCHOOLS HAVING RESUMED, we come to the end of our summer and look forward to the coming year. I pray that you have enjoyed your summer breaks, and that all has gone well for you. If you have school-age children, I hope that they have started their new classes happily, and that those who have moved up in their schooling are settling in. Before Christmas, we have a Parish Mission to look forward to: 8th–12th December, so keep these dates free, and we pray that this will be a time of great prayer and renewal for us.

THE FIRST READING AND GOSPEL TODAY remind us of our responsibility to each other, to help each other on the path to salvation. We should care for each other's uprightness, correcting one another in love, and walking together as pilgrims along the 'narrow path' that leads to life. It is a tricky thing, correcting another person, since we each know we are sinners in need of correction ourselves too. We should, of course, attend to our own lives, making sure that we are living up to the Gospel; but it is not wrong to urge others, also, if they are living lives in contradiction to the Gospel, to come back to the right path. Our Lord tells us to do this: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone ... If he listens to you, you have won back your brother." Our watchword has to be, to "speak the truth in love," as St Paul says: i.e. only to make correction to others out of love and the desire that they live a good life, in accordance with God's commandments and their own eternal happiness. Let's strive to help one another be good, be perfectly good, on our life's journey.

I THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO SHOWED GREAT KINDNESS to Fr Joseph in his last days here in Hoddesdon, and whilst his ministry amongst us was only an occasional one, concentrating as he did on his ministry with Syro-Malabar-rite Catholics from Kerala, yet I know that he did endear himself to many parishioners. He has safely moved to his new residence in Brook Green parish. I am sure that we will see him from time to time.

May we all rejoice this week to know and serve the Lord with all our hearts!

Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 28:



and calumniate you."

The teaching of Christ even demands that we forgive injury, and the precept of love which is the commandment of the New Law, includes all our enemies: "You have heard how it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say this to you, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you; and pray for those who persecute



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Francis Bruff baptised this weekend.

LATIN MASS: The monthly Latin Mass, with sung chants, will be at 5.00pm this **Sunday 7th September**.

FRANCESCO ACQUISTO RIP of Walton Road has died recently. His funeral is yet to be arranged. Our sympathies go out to his family. *May he rest in peace.*

THURSDAY MASS: now that Fr Joseph has moved away, it is not guaranteed that there will be Mass on every Thursday. Please check the Newsletter weekly with regard to Mass on a Thursday.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 19th September**. A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel once a month to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

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

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: the group will resume again on **Thurs 25th Sept** at 1.30pm in the presbytery. All are welcome to join.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION/READERS: The next rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the period October 2014 - January 2015 is due to be drawn up shortly. Can you please let Pat Kavanagh know of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by 24th September 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 either telephone 449282 or e-mail patandcarolkav@btinternet.com.

ITALIAN MASS: Please note that there will be NO Italian Mass now until **Sun 21st September**.

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 parish's **Growing in Faith** gives us the chance to support the Cardinal in paying for the priests and charitable work of the diocese, and to build up funds also to achieve local projects.

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 15th September** from 7–8.30pm in the crypt for candidates and parents. The candidates will need to have **read chapter one of the Gospel of Mark** (from the book they were given) before the meeting on the 15th.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 10th and 17th September** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be

arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

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 October from 8-9pm in the crypt.**

"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 will begin on 9th 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.

CAFOD: The amount collected in August was £261. Thank you!

SCHOOLS

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/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 and year 6 in 2014/15.**

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip intends to visit parish homes in the following streets this coming Wednesday afternoon: College Rd, Appleford Cl., Westhill Rd and Roselands Ave.

200 CLUB: The winner for September was number 91 Mrs M Fallon. Congratulations!

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.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund is on **Friday 26th September** in the crypt. Please join us for a night of fun, £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 you are unable to make it but would like to make a donation either cash or a bottle for the winning team then please drop that in at the presbytery.

THANK YOU: The Jaselsky family would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Leon's twin sister, Christine Reeves. Sadly, Christine died last week. May she rest in peace.

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: 7th, 21st, 28th September.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Prayer to Our Lady of England
for Our Lady's birthday, 8th September*

O Glorious and blessed Mary, our Mother and our queen, we gladly acclaim you as Our Lady of England. We thank you for all the graces which you have obtained for this country in times past, and ask you to obtain still more.

Grant, that this nation of ours which once worshiped God through one Church, so by your intercession, may all Christians be reunited in the one service of your Son, and may all our fellow countrymen come to the knowledge and love of this same Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Masses this week		Today's Liturgy	
Sat 6th September 10am Mass <i>Decimo Castronovo RIP</i>		PAGE 125 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7–9 <i>If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.</i> Psalm 94 — O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. 2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8–10 <i>Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Matthew 18: 15–20 <i>If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.</i> PREFACE TODAY: Sundays no. 7 (p. 67) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 24)	
6.30pm* Kath & John Jones RIP Sun 7th Sept 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am** <i>Vincenzina & Giovanni D'Ambrosio RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Carolina Cuffaro RIP 1st Anniv</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡ 5.00pm Latin Mass <i>For the Parish</i>			
Mon 8th September NATIVITY OF BLESSED V MARY 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rosalia & Giuseppe Dinoto RIP</i> Tues 9th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Abrahams RIP</i> Wed 10th September 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Ellen Murphy</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt Thurs 11th September 9.15am Mass <i>Giuseppe Palminteri RIP</i> Fri 12th September (Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon <i>Luisa Laccacorvi RIP</i> 1.30pm Mass at St Cross School Sat 13th Sept ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop & Dr 10am Mass <i>Thomas Farrell</i>		NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. 1st Reading: Numbers 21: 4–9 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6–11 Gospel: John 3: 13–17	
6.30pm* For the Parish Sun 14th Sept EXALTATION OF THE CROSS 9.15am** <i>John & Frances Woolsgrove RIP</i> 11.15am** <i>Vincenzo & Grazia Castronovo RIP</i> 3.30pm NO Italian Mass ‡		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> 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. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699	
*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)			
REGULAR EVENTS			
Tues 9th 2-3.30pm Ascent, crypt Tues 9th 7pm RCIA, presbytery		Wed 10th 6pm Brownies, crypt Wed 10th 7.30pm All Saints, crypt	

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.*