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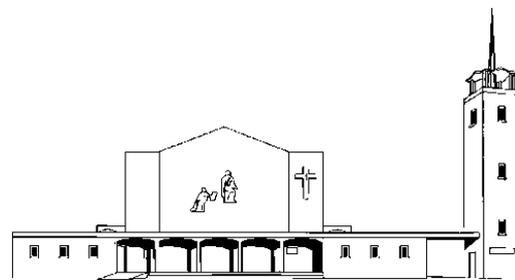
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TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st JUNE 2015

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35–41

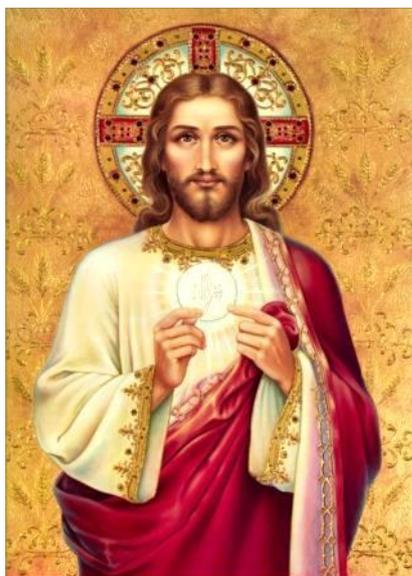
Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE GOSPEL PASSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, in which we hear of Our Lord's command over the wind and the waves, reminds us that the Son of God is also Lord of all Creation. He who walked those paths of Galilee and sailed on its Sea is the Maker of all things, and has ultimate power and authority. The apostles only gradually came to realise the total trust that they could place in Him, and at many points in the Gospel are still grappling with a lack of understanding. And yet ...

they *could* indeed place all the faith — all their life — in Him. Let's do the same. Even if our life is a bit 'windy and choppy,' let's speak to the Lord; let's rouse Him in our hearts; let's call on Him in fervent prayer to calm the wind and waves.

WE CONGRATULATE THE PARISH'S CHILDREN WHO ARE RECEIVING OUR LORD for the first time in Holy Communion today. This is a beautiful moment for them in their Catholic life, and maybe it can remind us each of our own first-Holy-Communion day, however long ago that may have been, when we were blessed with that opportunity to receive Jesus regularly in the Blessed Sacrament. We must never underestimate the power of Christ in the Mass to change our lives for the better, and we must each live our faithfulness to Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday. Our whole parish should always give a good example to our First Communicants with a dignified and loving attitude to the Most Holy Sacrament.



POPE FRANCIS'S RECENT ENCYCLICAL LETTER, LAUDATO SI', published this past week, is an analysis of our ecology and environment from a Catholic perspective of our stewardship of Creation which comes from the Creator. Copies are available from publishers such as the Catholic Truth Society (www.ctsbooks.org), but you can also access the full text immediately from the Vatican's own website: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>. I do encourage you to read something of what the Pope has to say on these matters, as it has a high profile in world politics, and a lot of interest has been generated even outside the Catholic Church herself.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere praised, adored and glorified!

Fr Philip

From Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 52:



Children should be so educated that as adults they can follow their vocation, including a religious one, with a mature sense of responsibility and can choose their state of life; if they marry, they can thereby establish their family in favorable moral, social and economic conditions. Parents or guardians should by prudent advice provide guidance to their

young with respect to founding a family, and the young ought to listen gladly. At the same time no pressure, direct or indirect, should be put on the young to make them enter marriage or choose a specific partner.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Jada Appiah, Isabelle Bowler, Evie Cannon, Oscar Coleman-Green, Alex Comparetto, Isabella Crompton, Annabelle Downes, Giacomino Fattore, Brogan Harris, Sophie Higgins, Ethan Hunt, Victoria Kawrygo, Alex Lawes, Stefania Mariconda, Giancarlo Misuraca, Alessio Nardo, Reece Nicholls, Thomas Philbin, Georgina Quartararo, Milly Rainsford, Vincenzo Ricotta and Alessio Rodia.

CALOGERO NICASTRO RIP of High Road, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. **The funeral will be on Monday 22nd June at 10am. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass.**

May he rest in peace.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **this Sunday 21st June** with Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, and a Scriptural reflection.

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 3rd July to Sun 5th July, 7/8am–9pm.** PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
7.30pm Mass 8.45pm Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
4.00pm Italian Mass
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Closing Benediction

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting July 17th.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

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, Jenny Miller, Peter Tanner, Anne Smith, Maureen Fallon and Kitty O'Rourke.

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. 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 Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017



Fr Philip thanks those who have donated to our 'Growing in Faith' initiative, to benefit both the diocese, and our own parish's project of employing a part-time catechetical co-ordinator. **We have raised pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.** An update on 'Growing in Faith' is included in this week's Newsletter.

Fr Philip is in discussion with another priest of the Diocese who already has plans for a part-time post and we look to share together a person to fill his post and our post for catechetical co-ordinator.

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

CATECHETICS

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: a practice will be held on **Sat 27th June 11.30am** for 1st Holy Communion on Sun 28th June. All children must attend their practice, so that they know what to do. **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 5th July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First-Communion outfits for the Mass.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesday 30th June and Friday 10th July** 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.

POST-CONFIRMATION 2015 RETREAT DAY: If anyone needs a help with transport on the 4th July, please contact the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2016: Fr Philip wishes to see each candidate (in *next year's* year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 13th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30-6pm on the following days: 22nd June, 6th July and 13th July.

“RCIA” – ‘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 8th 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 soon. There are green leaflets outlining RCIA by the newsletters.

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 will be in nursery-year and year 6 in 2015/16.**

YOUNG PEOPLE

BROWNIES will be serving afternoon tea in the presbytery garden on **Wed 24th June** from 1–4pm. Tickets are £5 for a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones. To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip hopes to make visits to parish homes on Wednesday afternoon in these areas: Station Road, Old Nazeing Road.

VOLUNTEERS ‘DBS’ CHECKS: All church volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk are obliged to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. This is in line with Church Policy and Guidance. Claire

Hay, our parish safeguarding officer will be available after all Masses on **27th/28th June** and **4th/5th July** in the presbytery to assist anyone who needs help in completion of it. If you feel you need a form and have not yet received one please contact her on 07971-063520. Please note that “DBS” is the new term for “CRB checks.”

ST ANTHONY’S PROCESSION: Don Antonio and the committee of St Anthony of Padua of the Italian Catholic Mission thank all those who contributed in many ways to the successful feast of St Anthony. The committee collected £568 in donations and £423 from the raffle: this will be used to organise next year’s event.

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 12th July 2pm** with live music and a bouncy castle for the children. There won’t be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and by the BBQ board. The forms must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 6th July, so that we can order the food.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5’s free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs — setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, making salads, coleslaw and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen..** Thank you for your support.

APF RED BOX MEMBERS: If your Red Box hasn’t been emptied for a while, over the next 3 weeks, I will be at every Mass with replacements. My sincere thanks to those who have used the “brown” envelopes which has been a great help. The total to date is £557.12. Ellen Bartlett 464677.

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: I now need collectors to help at Hoddesdon High Street on **Sat 27th June 10–2pm.** If you can help, please call me on 464677. Ellen Bartlett.

CHARITY CONCERT: Kaleidos choir will be performing at St Andrews Church, Hertford SG14 1HZ on **Sunday 28th June** at 3pm. All funds will go to help a 6-year-old girl who has cancer get to America for treatment.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to meet parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 19th July.

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

| Masses this week | | Today's Liturgy | |
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| Sat 20th June ST ALBAN, Martyr 10am Mass <i>Martin O'Dea RIP</i> | | PAGE 98 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8–11 <i>Here your proud waves shall break.</i> Psalm 106 — O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever. 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14–17 <i>Now the new creation is here.</i> Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!</i> Gospel: Mark 4: 35–41 <i>Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.</i> PREFACE TODAY: with Euch. Pr. no. 4 (p. 31) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 4 (p. 32) NEXT WEEK'S READINGS STS PETER & PAUL 1st Reading: Acts 12: 1–11 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 17–18 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13–19 | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>For the Parish</i> | | | |
| Sun 21st June 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am <i>Enrico Rega RIP</i> 11.15am <i>John Woolsgrove RIP</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass ‡ 5.00pm Holy Hour | | | |
| Mon 22nd June STS JOHN FISHER, Bishop & THOMAS MORE Martyrs 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 10am Funeral Calogero Nicastro RIP | | | |
| Tues 23rd June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Justina Ogbodu RIP</i> | | | |
| Wed 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt | | | |
| Thurs 25th June 9.15am NO Mass | | | |
| Fri 26th June <i>(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.35 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ann Brien RIP Anniv</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 <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 | |
| Sat 27th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest & Martyr 10am Mass <i>Agnès Ruby RIP</i> | | | |
| 4.00pm* Italian Mass 6.30pm* <i>Francesco Cannatella</i> | | | |
| Sun 28th June STS PETER & PAUL 9.15am** <i>Salvatore & Maria Insalaco RIP</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass ‡ | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</p> ** 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 23rd | 1.30pm Ascent, crypt | Thurs 25th | 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery |
| Wed 24th | 6pm Brownies, crypt | Sat 27th | 11.30am 1 st HC practice, church |

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. —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.*