

The Announcer

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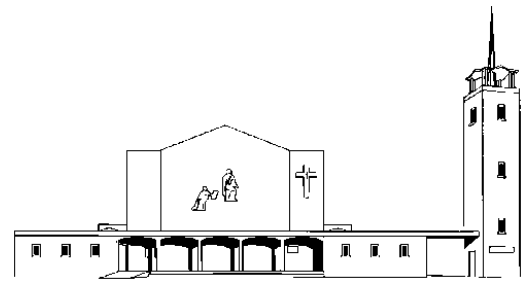
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Year B

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8TH MARCH 2015

GOSPEL: John 2: 13–25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, we hear of the next in the series of Old-Testament covenants. Two weeks ago we heard of the ancient covenant with Noah; last week, of the covenant with Abraham after God had put him to the test. This Sunday we hear of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from the Lord on Mt Sinai. The Ten Commandments remain the heart of our Christian rule of life, and should be meditated on by each of us, and kept with all our heart.

Homilies 33–40 in the sequence of 'Year of Faith' sermons that I preached in June–August 2013 discuss the Ten Commandments, and you might well wish to go back and read them online (<http://yofhomilies.wordpress.com>).

OVER THE REMAINING WEEKS OF LENT, WE ALSO NEED TO THINK ABOUT OUR PARISH FINANCES. I will be explaining a little during the Masses of this Sunday, and then next weekend a member of the parish's Finance Committee will address the issue in more detail. Whilst we have had appeals for some other causes, we have not had a 'Planned Giving' campaign — specifically for the day-to-day running of the parish — since 2007, before my arrival here. We are in urgent need, now, to seek an increase in the regular offertory giving by you parishioners. Whilst costs are kept to a minimum, we have not been covering costs for the last three years. I know that many of you have been generous — and continue to be generous — in various ways of giving, and the last thing I want is to be criticised for "always talking about money." Nevertheless, together we have to find ways to increase our regular income, and I am sure that we can do this if we all play our part.

May God bless our continued experience of Lent with faithfulness to our disciplines! Fr Philip

From *Gaudium et Spes*, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 43:



Although by the power of the Holy Spirit the Church will remain the faithful spouse of her Lord and will never cease to be the sign of salvation on earth, still she is very well aware that among her members, both clerical and lay, some have been unfaithful to the Spirit of God during the course of many centuries; in the present age, too, it does not escape the Church how great a distance lies between the message she offers and the human failings of those to whom the Gospel is entrusted. Whatever be the judgment of history on these defects, we ought to be conscious of them, and struggle against them energetically, lest they inflict harm on spread of the Gospel. The Church also realizes that in working out her relationship with the world she always has great need of the ripening which comes with the experience of the centuries. Led by the Holy Spirit, Mother Church unceasingly exhorts her sons "to purify and renew themselves so that the sign of Christ can shine more brightly on the face of the Church."



PRAYER & LITURGY

EILEEN McELIGOTT RIP of Bourne Close, Broxbourne died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. Her funeral will be on **Friday 13th March at 10am.** *May she rest in peace.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, the “Way of the Cross” is followed in church each Fri (12.30pm, after Mass) & Sat (9.30am, before Mass.) Also in Italian at 4.30pm each Friday.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR (3rd Sunday of each month) takes place at 5pm **Sunday 15th March** Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday (usually) of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting March 13th.** 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!

LENT

PARISH “PENANCE” FOR LENT: in Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

LENTEN ALMS are collected each year in support of charitable causes. The Archbishop has decided that this year’s charity will be *Caritas*. *Caritas* has been created to help parishes set up and run projects designed to give practical help to the poor, the hungry, the lonely and the vulnerable in our diocese. But its work is only possible if it receives donations. To find out more about *Caritas*, please do take a leaflet which are beside the newsletters. **You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.**

‘SAINTS HELPING US TODAY’: Fr Philip is showing an excellent DVD series exploring Saints — **Francis**, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola and Thérèse of Lisieux. This is on **Lent Wednesdays at 10.15am** after coffee in the crypt. Dates: 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st April.

LENT LUNCHESES will be held every Tuesday during Lent at Barclay Hall (St Catherine & St Paul’s Anglican church hall) at 12.15pm for £3.

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, John Lumley, Anne Smith 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. 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 recently 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. With some very large new donations, **we have raised now pledges of c. £190k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £55k.** An update on ‘Growing in Faith’ can be seen on the noticeboard above the newspapers, though it doesn’t yet include the most recent pledges. Fr Philip continues exploratory discussions with various contacts about filling the post of a catechetical co-ordinator.

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

CATECHETICS

CONFIRMATION: The next session will be held on **Mon 16th March 7pm** for Candidates and parents. Chapter 15 of St Mark’s Gospel is to be read in preparation for this session. Candidates also need to have filled in ‘page 4’ with their choice of Confirmation saint’s name.

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The sixth meeting for parents will be on **Wed 11th March 8–9pm** in the crypt and the children’s meeting is on **Saturday 14th March 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. **The course continues on 10th March at 7pm.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 18th and Friday 27th March** from **7.30pm-9pm** in the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol, please ring the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: The amount raised was £867.40. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S NURSERY: Applications for September 2015 must be made via www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions, Herts County Council. The school application form must also be filled in, and can be downloaded from www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/schoolinformation/admissions. **Closing date Friday 20th March.**

UNDER-5's: (i) **200 CLUB RENEWALS** take place after Masses **this weekend**. If you would like join, you can speak to one of the St Augustine's Under 5's committee or contact Theresa Casbard on 01992-301551 or t.casbard@ntlworld.com.

(ii) **PAMPER NIGHT:** Playgroup is holding a fundraising Ladies' Pamper Night on **Thurs 12th March from 6.30pm**. Tickets £3 in advance/£3.50 on the door. Please call in at playgroup or call Irayna on 07805-542576.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will visit parishioners this week (Wed afternoon) in Rye Road.

OVER 70s 'SAN GIUSEPPE' MEAL: Broxbourne & Sutura Town Twinning Association are offering a free meal to parishioners aged over 70. It will be on **Sunday 22nd March** 12.30-4.30pm at the Borough Offices, Broxbourne. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery soon.

THE NADIA MIRAGLIOTTA BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND is holding a ball on **Saturday 20th June** at 7pm at Tewinbury Farm for £75.00. Tickets can be purchased with cash or a cheque or online via nadiasbutterflyball@gmail.com. Please contact Steph Miragliotta on 07958951214 for info.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat & Pauline Callanan who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 6th March.

200 CLUB: The winners for March were Mr Ighade no. 194, Mrs Cane no. 58 and Mrs Hussein no. 54. Congratulations to you all!

PLANNED-GIVING BOXES: Boxes of envelopes for the new financial year will be available from the back of the church **next weekend**.

WALSINGHAM WALK will take place from the 3rd-11th October. Applications are invited for the 4 remaining places on this traditional walking pilgrimage. No special fitness level is necessary and full guidance will be given. We also need an additional support vehicle, with driver. This is a terrific opportunity to slow the pace of modern life for a few days in company with a group of like-minded Catholic men. Contact: Peter Walters (Walk Administrator) Tel: 01799-550398 Email: jpw33@live.co.uk Website: www.walsinghamwalkers.co.uk

THANK YOU to the parishioner who anonymously donated a generous credit for flowers. Your kindness is very much appreciated! We will make good use of this for the flowers at Easter.

MAUREEN PHILLIPS (Milly Yarwood's sister) would like to thank everyone for their prayers during her recent illness.

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 date: 12th April.

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

BEHOLD, O good and sweetest Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm desire of amendment: whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I consider within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five most precious Wounds, having before mine eyes that which David, the prophet, long ago spoke in Thine own person concerning Thee, my Jesus: *They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones.* Amen



Masses this week

Sat 7th March

10am Mass *Francesco Cannatella RIP*

4.00pm Italian Mass

6.30pm* *Dennis O'Donovan & William Phelan RIP*

Sun 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am** *Carlo & Maria Silenti*

11.15am *For the Parish* ‡

Mon 9th March

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Philomena Cook RIP*

Tues 10th March

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am *Deceased members of Mezzullo Family*

Wed 11th March

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Iolanda Fattore RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 12th March

8.30am Mass *Raymonde Khouzam El Gomayel RIP*

Fri 13th March

(Abstinence from meat for those aged 14+)

10am Funeral *Eileen McElligott RIP*

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Milly Yarwood RIP Anniv*

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 14th March

9.30am Stations of the Cross

10am Mass *Jim O'Brien RIP Anniv & Mark Reeks*

4.00pm Italian Mass

6.30pm* *For the Parish*

Sun 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.15am** *Ned Monaghan RIP*

11.15am *Frances Woolsgrove/Eileen Sweeney RIP*

5pm Holy Hour ‡

* 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: Exodus 20: 1–17

The Law was given through Moses.

Psalm 18 — You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22–25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Accl: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel: John 2: 13–25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

PREFACE TODAY: Lent I (p. 56)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 2 (p. 25)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14–16, 19–23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4–10

Gospel: John 3: 14–21

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 10th 1.30pm Ladies tea & chat, crypt

Tues 10th 7pm RCIA, presbytery

Wed 11th 6pm Brownies, crypt

Wed 11th 8pm Parents 1st HC, crypt

Sat 14th 10am 1st HC, crypt

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.*